

# TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

## Pay Policy Statement – 2017/18

### 1. Introduction and Purpose

- 1.1 Under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the “power to appoint officers on such reasonable terms and conditions as the authority thinks fit”. This Pay Policy Statement (the ‘Statement’) sets out the Council’s approach to pay policy in accordance with the requirements of section 38 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Statement is to provide transparency about the Council’s approach to setting the pay of its employees (excluding those working in local authority schools and/or employed under the School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions Document) by identifying:
  - the methods by which salaries of all employees are determined;
  - the detail and level of remuneration of its most senior staff, i.e. ‘chief officers’, as defined by the relevant legislation; and
  - the Committee responsible for ensuring the provisions set out in this statement are applied consistently throughout the Council and recommending any amendments to the full Council.
- 1.3 Once approved by the Council, this policy statement will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and will continue to be subject to annual review.

### 2. Legislative Framework

- 2.1 In determining the pay and remuneration of all of its employees, the Council will comply with all relevant employment legislation. This includes the Employment Rights Act 1996, the Equality Act 2010, the Part Time Employment (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000, the Agency Workers Regulations 2010 and where relevant, the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Earnings) Regulations. With regard to the equal pay requirements contained within the Equality Act, the Council is taking steps to ensure there is no pay discrimination within its pay structures and that all pay differentials can be objectively justified through the use of equality-proofed job evaluation mechanisms which directly relate salaries to the requirements, demands and responsibilities of the role.

### 3. Pay Structure

- 3.1 Based on the application of the job evaluation process, the Council uses the nationally negotiated pay spines (further details can be found at [www.lge.gov.uk](http://www.lge.gov.uk)) as the basis for its local grading structure. This determines the salaries of the large majority of the non school-based workforce, together with the use of other nationally-defined rates where relevant.

3.2 The Council adheres to national pay bargaining in respect of the national pay spines and any annual cost of living increases negotiated in those pay spines. The last national pay awards for employees were:

| <b>Negotiating Group:</b>                                 | <b>Effective date:</b>         | <b>Settlement:</b>  |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Joint National Council for Chief Executives               | 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017     | 1%  |
| Joint National Council for Chief Officers                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017     | 1%  |
| Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth & Community Workers | 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017 | Headline increase of 1% with higher percentage increase for lowest grades |
| National Joint Council for Local Government Services      | 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017     | Headline increase of 1% with higher percentage increase for lowest grades |
| Soulbury Committee  | 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017 | 1%  |

3.3 All other pay-related allowances are the subject of either nationally or locally negotiated rates, having been determined from time to time in accordance with collective bargaining machinery and/or as determined by Council Policy. In determining its grading structure and setting remuneration levels for all posts, the Council takes account of the need to ensure value for money in respect of the use of public expenditure, balanced against the need to recruit and retain employees who are able to meet the requirements of providing high quality services to the community, delivered effectively and efficiently and at times at which those services are required.

3.4 New appointments will normally be made at the minimum of the relevant grade; this can be varied in exceptional circumstances, having regard to the need for equal pay. From time to time it may be necessary to take account of the external pay market in order to attract and retain employees with particular experience, skills and capacity. Where necessary, the Council will ensure the requirement for such is objectively justified by reference to clear and transparent evidence of relevant market comparators, using appropriate data sources available from within and outside the local government sector.

#### **4. Senior Management Remuneration**

4.1 For the purposes of this Statement, senior management means ‘chief officers’ as defined within s43 of the Localism Act. The posts falling within the statutory definition are set out below, with details of their basic salary as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017:

a) Managing Director

The salary of the post is £139,753 per annum. The salary is a single ‘spot’ salary. There is no incremental range.

- b) **Directors**  
The salaries of the posts designated as Directors are £111, 802 per annum. The salaries are single 'spot' salaries and have no incremental range.
- c) **Assistant Directors**  
The salaries of the posts designated as Assistant Directors have six incremental points ranging from £77, 225 to £85, 637 per annum Incremental progression will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year to the maximum of the scale.

## **5. Recruitment of Chief Officers**

- 5.1 The Council's policy and procedures with regard to recruitment of chief officers is set out within the Officer Employment Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution. When recruiting to all posts the Council will take full and proper account of its Equal Opportunities Charter and the Recruitment and Redeployment 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 is unable to recruit to a post at the designated grade, it will consider the use of temporary market forces supplements in accordance with its relevant policies. At this time there are no market forces supplements paid to any Chief Officers.
- 5.2 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.

