

## AN IMPORTANT VICTORY

The Labour Group's longstanding campaign to insist that the Council pays at least the London Living Wage to its employees has finally achieved an important success.

At a meeting to discuss the Council's Pay Policy statement on 22 February, it was revealed that only seven members of staff do not receive pay at or above the London Living Wage. Following robust interventions from Labour's Leader Cllr Robert Atkinson and the Chief Whip Cllr Judith Blakeman, it was agreed that no one at the Council will be paid below the London Living Wage from April 2017. Although declining to issue a formal press statement that RBKC is now a London Living Wage employer, this bodes well for the Council's employees in the future.

This follows on from K+C Labour's significant success in achieving at least the London Living Wage from 2016 for all employees of the cleaning company OCS who clean the Council's housing estates (seen below with Labour councillors campaigning for better pay in 2013). Residents' Associations are already reporting significant improvements in the cleanliness of their estates.



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