

## Introduction

Newport City Council recognises the importance of remuneration decisions that are appropriate, transparent, provide value for money and reward employees fairly for the work that they perform. This policy statement sets out the Council's key approaches to pay and reward for our employees.

## Aims of Policy

To outline Newport City Council's approach to the pay and reward of its employees in the interests of openness and transparency.

## Scope

To provide the public with the Council's policy on all aspects of pay and reward, including senior posts and the lowest paid posts, explaining the relationship between remuneration for senior post holders and other groups.

## School Based Employees

Employees who are appointed and directly managed by Head teachers and/or Governing Bodies are not required to be included within the scope of Pay Policy Statements as the provisions in the Localism Act (2011) only apply to employees appointed and directly managed by the Council. This reflects the requirements contained within the Staffing of Maintained Schools (Wales) Regulations (2006) where school-based staff are considered to be employees of the Council, yet the appointment and management of this staff group is discharged to the Governing Body.

In the interests of consistency and transparency, the pay related data set out within this Pay Policy Statement includes information relating to those who are appointed and managed by Head teachers/Governing Bodies. Schools are required to develop their own Pay Policies.

## To be read in conjunction with

Annual Statement of Accounts 2020/21  
Job Evaluation Scheme  
School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document/School Pay Policies  
Market Supplement Guidance  
Early Retirement and Redundancy Payments Guidance  
Out of Hours/Additional Duties/Detriment Schemes  
Travel and Subsistence Policy

## Principles

This is Newport City Council's 2021/22 annual Pay and Reward Policy for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. This Pay and Reward Policy provides the framework for decision making on pay and in particular decision making on senior pay.

The Council recognises that there is public interest in public sector pay and therefore the importance of being transparent in its decisions relating to pay. It is recognised that senior posts in the Council are accountable for delivering the current strategic objectives of the organisation, including demonstrating value for money and the role that senior leadership plays in the quality of service delivery. The context of managing resources effectively and appropriately is of importance to the Council and transparency on pay is therefore appropriate to publish for public scrutiny.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 and of the Revised Guidance issued by the Welsh Government in December 2015, Newport City Council is required to publish a Pay Policy Statement for each financial year detailing:

- a) The Council's definition of senior posts
- b) The Council's definition of lowest paid employees
- c) Reasons for adopting these definitions
- d) The relationship between the remuneration of senior posts and that of the lowest paid employees

In addition to this Pay and Reward Policy, remuneration reporting is included in the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts. The 2020/21 information can be found [here](#)

The Council's senior posts are defined as:

Chief Executive  
Strategic Director – People  
Strategic Director – Place  
Chief Education Officer  
Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer)  
Head of Law and Regulation (Monitoring Officer)  
Head of People and Business Change  
Head of Children and Young People's Services  
Head of Adult and Community Services  
Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing  
Head of City Services

## **1.0 Legislative Framework**

### **1.1 General**

In determining the pay and remuneration of all its employees, the Council will comply with all relevant employment legislation. This includes the Equality Act (2010), Part Time Employment (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations (2000), the Agency Workers Regulations (2010), Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (2006) where relevant, and the National Minimum Wage Act (1998).

With regards to Equal Pay requirements contained within the Equality Act, the Council aims to ensure that there is no pay discrimination within its pay structures and that pay differentials can be objectively justified using equality proofed job evaluation mechanisms which directly relate salaries to the requirements, demands and responsibilities of the role.

### **1.2 Pay in schools**

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## **2.0 Responsibility for Pay Decisions**

### **2.1 Responsibility for the Approval of the Pay and Reward Policy**

The Council's Pay and Reward Policy incorporates the statutory provisions of the Localism Act (2011) in relation to pay policy statements. Approval of this statement and of any amendments to it is therefore a matter for full Council and cannot be delegated to any sub-committee.

### **2.2 Responsibility for Council Pay Structure and Employment Terms and Conditions**

As per the Council's constitution, overall responsibility for Council policy in relation to pay and grading structures, and employment terms and conditions rests with the Cabinet, with specific policy decisions delegated to the Cabinet Member for Community and Resources.

The exception to this is the matter of senior pay structures, where any proposed changes are a matter for full Council.

