Greyhound Household employees held a protest outside City Hall this evening over alleged proposals to cut their wages by up to 35pc.

The refuse company workers said that they will continue to protest for as long as it takes.

Approximately 70 Greyhound Household workers have been on strike since June 17 over the proposed wage cut and changes in the conditions of their employment.

Greyhound are insisting that the workers will still be paid 10pc above industry average rates under the Labour Court cost savings plan.

However, SIPTU President Jack O’Connor said that the bin companies “have been in a race to the bottom for some years and now it has hit the bottom.”
Greyhound Household has called upon all stakeholders to urge SIPTU to accept the Labour Court recommendation and return to work.

The chief executive of Greyhound Household Ltd has urged workers in dispute to return to work under the Labour Court recommendation.

Greyhound has rejects comments by SIPTU's Jack O'Connor that Greyhound collection staff have been locked out of their jobs.

"The collection crews refused to work after rejecting a Labour Court recommendation regarding legacy pay and conditions that are completely out of kilter with industry standards. This was the culmination of four months of intensive negotiations at local level; at the Labour Relations Commission and at the Labour Court," read a statement released this evening.

The refuse company has also rejected comments made by Mr O'Connor about the use of agency crews.

"Maintaining continuity of service for our customers has been foremost in our minds over the past three weeks. The fact is that productivity has increased by 25pc through the deployment of agency staff, with routes being completed on time, every time," continued the statement.

Greyhound called on Mr O'Connor to "persuade the collection crews to come back to work to allow both parties to return to the Labour Court for a binding determination".

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