**Portsmouth Trade Union Council**

**(The official organisation representing and organising trade unions across the Portsmouth area)**

**SCRAP THE CAP**

**PAY RALLY**

**JUSTICE FOR ALL PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS**

Assemble 11 AM

Saturday 22 JULY

GUILDHALL SQUARE PORTSMOUTH

**Confirmed Speakers**

**Amanda Martin – NUT (National Union of Teachers) National Executive**

**Sean Hoyle – RMT (Rail, Maritime & Transport Union) President**

**Opening rally followed by a short march through Commercial Road returning to Guildhall Square for some concluding speakers at 12 Noon**

* This weak government is deeply divided over public sector pay. Firefighters have been offered 2% but the Fire Brigades Union has quite rightly said this is not enough. Teachers have only been offered 1% despite workloads and pay driving more and more teachers out of education.
* Nurses, teaching assistants, council workers, civil servants, health and social care workers have suffered pay cuts in real terms since at least 2010. Many are desperately struggling to try to keep up with rising costs. There is a recruitment and retention crisis in the NHS and many other public services.
* We need to campaign not only to break the government 1% pay cap but also to secure above inflation pay rises. The Labour Party manifesto promised to end the public sector pay cap and use increased taxes on big corporations and the very wealthy to invest in public services. The election shows this commitment has widespread support.

**Please help build this pay rally. What we do can make a difference. We have an opportunity to at last win decent pay rises for public sector workers and save our public services.**