### **2.3 Delegated Authority**

Managers should be aware of their delegated levels of authority. Delegations for decisions on pay cannot be further delegated below these levels:

Decision	Delegated level of Authority
Salary packages above £100,000 per year	Full Council
Starting pay above grade minimum for the Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Heads of Service	Appointments Committee
Market Supplement for the Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Heads of Service	Appointments Committee
Performance related pay increases for the Chief Executive	Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council in consultation with the Head of People and Business Change
Performance related pay increases for the Strategic Directors	Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive in consultation with the Head of People and Business Change
Pay progression through Head of Service grade	Strategic Directors in consultation with the Head of People and Business Change
Starting pay above grade minimum for all grades below Head of Service	Head of Service in consultation with Human Resources
Market Supplement for posts below Head of Service	Head of Service in consultation with the Head of Law and Regulation, Head of Finance and Head of People and Business Change
Pay progression through all grades below Head of Service	Head of Service in consultation with Human Resources
Additional duties payments below Head of Service	Head of Service in consultation with Human Resources
Salary detriment	Head of Service*
Early release of pension	Head of Service*
Planned overtime payments	Head of Service

**Decisions marked with \* are subject to a formal business case and consultation with the Head of Law and Regulation, Head of Finance and Head of People and Business Change. Any dispute will be determined by a Strategic Director.**

The Head of People and Business Change is responsible for ensuring that the Council's Job Evaluation Scheme (where applicable) and pay processes have been applied. Human Resources is responsible for overseeing any decision on pay to ensure that they are made in accordance with the delegated authority levels and are compliant with the terms of the Pay and Reward Policy.

### 3.0 Terms and Conditions of Service

The Council's employees are employed on a number of different terms and conditions dependent on the role that they fulfil:

Employee Group	Terms and Conditions
Chief Executive	Joint National Council for Chief Executives terms and conditions except for pay which is determined by a local performance related pay arrangement
Strategic Directors and Heads of Service	Joint National Council for Chief Officers' terms and conditions. Strategic Director pay is determined by a local performance related pay arrangement, Head of Service pay is subject to annual incremental movement through the grade
School Teachers	Head, Deputy, Assistant Head teachers and all other classroom teachers employed directly by the Council (as opposed to those employed by the Governing Body of a voluntary aided school) are paid in accordance with the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD).
School Improvement Professionals and Education Psychologists	The Soulbury Committee determine pay arrangements and National Joint Council for Local Government Service Employees terms and conditions apply for all other contractual entitlements
All other employees (including school-based staff other than teachers)	National Joint Council for Local Government Service Employees apply, supplemented by the Newport City Council Single Status Pay and Grading arrangements

### 4.0 National pay bargaining arrangements

The Council uses nationally negotiated pay spines for the relevant groups of employees as the basis for its local pay structures. The Council remains committed to adherence with national pay bargaining in respect of the national pay spines and any increases negotiated in the pay spine.

Employees on all terms and conditions will receive a pay award where this is negotiated nationally by the relevant negotiating committee.

## 5.0 Process for grading posts

The Council utilises the Newport City Council Job Evaluation scheme as the basis for its local grading structure. This determines the salaries of the majority of employees including non-teaching staff in schools. The pay and grading structure was agreed through a collective agreement with the recognised trade unions and implemented with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

The pay grade of posts on Soulbury and Teachers' pay will be determined in accordance with the national and local agreed terms.

The pay grade of JNC posts is through the Hay job evaluation scheme.

## 6.0 Senior Management Remuneration

For the purpose of the Council's Pay and Reward Policy, senior management means 'Chief Officers' as defined within Section 43 of the Localism Act (2011). The posts within the Council's structure identified by the statutory definition are set out below:

- Chief Executive
- Strategic Director – People
- Strategic Director – Place
- Chief Education Officer
- Head of Children and Young People's Services
- Head of Adult and Community Services
- Head of Law and Regulation
- Head of Finance
- Head of People and Business Change
- Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing
- Head of City Services

The current salary ranges for these posts can be found in Appendix B.

### 6.1 Recruitment and appointment of Chief Officers

The Council's policy and procedures with regard to the recruitment of chief officers is set out within the Officer Employment Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. When recruiting to all posts the Council will take full and proper account of its own Recruitment Policy and Procedures, Job Security and Diversity Policies. The determination of the remuneration to be offered to any newly appointed chief officer will be in accordance with the pay structure and relevant policies in place at the time of recruitment.

Where the Council remains unable to recruit chief officers under a contract of employment, or there is a need for interim support to provide cover for a vacant substantive chief officer post, the Council will, where necessary, consider and utilise engaging individuals under 'contracts for service'. These will be sourced through a relevant procurement process ensuring the Council is able to demonstrate the maximum value for money benefits from competition in securing the relevant service. The Council does not currently have any chief officers engaged under such arrangements. Any substantive chief officer appointment made under a contract for service is subject to the approval of full Council in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution.

