

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
Job Evaluation Scheme
School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (Wales) 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 2025/26 annual Pay and Reward Policy for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. 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 finance home page can be found [here](#).

The Council's senior posts are defined as:

Chief Executive

Strategic Director – Social Services

Strategic Director – Environment and Sustainability

Strategic Director – Transformation and Corporate Services

Head of Education (Chief Education Officer)

Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Head of Law and Standards (Monitoring Officer)

Head of People, Policy and Transformation

Head of Children's Services

Head of Adult's Services

Head of Prevention and Inclusion

Head of Regeneration and Economic Development

Head of Infrastructure Services

Head of Environment and Public Protection

Head of Housing and Communities

POLICY**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 Human 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
Remuneration 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, Policy and Transformation (Human Resources)
Performance related pay increases for the Strategic Directors	Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive in consultation with the Head of People, Policy and Transformation (Human Resources)
Pay progression through Head of Service grade	Strategic Directors in consultation with the Head of People, Policy and Transformation (Human Resources)
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 to draft robust business case in consultation with Human Resources. Executive Board for approval.
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 Finance and Head of People, Policy & Transformation. Any dispute will be determined by a Strategic Director.

The Head of People, Policy & Transformation 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 (Wales) 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 1st 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 – Social Services
- Strategic Director – Environment and Sustainability
- Strategic Director – Transformation and Corporate Services
- Head of Education (Chief Education Officer)
- Head of Children's Services
- Head of Adult's Services
- Head of Prevention and Inclusion
- Head of Law and Standards
- Head of Finance
- Head of People, Transformation and Policy
- Head of Regeneration and Economic Development
- Head of Infrastructure Services
- Head of Environment and Public Protection
- Head of Housing and Communities

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 organisations financial information and accounts are available on the Councils website, the Council delivers 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. 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 remuneration 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 remuneration, 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 remuneration

Where the Council proposes to change the Chief Executive's remuneration 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 under the transparency section [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 currently £12.26 per hour (at the time of writing this policy). At any point if the lowest spinal column point within the NJC pay spine falls below the foundation living wage rate, a pay supplement will be applied to 'make up' to the foundation rate. The £12.26 rate is currently predicted to be below the foundation living wage rate from the 1st April 2025 and so, currently a supplement will be applied from April. This supplement will be applied until the NJC pay award for 2025/26 is agreed. When the pay award for 2025/26 is agreed, if the rate of pay of the NJC bottom pay spine continues to be below the foundation living wage the supplement will be adjusted and paid. If the bottom NJC rate is above the foundation living wage the supplement will be removed.

The Council employs Apprentices (and other trainees) and pays these apprentices at the same level as the Foundation Living Wage rate.

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 £160,141.

As part of its commitment to pay transparency the Council will publish information on pay relativities on an annual basis. The information for 2024/25 is as follows:

Multiple of Salary	Ratio (A)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the multiple between the annual salary of the lowest paid Council employee and the Chief Executive (full-time equivalent basis) as a ratio 	1:6.9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the multiple between the annual salary of the lowest paid Council employee and the average Chief Officer (full-time equivalent basis) as a ratio 	1:4.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the multiple between median earning of Council employees and the Chief Executive (full-time equivalent basis) as a ratio 	1:5.2

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the multiple between median earning of Council employees and the average Chief Officer (full-time equivalent basis) as a ratio 	1:3.3
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Note:

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

Gender Pay

In relation to the gender pay gap, the Council's Gender Pay Gap 2024 report outlines the gender pay gap between men and women in the Council. As at April 2024 the Council had a mean gender pay gap of 1.00% and a median gender pay gap of -0.16%. There is no bonus paid to any employee, therefore no bonus gender pay gap exists, information on our pay gap reporting and quartiles can be found [here](#)

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

9.0 Annual Pay Progression arrangements

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

- Appendix A: NCC NJC Salary Structure with Effect from 1 April 2024 (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) 2024; 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) 2024.

