

Lothian drivers to take another vote next Friday

Unite the union confirmed on Wednesday that after a series of intense negotiations involving the union, Lothian and their 'stakeholders', which must mean council representatives, the industrial action set from yesterday 2 August was suspended. But a further vote will take place on Friday 9 August.

Lothian Buses have brought forward additional proposals which will be put to Unite's 1700 members and voted on this Friday.

On 26 July Unite members rejected further proposals to address the dispute issues aimed at improving the workplace culture.

They said these were considered insufficient.

The dispute stems from poor workplace relations, and a bullying and hostile culture at Lothian Buses by management. Staff were subjected to unfair treatment and longstanding procedural agreements were regularly breached which directly affected the terms and conditions of Unite's membership.

Unite regional industrial officer, Mr Lyn Turner, said: "Unite can confirm that sufficient progress has been made in negotiations between the union, Lothian Buses and stakeholders to suspend the strike action set to begin on Friday 2 August.

"Additional proposals were tabled which we will now put to our members and a workplace ballot will take place on the 9th

August. We are confident these latest proposals will give our members the assurances they require to positively address this long running issue.”



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