## 6.2 The role of the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive is the senior officer who leads and takes responsibility of the organisation. The organisation has a turnover of £275m and is responsible for a wide range of services employing some 5500 staff.

The role of the Chief Executive is a full time and permanent appointment. Post holders are selected on merit, against objective criteria, following public advertisement. They are appointed by the Council's Appointments Committee. As head of the paid service, the Chief Executive works closely with elected members to deliver Newport's corporate plan.

The Chief Executive routinely works evenings as well as the standard Monday to Friday business week. The Chief Executive also heads the 'on call' arrangements particularly to cover emergency planning requirements.

## 6.3 Chief Executive Pay

The salary for the Chief Executive is set out in Appendix B, and the Chief Executive may receive additional payments for any of the elections where they are the Returning Officer.

Details of the Chief Executive's pay, including any additional payments are published in the annual accounts of the Council and can be accessed [here](#)

The Chief Executive is a member of the LGPS pension scheme and details are disclosed in the remuneration report. There have been no increases or enhancements to the pension outside of standard arrangements.

The notice period for the role is 3 months.

## 6.4 Proposals to change the Chief Executive's salary

Where the Council proposes to change the Chief Executive's salary level and the proposed change is not commensurate with a change to the salaries of the authority's other employees, it will consult the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) about the proposed change. The Council will provide the IRPW with all relevant information regarding its proposed change and will have due regard to any IRPW recommendations on the proposals.

The Council is required to declare whether or not any referrals have been made to the IRPW. To date there have been no referrals made to the IRPW regarding any aspects of the Chief Executive's salary in the Council's Pay and Reward Policy.

The Council will have regard to any recommendation received from the IRPW when performing its functions under section 38 or 39 of the Localism Act 2011. This may include any recommendations from the IRPW in relation to a policy within the Council's Pay and Reward Policy regarding severance packages.

## 6.5 Joint Appointments

The Council's intention is to continue to develop collaborative working on a planned and strategic basis with local authority partners and also with other public sector organisations. Therefore, when senior vacancies arise, including at Chief Officer level, the views of elected Members will be sought as to whether consideration of a joint appointment would be appropriate. If Members are supportive, discussions will take place with partners and neighbouring authorities to determine whether the posts can be reconfigured as a joint appointment, instead of automatically being filled on a like for like basis.

If a decision is made to progress with a joint appointment, both parties will need to reach agreement on the salary and overall remuneration package for the post, and the proportion to this which each party will pay. Where the Council will be the employer of the joint appointee, the determination of salary and other pay arrangements will be in accordance with this Pay and Reward Policy.

Any joint appointments at Chief Officer level will be made in accordance with the provisions of the Officer Employment Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

## 7.0 Pay Relativities within the Council

The relationship between the rate of pay for the lowest paid Council employee and that of the Council's Chief Officers is determined by the processes used for determining pay and grading structures as set out in this Pay and Reward Policy. A copy of the Council's grades for NJC posts is published on the external webpage [here](#).

The lowest paid persons employed under a contract of employment with the Council are employed at spinal column point 1 of the National Joint Council pay spine for Local Government Services which is £9.25 per hour with a pay supplement of 0.05p per hour to match the foundation living wage hourly rate of £9.30 per hour (£9.50 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021)

The Council employs Apprentices (and other trainees) who are not included within the definite of lowest paid employees as they are not employed under Contracts of Employment.

The relationship between the rate of pay for the lowest paid employees and the Council's Chief Officers is regulated by the processes used for determining pay and grading structures as set out in this Pay and Reward Policy.

The salary utilised for the Chief Officer calculations of all the pay multiple data is £127,411.

As part of its commitment to pay transparency and following the recommendations of the Hutton "Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector" (2011), the Council will publish information on pay relativities on an annual basis. The information for 2019/20 is as follows:

Multiple of Salary	Ratio
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the multiple between the annual salary of the lowest paid Council employee and the Chief Executive (full-time equivalent basis) as a ratio</li> </ul>	1 : 8:0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the multiple between the annual salary of the lowest paid Council employee and the average Chief Officer (full-time equivalent basis) as a ratio</li> </ul>	1 : 4:5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the multiple between median earning of Council employees and the Chief Executive (full-time equivalent basis) as a ratio</li> </ul>	1 : 4:4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the multiple between median earning of Council employees and the average Chief Officer (full-time equivalent basis) as a ratio</li> </ul>	1 : 2:4

Note:

