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ALL MEMBERS NEWSLETTER



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To: The Manager

Address

Postcode

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5. Lloyds TSB Group Union reference no.

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Date

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- If the amounts to be paid or the payment dates change Lloyds TSB Group Union will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed.

Reduced Hours Staff Threatened By T&C's

If the Bank is not able to reach a collective agreement with LTU then it must get staff to sign new contracts of employment.

Your new contract of employment will not state your actual working hours or patterns of work but simply refer to the total number of hours worked in a year. According the Bank's One Booklet published in December "the time and days colleagues will be required to work are as agreed with Line Managers". For "agreed with Line Managers" we can add "or if there is no agreement imposed by the Bank."

Our concern is that the Bank will use the new contract of employment and the individual discussions with Line Managers to try to move reduced hours staff to more flexible working within the new Working Window. The Working Window is 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday. In the 'new' world staff could be required to work on Saturdays and late during the week.

We know from previous experience, particularly with the introduction of Saturday working, that staff will be forced, cajoled and blackmailed into accepting changes to their working hours. For many reduced hours staff changing their working hours will be impossible and many will simply choose to leave the Bank altogether rather than be forced to change their hours of work.

Proposals Rejected By LTU

LTU's position is the terms and conditions

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proposals do not go far enough and should be rejected by LTSB staff.

The effects of the Group's proposals on LTSB staff are as follows:

- The Bank said it intends to limit pensionable pay increases to 2%, or RPI if lower, for all staff in final salary schemes.
- To introduce a new money purchase pension scheme for existing staff in 2011. Existing scheme members who carry on contributing 2%, will see their contributions from the Bank reduce significantly.
- Withdraw protected family health insurance from 3,000 LTSB Managers with effect from 1st January 2011.
- Reduce sick pay entitlement for staff with less than 4 years service.

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Pensions - The Key Issue

For many staff, final salary pensions are the most important part of their terms and conditions package and to try and separate the two, which is what the Bank is trying to do in order to get agreement on one at the expense of the other, should be unacceptable to everyone.

The Bank is trying to divide staff by gaining support for the terms and conditions from some staff in the final salary pension schemes and all the staff in the money purchase pension schemes and isolate those from the rest of the staff. The terms and conditions have to be judged in their totality and not issue by issue.

The impact of the Bank's proposals on pensions for you and your families will range from bad to devastating. The Bank's own benefit projections show that:

- A member of staff earning £20k per annum with 25 years left to retirement will see his/her pension benefits reduced by £5k per annum. If that person lives until 80 he or she will lose at least £100k.
- Using the same calculations, someone earning £40k will see his/her pension benefits reduced by £200k.
- Even the pension benefits of a member of staff earning £40k with 5 years left to retirement will be cut by £2k per annum and if he/she lives until 80, total benefits will be reduced by £40k.

LTSB staff have no chance whatsoever of making up the shortfalls and as a result of the Bank's desire to cut costs, many retirement plans are going to have to be shelved.

The Bank has said the proposed terms and conditions published last week are the 'final' proposals. Well they would say that given that they are trying to close the debate and implement the changes as soon as possible. Don't let them do it!

Roll Call Of Shame

30,000 Staff to lose pension benefits

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Up to 15,000 PIP members could see their contributions from the Bank reduced significantly

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All staff with less than 4 years service will see their sick pay entitlements reduced significantly

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2,900 Band 5 staff to lose 1-2 days holiday per year

+

Some Managers at Bands 2 and 3 to see their pay managed downwards over next few years

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3,000 Managers to lose family medical cover

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6,000 Managers no longer entitled to free health screening

PIP Scheme Members Worse Off

Of the 20,332 members of the LTSB money purchase pension schemes, 15,621 pay the default contribution of 2% and the Bank makes a contribution of between 6.5% and 10.5% dependent on age. Under the new scheme those 15,621 members can either carry on paying their 2% contributions or increase them to 2.5% in year 1 and then increase them to 3% thereafter in addition to paying increased National Insurance contributions of 1.5%.

Those who keep their contribution at 2% which will be the majority of staff, will see their contributions from the Bank reduce by 0.5% for those aged 25-30, 2.5% for those aged 30-45 and 4.5% for those aged 45+.

The Bank is offering staff the opportunity to save more and get more but knowing full well that in the present climate most staff will not be able to afford it.

LTU Balloting Members

LTU is recommending to LTSB members that they reject the Bank's proposals. We would like to hear from LTSB staff about what they think of the Bank's proposals. You can do this by:

- Calling the Union's Bedford Office on 01234 262868.
- Emailing us with your views at 24hours@ltu.co.uk.
- Registering your views and debating the Bank's proposals with fellow members of staff using LTU's eForum at www.ltu.co.uk/eforum.

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