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 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) 2024, 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 with the exception of one designated Environmental Health post in order to retain NCC's accreditation status as a training centre with the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health.

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) 2024

The STPCD (Wales) 2024 makes provision for the following additional allowances/payments for teachers, subject to the necessary criteria being met:

- Teaching and Learning Responsibility Allowances
- Additional Learning Needs Allowances
- Payments for participation in continuing professional development undertaken outside the school day; activities relating to the provision of initial Teacher training as part of the ordinary conduct of the School; participation in out-of-school hours learning activity agreed between the Teacher and the Headteacher and additional responsibilities and activities due to, or in respect of, the provisions of services by the Teacher relating to the raising of educational standards to one or more additional schools.
- Recruitment or Retention Incentive Benefits

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) 2024.

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
- 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
- cycle-to-work scheme
- car lease scheme *teachers are not eligible for this
- technology purchase scheme
- discounted gym and leisure membership
- use of the discount cards to provide retail discounts
- access to financial support and advice
- pay advance facility
- advance loans for sustainable rail and bus travel
- access to shared cost additional voluntary contributions schemes.

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) 2024.

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 Human 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, Policy and Transformation and the Head of Law and Standards 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 redundancy or 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, Transformation and Policy 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 Social Partnership Annual Reporting Arrangements

The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 ("SPPP Act") fulfils a programme for government commitment placing social partnership on a statutory footing in Wales. On 1 April 2024 the new Social Partnership Duty ("the Duty") on public bodies came into force in Wales. The SPPP Act requires the Council to annually report on how it complies with this duty.

In carrying out sustainable development, public bodies listed under section 6(1) of the WFG Act, are required, in so far as is reasonable, to seek consensus or compromise with their recognised trade unions, or, where there is no recognised trade union, other worker representatives, when setting their well-being objectives and making decisions of a strategic nature about the reasonable steps they intend to take to deliver those objectives set under section 3(2) of the WFG Act.

The Council values its long established Trade Union consultative mechanisms and believes that there is joint participation, trust, respect and cooperation in its Social Partnership arrangements. 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 its partners on workforce related matters. The Council approaches all consultative processes with a view to gaining consensus in as far as reasonably possible.

In the last year the Council has consulted, as is normal practice, on policy additions and amendments, change and restructuring processes and individual and further reaching workforce matters. Strategically, the Trade Unions and Council have established joint consultative arrangements in place, with these groups meeting across the year, or at pertinent points in matters. The Councils agreed overarching mechanism for Social Partnership is its Employee

Partnership Forum, which meets quarterly with Council Officers, Trade Unions and Cabinet Members. Strategic collective bargaining processes will be followed as appropriate for any proposed changes to terms and conditions, pay and/or allowances through EPF, or jointly agreed delegated forums on specific matters as and when they arise.

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 2025.

22.0 Additional hours/Overtime – Holiday Pay

All employees are entitled to at least 5.6 weeks paid holiday each year.

This includes:

- agency workers
- workers with 'irregular hours' (where the number of hours they work in a pay period often or always changes)
- 'part-year' workers (where there are periods of at least a week in a leave year where they do not need to work and are not paid)

The Council goes beyond the statutory minimum requirement in calculating and paying holiday pay. The statutory minimum is 12.07% which is based on 5.6 weeks. This is arrived at by dividing the 5.6 weeks by the number of weeks remaining from 52 weeks, which is 46.4 weeks. Therefore $5.6/46.4$ equals 12.07%.