- Column A provides the pay ratio as per the requirement of the Localism Act 2011
- These figures exclude remuneration for appointments within organisations for which the Council provides a payroll service but is not the employer.
- These figures exclude remuneration for joint appointments where the Council is not the employer



In relation to the gender pay gap, the Council's Gender Pay Gap 2019 report outlines the gender pay gap between men and women in the Council. As at April 2019 the Council had a mean gender pay gap of 1.92% and a median gender pay gap of 0.57%. There is no bonus paid to any employee, therefore no bonus gender pay gap exists, and our quartiles are as follows:

	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
<b>LOWER</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>LOWER MIDDLE</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>UPPER MIDDLE</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>UPPER</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 8.0 Starting Pay

New appointments will normally be made at the minimum of the relevant grade for the post. Under exceptional circumstances, and where there are compelling and evidenced reasons to support the decision, a new employee may be appointed to a higher increment. Exceptional reasons may include the need to secure the best candidate and/or having regard to the knowledge, skills and competencies of the individual as well as their current and previous salary levels.

All requests to appoint above the minimum of the grade must be agreed by the relevant Head of Service in consultation with their HR&OD Business Partner before any salary offer is made to the candidate. In the case of Chief Officers all requests to appoint above the minimum of the grade must be agreed by the relevant Appointments Committee of the Council.

In addition, all salary packages for Chief Officers with a value of £100,000 or more must be approved by the full Council. The salary package will include salary, performance related pay, fees or allowances and any benefits in kind.

## 9.0 Annual Pay Progression arrangements

Pay structures for the all employee groups are attached at the appendices as follows:

Appendix A: NCC NJC Salary Structure with Effect from 1 April 2020 (Applicable to National Joint Council for Local Government Employees)

Appendix B: Chief Officer Pay Scales

Appendix C: Soulbury Pay Scale

Appendix D: School Teachers' (Qualified and Unqualified) Pay Ranges and Leadership Group Pay Spines

The pay progression arrangements for the relevant employee groups are outlined below.

### 9.1 NJC for Local Government Employees

Increments will be paid on 1st April each year until the maximum of the level is reached subject to the following:

(i) In exceptional circumstances, increments may be accelerated within the grade at the discretion of the authority on the grounds of special merit or ability, subject to the maximum of the level not being exceeded in accordance with Head of Service delegation. This will only occur after careful consideration of equal pay requirements and consultation with Human Resources.

(ii) Employees with less than six months' service in the grade by 1st April shall be granted their first increment six months from the actual date of their appointment, promotion or re-grading. All future increments will then be paid on 1 April.

NB: Any action under (i) or (ii) shall not interrupt the payment of subsequent increments on 1 April.

### 9.2 Chief Officers – Chief Executive and Strategic Directors

The Chief Executive and Strategic Directors will not be paid any annual increment. Any progression within these salary ranges will be based solely on performance in accordance with the agreed performance related pay arrangements.

### 9.3 Chief Officers – Heads of Service

Increments will be paid to Heads of Service on 1 April each year until the maximum of the level is reached subject to the following:

(i) In exceptional circumstances, increments may be accelerated within the grade at the discretion of the authority on the grounds of special merit or ability, subject to the maximum of the level not being exceeded in accordance with Head of Service delegation. This will only occur after careful consideration of equal pay requirements and consultation with Human Resources.

(ii) Employees with less than six months' service in the grade by 1 April shall be granted their first increment six months from the actual date of their appointment, promotion or re-grading. All future increments will then be paid on 1 April.

NB: Any action under (i) or (ii) shall not interrupt the payment of subsequent increments on 1 April.

### 9.4 Employees on Soulbury salary scales

Increments will be paid on 1 September each year until the maximum of the level is reached subject to the following:

(i) In exceptional circumstances, increments may be accelerated within the grade at the discretion of the authority on the grounds of special merit or ability, subject to the maximum of the level not being exceeded in accordance with Head of Service delegation. This will only occur after careful consideration of equal pay requirements and consultation with Human Resources

(ii) Employees with less than six months' service in the grade by 1 September shall be granted their first increment six months from the actual date of their appointment, promotion or re-grading. All future increments will then be paid on 1 September.

(iii) Structured Professional Assessment points will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Soulbury Committee and the Council's Soulbury Guidance note.

The small group of employees who remain subject to the local agreement reached in June 2005 for employees within school improvement posts are employed on 'spot points' and are therefore not entitled to receive annual increments.

### **9.5 Withholding an increment**

For all employees in posts subject to incremental progression, an increment may be withheld due to poor performance. This will only apply where formal capability procedures are being followed in accordance with the Council's Capability Policy. Any increment withheld may be paid subsequently if the employee's performance improves.

