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More strikes announced at The Pensions Regulator

PCS members at The Pensions Regulator will strike for two further weeks across November and December after being offered just a 3% pay rise and seeing an effort by management to impose a pay offer.

The over 300 PCS members working for The Pensions Regulator (TPR), which protects workplace pensions in the UK, will strike again on **22, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 30 November** and **6, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14 December**, after recently voting in a ballot for more action by a margin of **95.70%** on a turnout of **75%**.

Members in TPR took action for eleven days in October and have already struck for three days in November. This built on the strike taken between 5 and 18 September in pursuit of our national campaign demands.

TPR is only offering a pay rise of 3% while other civil service employers are paying a minimum of 4.5%, with an additional 0.5% of the overall pay pot to be targeted at the worst-paid staff.

Members are frustrated with the continued intransigence of TPR and their insistence on imposing an unagreed pay offer during this phase of strike action.

PCS has had numerous meetings with TPR management, but they have refused to concede anything and have doubled down on their original position of not meeting the terms of the civil service pay remit guidance.

Mark Serwotka, PCS general secretary, said:

"Our hard-working members in The Pensions Regulator (TPR) are growing increasingly outraged by their employer's steadfast refusal to offer more than a 3% pay increase.

"This is despite the fact that hundreds of thousands of their civil service colleagues have received the 4.5 and 5% that they richly deserved, particularly during a historic cost-of-living crisis.

"A 135% increase in PCS membership in TPR since these actions began in September sends a clear message: members demand not to be treated like the poor relations in the civil service and will continue to take disruptive strike action until they receive the same pay rise as everyone else."