

Annex C – Other aspects of Chief Officer Remuneration

Aspect of Chief Officer Remuneration	Authority Policy
Recruitment	The post will be advertised and appointed to a salary within the range of the salaries approved for the post in question unless there is good evidence that a successful appointment of a person with the required skills, knowledge, experience, abilities and qualities cannot be made without varying the remuneration package. In such circumstances a variation to the remuneration package is appropriate under the authority's policy and any variation will be approved through the appropriate authority decision making process.
Pay Increases	The authority will apply any pay increases that are agreed by relevant national negotiating bodies and/or any pay increases that are agreed through local negotiations. The authority will also apply any pay increases that are as a result of authority decisions to significantly increase the duties and responsibilities of the post in question beyond the normal flexing of duties and responsibilities that are expected in senior posts.
Additions To Pay	The authority would not make additional payments beyond those specified in the contract of employment.
Performance Related Pay	The authority does not operate a performance related pay system as it believes that it has sufficiently strong performance management arrangements in place to ensure high performance from its senior officers. Any areas of under-performance are addressed rigorously.
Earn-Back (Withholding an element of base pay related to performance)	The authority does not operate an earn-back pay system as it believes that it has sufficiently strong performance management arrangements in place to ensure high performance from its senior officers. Any areas of under-performance are addressed rigorously.
Bonuses	The authority does not pay any bonus payments.
Termination Payments	The authority applies its normal redundancy payments arrangements to senior officers and does not have separate provisions for senior officers. The authority

Annex C – Other aspects of Chief Officer Remuneration

	<p>also applies the appropriate Pensions regulations when they apply. The authority has agreed policies in place on how it will apply any discretionary powers it has under Pensions regulations. Any costs that are incurred by the authority regarding senior officers are published in the authority accounts as required under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.</p>
<p>Transparency</p>	<p>The authority meets its requirements under the Localism Act, the Code of Practice on Data Transparency and the Accounts and Audit Regulations in order to ensure that it is open and transparent regarding senior officer remuneration.</p>
<p>Re-employment of staff in receipt of an LGPS Pension or a redundancy/severance payment</p>	<p>The authority is under a statutory duty to appoint on merit and has to ensure that it complies with all appropriate employment and equalities legislation. The authority will always seek to appoint the best available candidate to a post who has the skills, knowledge, experience, abilities and qualities needed for the post. However, where any employee (applies to all employees not just Chief Officers) is granted voluntary early retirement (VER) and is therefore in receipt of their pension benefits he/she will not be re-engaged at any time in any paid form of employment with the authority. Where any employee (applies to all employees not just Chief Officers) is granted voluntary redundancy (VR) he/she will not be re-engaged with the authority for a period of 12 months from the date of termination. For the avoidance of doubt this includes any work for the local authority where a payment is received. These criteria do not apply where any employee is made compulsory redundant. The provisions of the Redundancy Payments Modification Order regarding the recovery of redundancy payments will be applied in circumstances where it is relevant. Pension Regulations contain provisions to reduce pension payments in certain circumstances to those who return to work within the local government service.</p>
<p>Public Sector Exit Payment and Recovery Regulations 2016</p>	<p>These Regulations covering redundancy and pension exit payments were due to come into force in 2016 but Government Implementation Guidance has been delayed. There will be a need to report back to Full Council on how these regulations will be managed in future once legislation has been approved and implemented.</p>