

Heathrow workers to vote on strike action in pay dispute

Workers at Heathrow airport are to vote on whether to strike in a dispute over pay.

Unite said over 3,000 of its members working as security guards, engineers and firefighters will begin balloting for strike action on February 17.

The ballot will close a month later.

The workers have rejected a 10% pay increase, which Unite says is a pay cut, because of the rate of inflation.

Unite general secretary Sharon Graham said: "Heathrow Airport is guilty of gross hypocrisy, it is paying telephone number salaries to its chief executive and senior managers, but the workers who make the company a success are on poverty wages.

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