

Doncaster Council

Pay Policy Statement

1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Introduction

Sections 38 – 43 of the Localism Act 2011 require that authorities produce a policy statement that covers a number of matters concerning the pay of the authority's staff, principally Chief Officers. This policy statement meets the requirements of the Localism Act in this regard and also meets the requirements of guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to which the authority is required to have regard under Section 40 of the Act. This policy was considered and approved by Full Council at the Council meeting which took place on 24th January 2019.

This policy also has some connection with the data on pay and rewards for staff which the authority publishes under the Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency and the data which is published under The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations (2011).

It should be noted that the requirements to publish data under the Secretary of State guidance, the Code of Practice and the Regulations do differ. The data requirements of the Code of Practice and the Accounts and Audit Regulations are summarised at Annex A to this policy statement. This policy statement does not cover or include school staff and is not required to do so.

Definition of officers covered by the Pay Policy Statement

This policy statement covers the following posts:

1. Head of the Paid Service, which in this authority is the post of:
 - Chief Executive
2. Statutory Chief Officers, which in this authority are the posts of:
 - Director of Learning and Opportunities: Children and Young People
 - Director of Adults Health and Wellbeing
 - Chief Financial Officer & Assistant Director of Finance
 - Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services
 - Director of Public Health
3. Non-statutory Chief Officers (those who report directly to the Head of the Paid Service) which in this authority are the posts of:
 - Director of Regeneration and Environment
 - Director of Corporate Resources

- Assistant Director HR, Communications and Executive Office (also reports to Director of Corporate Resources)
 - Assistant Director Strategy and Performance (also reports to Director of Corporate Resources)
4. Deputy Chief Officers, (those who report directly to a non-statutory or statutory Chief Officer) which in this authority are the posts of:
- Assistant Director Customers, Digital and ICT
 - Assistant Director Partnerships and Operational Delivery
 - Assistant Director Commissioning and Business Development
 - Assistant Director Adults Social Care and Safeguarding
 - Assistant Director Communities
 - Assistant Director Trading and Property Services
 - Assistant Director Development
 - Assistant Director Environment
 - Strategic Lead Transformation (Adults, Health and Wellbeing)*
 - Strategic Lead Commissioning and Contracts (Adults, Health and Wellbeing)*
 - Head of Litigation and Regulatory Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer (Legal)*
 - Head of Financial Management and Deputy Financial Officer*
 - Public Health Consultant*

* These posts are included in this list for transparency as they report to a statutory chief officer, but are not chief officers.

Policy on remunerating Chief Officers

The authority's policy on remunerating Chief Officers is set out on the schedule that is attached to this policy statement at Annex B. It is the policy of this authority to establish a remuneration package for each Chief Officer post that is sufficient to attract and retain staff of the appropriate skills, knowledge, experience, abilities and qualities that is consistent with the authority's requirements of the post in question at the relevant time.

Policy on publishing salaries

The authority is required to publish Chief Officer salaries on an annual basis as part of the Statement of Accounts which are available on the Council's website (www.doncaster.gov.uk).

The authority is also required to disclose details of salaries over £50,000 (Annex A).

Policy on remunerating the lowest paid in the workforce

The authority applies terms and conditions of employment that have been negotiated and agreed through appropriate collective bargaining mechanisms (national or local) or as a consequence of authority decisions. These are then incorporated into contracts of employment. The lowest pay point in this authority is a spot point annual salary of £17,364 (from 1st April 2019 including 2% minimum national annual pay award) and can be expressed as an hourly rate of pay of £9.00. This is in line with the implementation of the nationally agreed pay award.

This pay point and salary was originally determined by the authority as part of a pay scale for employees employed on Local Government Services Terms and Conditions on 1 April 2009 and had been applied since that date. The pay rate was increased in accordance with any pay settlements which were reached through the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. With effect from 1 April 2016, this pay point was re-determined by the authority as a spot salary pay point. This pay rate will now be increased in accordance with the Living Wage.

Policy on the relationship between Chief Officer remuneration and that of other staff

The highest paid employee salary in this authority is £164,238 which is paid to the Chief Executive.

The ratio between the highest and lowest salaries is 9.46:1.

The average mean salary in this authority (not including schools) is £26,069.

The median salary in this authority (not including schools) is £19,937.

The mean pay multiple is 6.30:1.

The median pay multiple is 8.24:1.

The Hutton Review considered that the pay multiples should be no greater than 20:1 and the Council falls well below this threshold.

This authority has a clear commitment to maintain or improve pay multiples as it is conscious of the need to ensure that the salary of the highest paid employee is not excessive and is consistent with the needs of the authority as expressed in this policy statement. The authority's approach to the payment of other staff is to pay that which the authority needs to pay to recruit and retain staff with the skills, knowledge, experience, abilities and qualities needed for the post in question at the relevant time, and to ensure that the authority meets any contractual requirements for staff including the application of any local or national collective agreements, or authority decisions regarding pay. The authority continues to take local positive action to address low pay.

Policy on other aspects of Chief Officer remuneration

Other aspects of Chief Officer remuneration are appropriate to be covered by this policy statement. These other aspects are defined as recruitment, pay increases, additions to pay, performance related pay, earn back, bonuses, termination payments, transparency, re-employment when in receipt of an LGPS pension or a redundancy/severance payment and pension legislation. These matters are addressed in the schedule attached to this policy statement at Annex C.

Annex C also outlines conditions for re-employment of staff (not just Chief Officers).

Approval of Salary Packages in excess of £100k

The salary structure for Chief Officers from 1st April 2019 is as follows:

Grade and Posts	Spinal Column Point	Salary 2019/20
CO3 Assistant Directors	2	£92,884
CO1 Directors	5	£123,682
CE1 Chief Executive	8	£164,238

New Chief Officers will be appointed onto the grade and spot spinal column point that is appropriate to the post. Any new Chief Officer posts that are intended to be graded outside the range of this grading structure will be presented to Full Council for approval.

Flexibility to address recruitment issues for vacant posts

In the vast majority of circumstances the provisions of this policy will enable the authority to ensure that it can recruit effectively to any vacant post. There may be exceptional circumstances when there are recruitment difficulties for a particular post and where there is evidence that an element or elements of the remuneration package are not sufficient to secure an effective appointment. This policy statement recognises that this situation may arise in exceptional circumstances and therefore a departure from this policy can be implemented without having to seek full Council approval for a change of the policy statement. Such a departure from this policy will be expressly justified in each case and will be approved through an appropriate authority decision making route.

Amendments to the policy

It is anticipated that this policy will not need to be amended during the period it covers (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020). However if circumstances dictate that a significant change of policy is considered to be appropriate during the year then any amendments will be included in the following year's statement presented to Full Council.

Policy for future years

This policy statement will be reviewed each year and will be presented to Full Council each year for consideration in order to ensure that a policy is in place for the authority prior to the start of each financial year.

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