### **9.6 Teachers and School Leaders**

Progression for teachers paid on the main or upper pay ranges will be in accordance with the provisions of the STPCD (Wales) 2019; any pay movement, where awarded, applies from 1 September each year. Teachers employed on the Leadership spine (Head Teachers, Deputies and Assistant Head Teachers) are eligible to progress within the pay range for their post on 1 September each year until the maximum point is reached. Progression is subject to meeting the requirements for movement set out in the STPCD (Wales) 2020.

### **10.0 Pay on Promotion or Transfer**

#### **10.1 Move to a new post at the same level**

Where an employee moves to a new permanent post at the same level, they will normally be appointed on the same salary point and retain the incremental date (where this is relevant) from their original post.

#### **10.2 Pay on promotion**

Where an employee receives a promotion, they will normally be appointed on the minimum point for the new post subject to them receiving a minimum of one increment above their current spinal point in their pre-promotion post.

All requests to appoint above the minimum of the level must be agreed by the relevant Head of Service, in consultation with their HR&OD Business Partner before any salary offer is made.

In the case of Chief Officers all requests to appoint above the minimum of the grade must be agreed by the relevant Appointments Committee of the Council.

### **11.0 Allowances: Overtime, Bank Holiday Working, Night Work, Standby**

Employees on all terms and conditions, other than Chief Officers and teachers, may be paid allowances, where appropriate, in accordance with the relevant provisions of their terms and conditions of employment as supplemented by local agreement.

Chief Officers and teachers are not eligible for such allowances but are expected to undertake duties outside their contractual hours and working patterns as is commensurate with their salary level without additional payment.

### **12.0 Additional Payments – All Employees**

Employees on all terms and conditions may be eligible for the following additional payments unless otherwise stated:

### 12.1 Additional Duties Scheme

There may be occasions when an employee is asked to carry out additional duties at a higher level to those of their substantive post for a period of time. In such circumstances an additional payment may be made in line with the Council's Additional Duties Scheme, which can be found [here](#).

N.B. Under the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (Wales) 2019, there are no provisions which allow for the payment of honoraria to teachers.

### 12.2 Professional Fees

The Council does not pay or reimburse professional/registration fees.

### 12.3 Market Supplements

Within a diverse workforce encompassing highly skilled professional and technical roles the Council recognises there may be occasions where market forces produce a situation where, in exceptional circumstances, the Council may offer an additional temporary supplement to the pay of a post.

The Council has a Market Supplement Scheme for Local Government Service employees to ensure that requirement for any market pay supplements is objectively justified. With the exception of teachers, the Scheme may apply to other posts within the council.

Supplements are subject to regular review and can be withdrawn where no longer considered justifiable.

### 12.4 Additional Payments under the STPCD (Wales) 2019

The STPCD (Wales) 2020 makes provision for the following additional allowances/payments for teachers, subject to the necessary criteria being met:

- Teaching and Learning Responsibility Allowances
- Special Educational Need Allowances
- Recruitment or Retention Incentives and Benefits
- Payments for participation in continuing professional development undertaken outside the school day, out-of-school hours learning activities, activities relating to the provision of initial teaching training and / or additional responsibilities and activities
- learning activities

Where the Council has centrally employed teaching staff, it may make use of the above allowances, subject to meeting the relevant provisions of the STPCD (Wales) 2020.

### 12.5 Travel and Subsistence Expenses

The Council's Travel and Subsistence Policy seeks to ensure that no employees will be financially disadvantaged whilst undertaking duties which take them from their normal place of work. Employees will be reimbursed additional travelling or subsistence expenses incurred in the course of their work in accordance with this policy, subject to evidence of expenditure being produced. Details of the current rates for travelling and subsistence expenses can be found [here](#).

### 13.0 Returning Officer

The Council has agreed that the Chief Executive undertakes the role of Returning Officer in respect of local and national elections.

The Returning Officer is an officer of the City Council who is appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983. Whilst appointed by the Council, the role of the Returning Officer is one which involves and incurs personal responsibility and accountability and is statutorily separate from their duties as an employee of the Council. As Returning Officer, they are paid a separate allowance for each election for which they are responsible.

Other Council staff may undertake duties on behalf of the Returning Officer, e.g. polling clerks, count supervisors, etc. They will receive separate payments for these duties based on their role in any election process.