## **6. Additions to Salary of Chief Officers**

- 6.1 Following the latest (January 2016) restructure of the Council's Senior Management Team (SMT), the size of the Council's SMT has reduced by 58% since 2009/10. This reduction is twice the average seen nationally.
- 6.2 The Council does not apply any bonuses or performance-related pay to its chief officers.
- 6.3 In addition to the basic salary set out the Council may pay other elements of 'additional pay' which are chargeable to UK Income Tax and do not solely constitute reimbursement of expenses incurred in the fulfillment of duties which could include:

- responsibility allowances/salary supplements for fulfilling statutory officer duties and salary supplements,
- market forces supplements,
- additional payments for undertaking other responsibilities

This list is not exhaustive.

Authority for any ‘additional pay’ for Directors and Assistant Directors is delegated to the Managing Director after consultation with the Leader of the Council.

The Council does not currently pay any additional responsibility allowances, salary supplements or market forces supplements to senior managers.

The following ‘additional pay’ currently applies:

| <b>Post / Tier of Post</b>                           | <b>Payment Details:</b>  |
|--|--|
| Managing Director                                    | Details of Returning Officer Fees are attached at Appendix A   |
| Managing Director, Directors and Assistant Directors | All casual mileage is reimbursed at HMRC rates   |
| Managing Director, Directors and Assistant Directors | Personal protection of pay within defined parameters will apply where an individual is downgraded as a result of a re-structuring process for a period of up to 5 years. |

## **7. Payments on Termination**

- 7.1 The Council’s approach to statutory and discretionary payments on termination of employment of chief officers, prior to reaching normal retirement age, is set out within its policy statement in accordance with Regulations 5 and 6 of the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) Regulations 2006, and Regulation 60 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.
- 7.2 Any other payments falling outside the provisions or the relevant periods of contractual notice shall, in respect of the Managing Director, Directors and Statutory Officers, be subject to a decision made by the Personnel Committee which has otherwise delegated authority to approve such payments to other Chief Officers to the Managing Director.
- 7.3 The Council’s policy is not to re-employ, for a period of at least 12 months after their employment with Telford & Wrekin Council ends, anyone who has been made redundant or who has left the Council in the interest of the efficiency of service where a severance payment has

been made in accordance with the Council's policy under the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) Regulations 2006 or under Regulation 30 of the Local Government Pension Scheme 2013 or Schedule 2, Paragraphs 2 (2) and 2 (3) of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014. The re-engagement of an individual on a consultancy, agency or private service provider basis is also prohibited in circumstances where this arrangement could have reasonably been foreseen at the time the individual left.

- 7.4 Flexible retirement under Regulation 30 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 or Regulation 11 (2) of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014 will be permitted only where savings to fund the cost of such release are achieved.

## **8. Publication**

- 8.1 Upon approval by the full Council, this Pay Policy Statement will be published on the Council's Website. In addition, for members of the Council's Senior Management Team and for those who report directly to the Head of Paid Service (Managing Director) where the full time equivalent salary is at least £50,000, 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 in the current and previous year;
- any bonuses so paid or receivable in the current and previous year (N.B. The Council does not operate a bonus system);
- 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;
- employers pension contribution
- any benefits received that do not fall within the above

- 8.2 This information will be listed individually by job title where the salary is £50,000 or more. Persons whose salary is £150,000 or more will be identified by name.

- 8.3 Additional information relating to pay is published in accordance with the DCLG Local Government Transparency Code 2015 is available on the Council's website as part of its annual [Workforce Information](#) report.