The Council takes your reckonable service date into consideration when calculating the % of holiday pay due to relief / term time and employees working additional hours outside of their contract:

Less than 5 years' service:

Leave entitlement = 26 days plus 1.6 weeks for bank holidays = 6.8 weeks ($52 - 6.8 = 45.2$) $6.8/45.2 = 15.04\%$

More than 5 years but less than 10 years:

Leave entitlement = 30 days plus 1.6 weeks for bank holidays = 7.6 weeks (52-7.6 = 44.4) $7.6/44.4 = 17.12\%$

More than 10 years:

Leave entitlement = 33 days plus 1.6 weeks for bank holidays = 8.2 weeks (52-8.2 = 43.8) $8.2/43.8 = 18.72\%$

PAYMENT TABLE VALUES	
1	15.04%
2	17.12%
3	18.72%

Payment of additional Holiday Pay is paid in the same month that the basic/additional/overtime hours are paid and is shown as a separate element on your payslip.

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Appendix A:

NJC FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS SALARY RATES
1 APRIL 2024

Spinal Column Point	Annual Salary £	Monthly Salary £	Weekly Salary £	Hourly Rate (37) £		
1	0	0	0	0		
2	23,656	1,971.33	453.68	12.2615	(210-253)	
3	24,027	2,002.25	460.79	12.4538		Grade 2
4	24,404	2,033.67	468.02	12.6492		(254-297)
5	24,790	2,065.83	475.42	12.8493	Grade 3	
6	25,183	2,098.58	482.96	13.0530	(298-341)	
7	25,584	2,132.00	490.65	13.2608		
8	25,992	2,166.00	498.48	13.4723		Grade 4
9	26,409	2,200.75	506.47	13.6884		(342-397)
10	26,835	2,236.25	514.64	13.9093		
11	27,269	2,272.42	522.97	14.1342		
12	27,711	2,309.25	531.44	14.3633		
13	28,163	2,346.92	540.11	14.5976		
14	28,624	2,385.33	548.95	14.8365	Grade 5	
15	29,093	2,424.42	557.95	15.0796	(398-453)	
16	29,572	2,464.33	567.13	15.3279		
17	30,060	2,505.00	576.49	15.5809		
18	30,559	2,546.58	586.06	15.8395		
19	31,067	2,588.92	595.80	16.1028		
20	31,586	2,632.17	605.76	16.3718		Grade 6
21	32,115	2,676.25	615.90	16.6460		(454-509)
22	32,654	2,721.17	626.24	16.9254		
23	33,366	2,780.50	639.89	17.2944		
24	34,314	2,859.50	658.07	17.7858	Grade 7	
25	35,235	2,936.25	675.74	18.2632	(510-565)	
26	36,124	3,010.33	692.79	18.7240		
27	37,035	3,086.25	710.26	19.1962		
28	37,938	3,161.50	727.58	19.6642		Grade 8
29	38,626	3,218.83	740.77	20.0208		(566-621)
30	39,513	3,292.75	757.78	20.4806		
31	40,476	3,373.00	776.25	20.9797		
32	41,511	3,459.25	796.10	21.5162	Grade 9	
33	42,708	3,559.00	819.06	22.1366	(622-677)	
34	43,693	3,641.08	837.95	22.6472		
35	44,711	3,725.92	857.47	23.1748		
36	45,718	3,809.83	876.78	23.6968		Grade 10
37	46,731	3,894.25	896.21	24.2219		(678-743)
38	47,754	3,979.50	915.83	24.7521		
39	48,710	4,059.17	934.16	25.2476	Grade 11	

40	49,764	4,147.00	954.38	25.7939	(744-809)	
41	50,788	4,232.33	974.01	26.3247		
42	51,802	4,316.83	993.46	26.8503		Grade 12
43	52,805	4,400.42	1,012.70	27.3702		(810-875)
44	54,069	4,505.75	1,036.94	28.0253		
45	55,376	4,614.67	1,062.00	28.7028	Grade 13	
46	56,712	4,726.00	1,087.62	29.3953	(876-941)	
47	58,072	4,839.33	1,113.71	30.1002		
48	59,473	4,956.08	1,140.57	30.8264		Grade 14
49	60,904	5,075.33	1,168.02	31.5681		(942-1007)
50	62,380	5,198.33	1,196.33	32.3331		
51	63,890	5,324.17	1,225.28	33.1158	Grade 15	
52	65,433	5,452.75	1,254.88	33.9156	(1008+)	
53	67,013	5,584.42	1,285.18	34.7345		