### 14.0 Employee Benefits

In addition to an employee's salary, the Council is able to offer a comprehensive range of benefits designed to enhance the work / life balance of our employees. The current benefits include:

- the Local Government/Teachers' Pension Schemes as applicable
- generous annual leave entitlements in addition to bank holiday entitlement
- The option to purchase up to one week of additional annual leave
- learning and development opportunities
- flexible working arrangements
- employee wellbeing schemes, such as counselling
- childcare vouchers
- cycle-to-work scheme
- car lease scheme
- technology purchase scheme
- discounted gym and leisure membership
- use of the Vectis card scheme to provide retail discounts
- access to financial support and advice
- pay advance facility
- advance loans for sustainable rail and bus travel

### 15.0 Detriment Arrangements

### **15.1 All employees except Teaching staff**

The Council has a non-contractual Detriment Scheme for those employees whose posts are downgraded as a consequence of implementing structural change. This can be found on the Council's Intranet. Detriment arrangements will not apply where the move to a lower graded post is voluntary.

### **15.2 Teaching Staff**

There are specific statutory arrangements in place for teachers whose posts are downgraded as a result of implementing structural change or because of the implementation of school reorganisations. These provisions are outlined in the STPCD (Wales) 2020.

### **16.0 Termination of Employment**

#### **16.1 Payments on Termination**

Where an employee's employment is brought to an end on grounds of redundancy or early retirement, they will receive payment on termination of their employment in accordance with the Council's Redundancy Payments and Early Retirement Guidance and discretions relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme policy. This guidance sets out the Council's approach to statutory and discretionary payments on termination of employment of all employees, prior to reaching normal retirement age. It includes the Council's discretions in accordance with the following statutory regulations:

- The Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006
- The Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007, The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 and the Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions & Savings) Regulations 2014
- The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2010 and Teachers (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) Regulations.

Chief Officer severance packages above £100,000 must be agreed by full Council. The severance /redundancy package includes any redundancy payment, contractual notice period and full cost of early release of pension (as required under Regulation 68 (2) of the Local Government Pension Scheme).

Payments to the Chief Executive falling outside these provisions or the relevant periods of contractual notice shall be subject to a formal decision made by the Leader and Deputy Leader.

Other payments to other Chief Officers falling outside these provisions or the relevant periods of contractual notice shall be subject to a formal decision made by the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Community and Resources.

#### **16.2 Re-employment following termination**

The Council will not re-employ ex-employees who have been made voluntarily redundant (or left in the

“efficient exercise of the service”) until a period of 24 months from their leaving date has expired. The same restriction will apply in respect of the placement of such ex-employees via employment agencies or as self-employed consultants under a contract for services. For the avoidance of doubt this restriction does not apply to employees who were made compulsory redundant. Where a former employee is re-employed at Chief Officer level, the appointment will be subject to the approval of full Council in accordance with the provisions of the Council’s constitution.

The Council will not re-employ staff whose termination of employment is covered by a Settlement Agreement or COT3. The same restriction will apply in respect of the placement of such ex-employees via Employment Agencies or as self-employed consultants under a contract for services. Delegated authority will be given to the Chief Executive, Strategic Directors (for posts in their respective services), Head of People and Business Change and the Head of Law and Regulation to consider any pre or post termination requests to waive this policy provision on a case by case basis. A number of factors will be relevant in considering requests to waive this policy provision including, financial, working relationships and trust and confidence (this is not an exhaustive list). In the event that a request to waive is agreed, ex-employees will not be able to recommence employment with the Council (after an open advertisement and successful outcome from a recruitment and selection process) until a period of time has elapsed that is equal in length to the number of weeks’ pay their compensation payment equates to.

#### **17.0 Confidentiality**

The application of this Pay and Reward Policy will be undertaken in an open and transparent way but the salary details of individual members of staff shall remain confidential. Where the Council is required to publish salary information in accordance with the provisions of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005, this information is published on an anonymised basis due to the requirements of the current Data Protection Act.

#### **18.0 Workforce Information**

It is recognised that accurate workforce data is critical to the management of the Council’s most valuable and costly resource, its employees, and to the implementation of this Pay and Reward Policy. People and Business Change will be responsible for analysing the data that is currently collected in order to inform any future proposed changes to this policy/related policy and in order to fully understand the financial context.

#### **19.0 Partnership with Trades Unions**

The Council will endeavour to maintain the joint working approach that it has developed with its recognised Trade Unions and will continue to work closely with them on pay related matters. There has been consultation with representatives of the recognised Trade Unions during the development of this Pay and Reward Policy. Collective bargaining processes will be followed as appropriate for any proposed changes to pay and/or allowances.