## **9. Lowest Paid Employees and the Median salary**

- 9.1 The lowest paid persons employed under a contract of employment with the Council are employed on full-time (37 hours per week) equivalent

salaries in accordance with the minimum spinal column point currently in use within the Council's grading structure. As at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017, this is £15,014 per annum. The Council employs Apprentices who are not included within the definition of 'lowest paid employees' as they are employed under a Training Contract

- 9.2 The statutory guidance under the Localism Act 2011 recommends the use of pay multiples as a means of measuring the relationship between pay rates across the workforce and that of senior managers, as included within the Hutton 'Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector' (2010). The Hutton report was asked by Government to explore the case for a fixed limit on dispersion of pay through a requirement that no public sector manager can earn more than 20 times the lowest paid person in the organisation.
- 9.3 The pay levels within the Council as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 define the multiple between the lowest paid (full time equivalent) employee and the Managing Director as 1:9.2 and between the lowest paid employee and average Chief Officer as 1:5.9. The Council's pay multiples therefore fall well below Lord Hutton's public sector threshold set out in 9.2 above.
- 9.4 The full-time equivalent median (mid-point) pay level within the Council is £21,269<sup>1</sup>. The multiple between the Managing Director and this median point is 1:6.5 and the average Chief Officer is 1:4.1.
- 9.5 As part of its overall and ongoing monitoring of alignment with external pay markets, both within and outside the sector, the Council will use available benchmark information as appropriate.

## **10. Accountability and Decision Making**

- 10.1 In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, the Personnel Committee is responsible for decision-making in relation to the recruitment, pay, terms and conditions and severance arrangements for employees of the Council.

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<sup>1</sup> Median calculated on data as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2016

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972****Unitary Council – Electoral Fees**

Scale of Fees and Disbursements for Elections with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

**PART A – RETURNING OFFICER’S FEES**

Fee for conducting the election and generally performing the duties required by an enactment relating to the election or poll and including all expenses other than those specifically mentioned in Part ‘C’ below.

|    |   | £      |
|----|---|--------|
| 1. | <b><u>Uncontested Elections</u></b><br>For each ward  | 134.00 |
| 2. | <b><u>Contested Elections</u></b><br>For each ward  | 234.00 |
| 3. | <b><u>Declaration of Results</u></b><br>To the Deputy Returning Officer in charge of counting the votes and declaring the result (or where this function is performed by the Returning Officer personally, to the Returning Officer)<br>For each ward | 99.00  |

**Parish Councils – Electoral Fees**

Scale of Fees and Disbursements for Parish Council Elections and Polls with effect from 1 April 2009. Fees for Parish Elections are paid by Parish Councils.

**PART A – RETURNING OFFICER’S FEES**

|    |   | £      |
|----|---|--------|
| 1. | <b><u>Uncontested Parish Elections</u></b><br><br>(i) For each parish or where the parish is divided into wards, for each ward  | 50.00  |
| 2. | <b><u>Contested Parish Elections</u></b><br><br>(i) For each parish or where the parish is divided into wards, for each ward  | 100.00 |
| 3. | <b><u>Polls Consequent on a Parish Meeting</u></b><br><br>(i) Where official notice of a poll has been received but no poll is taken in consequence of the withdrawal of a candidate or otherwise | 23.00  |

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|  | <p><b>(ii)</b> For every poll taken for the election of the chairman of a parish meeting or for an appointment to any other office</p> <p><b>(iii)</b> For every poll taken consequent on a parish meeting on any question other than as mentioned in paragraph 3(ii)</p> <p><b>(iv)</b> In the case of a poll to which either paragraph 3(ii) or (iii) applies, for each additional polling station after the first</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If a poll is taken on the same date in any parish on more than one question then only one fee shall be charged under paragraph 3(iii)</li> <li>2. If polls are taken on the same day in any parish for the election or appointment of persons to more than one office, then separate fees shall be payable under paragraph 3(ii) for each poll</li> <li>3. Where polls are taken in any parish on the same day for the election or appointment of persons to any office <u>and</u> on any other questions consequent on a parish meeting, separate fees shall be payable under paragraphs 3(ii) and (iii) but only one fee shall be payable under paragraph 3(iv) in respect of each additional polling station</li> </ol> | <p>54.00</p> <p>54.00</p> <p>11.00</p> |
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**Mileage Rates**

Essential Car Users

Lump Sum payment per annum:

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 451-999cc                      | £846   |
| 1000-1199cc                    | £963   |
| 1200+ (Wrekin conditions only) | £1,239 |

Mileage rates (regardless of engine size): 36.9p per mile

Casual Car Users

All mileage will be reimbursed at HMRC rates as follows:

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| First 10,000 miles: | 45p per mile |
| Above 10,000 miles: | 25p per mile |