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**By Email**

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**To: ICT Members, Branch Secretaries, Divisional Staff, Divisional Executive Committee**

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**Re: ICT Dispute Update**

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You will be aware that Fórsa paused the industrial action following an invitation to talks by the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC). The parties attended for conciliation last Friday (6<sup>th</sup> February 2026). The discussions were lengthy and extensive, the outcome of which has been detailed by the WRC in the attached note issued today (9<sup>th</sup> February 2026).

The union remains committed to ensuring that the issues pertinent to the dispute are addressed as part of this process and to that end, the industrial action remains paused but will be kept under review. The talks must be meaningful and solution-focused; sector management is now in no doubt that these matters need to be resolved.

Following consultation with the Fórsa local authorities' ICT Professional Committee, the Fórsa five-person negotiating team will be established. An update will be issued to members in due course.

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**Richy Carrothers  
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