#### **20.0 Publication**

Following approval by the full Council, and in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act, this Pay and Reward Policy will be published on the Council’s Website.

In addition, for posts where the full-time equivalent salary is at least £60,000, in accordance with the provisions of Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005, the Council’s Annual Statement of Accounts will include a note setting out:

- the total amount of salary, fees or allowances paid to or receivable by the postholder in the current and previous year
- any bonuses so paid or receivable by the postholder in the current and previous year
- any sums payable by way of expenses allowance that are chargeable to UK income tax
- any compensation for loss of employment and any other payments connected with termination
- any benefits received that do not fall within the above.

## 21.0 Policy Review

This Pay and Reward Policy outlines the current position in respect of pay and reward within the Council. It will be reviewed and reported to Council on an annual basis to ensure it meets the principles of fairness, equality, accountability and value for money for the authority and its residents.

This Pay and Reward Policy is updated and approved by Council on an annual basis. This statement will come into immediate effect once fully endorsed by Council at its meeting in March 2021.

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Appendix A: **NJC FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS SALARY RATES**  
**1 APRIL 2021**

Spinal Column Point	Annual Salary £	Monthly Salary £	Weekly Salary £	Hourly Rate (37) £		
1	17842	1486.79	342.17	9.2477	Grade 1	
2	18198	1516.50	349.00	9.4325	(210-253)	
3	18562	1546.52	355.98	9.6210		Grade 2
4	18933	1577.73	370.36	9.8133		(254-297)
5	19312	1609.32	370.36	10.0098	Grade 3	
6	19698	1641.52	377.77	10.2101	(298-341)	
7	20092	1674.31	385.32	10.4141		
8	20493	1707.79	393.02	10.6223		Grade 4
9	20903	1741.96	400.89	10.8348		(342-397)
10	21322	1776.81	408.91	11.0515		
11	21748	1812.34	417.09	11.2726		
12	22183	1848.56	425.42	11.4978		
13	22627	1885.55	433.93	11.72.79		
14	23080	1923.31	442.62	11.9628	Grade 5	
15	23541	1961.75	451.47	12.2019	(398-453)	
16	24012	2000.97	460.50	12.4458		
17	24491	2040.96	469.70	12.6946		
18	24982	2081.80	479.10	12.9486		
19	25481	2123.41	488.67	13.2074		
20	25991	2165.88	498.45	13.4716		Grade 6
21	26511	2209.21	508.42	13.7411		(454-509)
22	27041	2253.39	518.59	14.0159		
23	27741	2311.79	532.03	14.3791		
24	28672	2389.37	549.88	14.8616	Grade 7	
25	29577	2464.72	567.22	15.3303	(510-565)	
26	30451	2537.58	583.99	15.7835		
27	31346	2612.16	601.15	16.2474		
28	32234	2686.14	618.18	16.7075		Grade 8
29	32910	2742.48	631.15	17.0580		(566-621)
30	33782	2815.18	647.87	17.5101		
31	34728	2894.04	666.02	18.0006		
32	35745	2978.72	685.51	18.5274	Grade 9	
33	36922	3076.85	708.09	19.1377	(622-677)	
34	37890	3157.51,	726.66	19.639494		
35	38890	3240.82	745.83	20.1576		
36	39880	3323.36	764.83	20.6710		Grade 10
37	40876	3406.33	783.92	21.1871		(678-743)
38	41881	3490.08	803.19	21.7079		
39	42821	3568.42	821.22	22.1952	Grade 11	

40	43857	3654.73	841.09	22.7321	(744-809)	
41	44863	3738.56	860.38	23.2535		
42	45859	3821.62	879.49	23.7701		Grade 12
43	46845	3903.73	898.39	24.2808		(810-875)
44	48014	4001.17	920.81	24.8869		
45	49220	4101.69	943.95	25.5121	Grade 13	
46	50453	4204.44	967.60	26.1512	(876-941)	
47	51709	4309.08	991.68	26.8020		
48	53002	4416.79	1016.46	26.4720		Grade 14
49	54323	4526.91	1041.81	28.1569		(942-1007)
50	55685	4640.45	1067.94	28.8631		
51	57079	4756.55	1094.66	29.5853	Grade 15	
52	58504	4875.32	1121.99	30.3240	(1008+)	
53	59961	4996.73	1149.93	31.0792		

**Appendix B: CHIEF OFFICER SALARY RATES – 1 APRIL 2021**

JOB TITLE	GRADE	SCALE	ANNUAL SALARY £
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	MD01	001	127,411
		002	133,881
		003	140,352
		004	146,824
STRATEGIC DIRECTORS	CD01	001	106,993
		002	110,954
		003	112,667
		004	116,547
HEADS OF SERVICE	HDS01	001	78,937
		002	80,914
		003	82,933
		004	85,001