Appendix B: CHIEF OFFICER SALARY RATES – 1 APRIL 2024

JOB TITLE	GRADE	SCALE	ANNUAL SALARY £
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	MD01	001	139,238
		002	146,204
		003	153,172
		004	160,141
STRATEGIC DIRECTORS	CD01	001	117,251
		002	121,517
		003	123,361
		004	127,540
HEADS OF SERVICE	HDS01	001	87,042
		002	89,169
		003	91,343
		004	93,571

Appendix C: SOULBURY SALARY RATES – 1 SEPTEMBER 2024
i) EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROFESSIONALS (EIPs)

SPINE POINT	SALARY FROM	SPINE POINT	SALARY FROM
1	41554	26	73173
2	42968	27	74403
3	44305	28	75650

4	44545	29	76899
5	45857	30	78146
6	47170	31	79382
7	48550	32	80637
8	49878	33	81894
9	51425	34	83180
10	52805	35	84465
11	54166	36	85784
12	55484	37	87083
13	56976	38	88396
14	58308	39	89691
15	59777	40	90985
16	61106	41	92285
17	62440	42	93585
18	63748	43	94883
19	65097	44	96189
20	65794	45	97490
21	67133	46	98794
22	68301	47	100102
23	69586	48	101399
24	70739	49	102700
25	71971	50	104004

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	
SPINE POINT	SALARY FROM
1	42422
2	44474
3	46525
4	48575
5	50627

6	52678
7	54609
8	56540
9	58348
10	60160
11	61848

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			
SPINE POINT	SALARY FROM	SPINE POINT	SALARY FROM
1	52678	10	66425
2	54609	11	67706
3	56540	12	69010
4	58348	13	70337
5	60160	14	71621
6	61848	15	72966
7	62540	16	74297
8	63836	17	75637
9	65120	18	76976

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 2024**i) TEACHER PAY RANGES**

QUALIFIED TEACHERS –	WALES		
MAIN RANGE	£ p.a.	UPPER PAY RANGE	£ p.a.
M1		UPS1	46,446
M2(min)	32,433	UPS2	48,168
M3	35,039	UPS3	49,944

M4	37,739
M5	40,710
M6 (max)	44,802

UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS –	WALES
1	21,812
2	24,348
3	26,884
4	29,419
5	31,959
6	34,495

ii) ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES / PAYMENTS

TEACHING AND LEARNING RESPONSIBILITY (TLR) PAYMENTS	ANNUAL ALLOWANCE £		ANNUAL ALLOWANCE £	
TLR 3 BAND (fixed-term award only)	Minimum	686	Maximum	3,403
TLR 2 BAND	Minimum	3,451	Maximum	8,426
TLR 1 BAND	Minimum	9,955	Maximum	16,844
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) ALLOWANCES	ANNUAL ALLOWANCE £			
SEN RANGE	Minimum	2,728	Maximum	5,379

iii) PAY SPINE FOR THE LEADERSHIP GROUP

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

LEADERSHIP PAY			
	WALES		
MAIN RANGE	£ p.a.		
1	50653	24*	88303
2	51920	24	89186
3	53216	25	91401
4	54541	26	93663
5	55900	27*	95034
6	57304	27	95984
7	58844	28	98364
8	60203	29	100800
9	61705	30	103309

10	63290	31*	104812
11	64933	31	105862
12	66430	32	108492
13	68090	33	111187
14	69787	34	113936
15	71523	35*	115613
16	73426	35	116769
17	75111	36	119659
18*	76238	37	122634
18	77000	38	125669
19	78910	39*	127456
20	80865	39	128732
21*	82047	40	131943
21	82868	41	135240
22	84925	42	138627
23	87027	43	140685

*These points and point 43 are the maximum salaries for the eight headteacher group ranges