

Unite public service combine met today (11th January 2012) and stated that Unite stands by its senior lay members decision in all public service sectors to reject the latest Government offer on public service pensions.

This Combine welcomes the strength and impact of the November 30th industrial action to defend public service pensions.

We call on the Unite leadership to organise a meeting of like minded unions to build a coalition that can take our opposition to the Government forward. Our strong view is that in order to maximise our strength this should be coordinated across the relevant sectors in Unite, and with the other public sector unions that are prepared to continue action.

We are committed to central cross-scheme negotiations to achieve a fair settlement for all public service workers. Continued Government refusal to hold such talks means that further industrial action will be necessary before the attacks are imposed on 1st April.

We request that our General Secretary and Executive Council take immediate steps to implement this approach.