## Appendix C: SOULBURY SALARY RATES – 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

## i) EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROFESSIONALS (EIPs)

SPINE POINT	SALARY FROM 1.9.20	SPINE POINT	SALARY FROM 1.9.20
1	36,419	26	67,257
2	37,723	27	68,419
3	38,955	28	69,597
4	40,203	29	70,777
5	41,443	30	71,956
6	42,684	31	73,124
7	43,998	32	74,311
8	45,243*	33	75,498
9	46,705	34	76,714
10	48,009	35	77,927
11	49,295	36	79,174
12	50,541	37	80,402
13	51,951**	38	81,642
14	53,209	39	82,866
15	54,598	40	84,089
16	55,854	41	85,318
17	57,114	42	86,546
18	58,350	43	87,773
19	59,625	44	89,006
20	60,283***	45	90,236
21	61,549	46	91,468
22	62,653	47	92,705
23	63,867	48	93,930****
24	64,956	49	95,160****
25	66,121	50	96,392****

## NOTES:

Salary scales to consist of not more than four consecutive points, based on the duties and responsibilities attaching to posts and the need to recruit and motivate employees.

\* normal minimum point for EIP undertaking the full range of duties at this level

\*\* normal minimum point for senior EIP undertaking the full range of duties at this level

\*\*\* normal minimum point for leading EIP undertaking the full range of duties at this level

\*\*\*\* extension to range to accommodate structured professional assessments.

## ii) EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS - SCALE A	
SPIKE POINT	SALARY FROM 1.9.20
1	38,197
2	40,136
3	42,075
4	44,012
5	45,951
6	47,889
7	49,714
8	51,538
9	53,247*
10	54,959*
11	56,554*

## NOTE:

\*The 11-point scale A provides for up to 3 additional SPA points to be added to the post holder entitlement on the appropriate 6-point range

## ii) SENIOR EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

SENIOR AND PRINCIPAL EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS (B) SALARY RANGE			
SPIKE POINT	SALARY FROM 1.9.20	SPIKE POINT	SALARY FROM 1.9.20
1	47,889	10	60,880
2	49,714	11	62,090
3	51,538*	12	63,233
4	53,247	13	64,577
5	54,959	14	65,790**
6	56,554	15	67,061**
7	57,209	16	68,318**
8	58,433	17	69,585**
9	59,646	18	70,850**

## NOTES:

Salary scales to consist of not more than four consecutive points, based on the duties and responsibilities attaching to posts and the need to recruit, retain and motivate employees.

\* Normal minimum point for the principal educational psychologist undertaking the full range of duties at this level

\*\* Extension to range to accommodate discretionary scale points and structured professional assessments

## Appendix D: TEACHERS' SALARY RATES – 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

## i) TEACHER PAY RANGES

QUALIFIED TEACHERS – pay rate from 1/9/20 – 31/8/21	WALES	UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS – pay rate from 1/9/20 – 31/8/21	WALES
MAIN RANGE	£ p.a.		£ p.a.
Minimum	27,018	Minimum	18,169
Maximum	37,320	Maximum	28,735
UPPER PAY RANGE	£ p.a.		
Minimum	38,690		
Maximum	41,604		

## NOTE:

From 1 September 2013, the qualified and unqualified teacher pay scales were replaced by the ability for the relevant body to pay such salary as it determines within the above Qualified and Unqualified Teacher Pay Ranges.

## ii) ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES / PAYMENTS

TEACHING AND LEARNING RESPONSIBILITY (TLR) PAYMENTS	ANNUAL ALLOWANCE £		ANNUAL ALLOWANCE £	
TLR 3 BAND (fixed-term award only)	Minimum	571	Maximum	2,833
TLR 2 BAND	Minimum	2,873	Maximum	7,017
TLR 1 BAND	Minimum	8,291	Maximum	14,030
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) ALLOWANCES	ANNUAL ALLOWANCE £			
SEN RANGE	Minimum	2,270	Maximum	4,479

## iii) PAY SPINE FOR THE LEADERSHIP GROUP 1/9/2020 – 31/8/2021

(This spine applies to Headteachers, Deputy Headteacher, and Assistant Headteachers)

LEADERSHIP PAY – 1/9/20 – 31/8/21	
	WALES
MAIN RANGE	£ p.a.
Minimum	42,195
Maximum	117,197