

Pay Policy Statement - Cotswold District Council 2019/2020

1.0 Background

1.1 This statement is intended to meet the requirements of:

- s 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 which requires the Council to approve a Pay Policy Statement annually prior to the commencement of the financial year;
- the Council's obligations under the associated statutory guidance set out in the Openness and Accountability in Local Pay: Guidance under section 40 of the Localism Act (February 2012) together with the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.

2.0 Scope of this Policy Statement

2.1 To avoid confusion and provide transparency this statement will only apply to all officers that are employees of Cotswold District Council although a number of officers hold dual employment contracts with Publica (a Council owned service company).

2.2 Details of senior staff pay at Publica can be found within their statement of accounts.

2.2 The current statement sets out the following elements:

- pay for each of the in scope officers;
- remuneration of lowest paid officer;
- the pay relationship between the highest paid Officers and other officers;
- performance related pay and bonuses, termination payments, transparency;
- other aspects of remuneration.

3.0 Officers covered by the Policy Statement

3.1 Below is a list of those Officers covered by the Policy Statement:

- Group Manager Land, Legal and Property (Monitoring Officer)
- Group Manager GO Shared Services (s 151 officer)
- Head of Democratic Services (Head of Paid Service)
- Officers within retained services (Legal & Counter Fraud)

3.2 Officers not covered by this statement include officers who are wholly or primarily employed by Publica and who retain dual employment contracts to deliver statutory elements of their roles such as Parking Appeal decisions or delegated planning decisions which require an employment relationship with the Council.

4.0 General Statements

4.1 The Council has a range of Human Resources Policies that apply equally to all officers across the Council from the highest paid to the lowest paid. These policies cover a wide range of Human Resources issues including annual leave arrangements and sickness arrangements.

4.2 As part of the formation of Publica the Council has determined that directly employed staff should in future adopt similar policies as the Publica employees in the interests of fairness and equity.

5.0 Policy on Remuneration of Senior Officers

5.1 The policy for the year 2019/20 is to maintain the level of pay in the same bands as the current year subject to any cost of living award that may be agreed nationally.

Heads of Service - Four grades - SM6 to SM9 - individual posts graded via Job Evaluation – as at 01/04/2018 (subject to pay award):

SM6 £50,416 - £53,895 pay band made up of 4 pay points
SM7 £55,055 – £58,535 pay band made up of 4 pay points
SM8 £59,705 - £63,359 pay band made up of 4 pay points
SM9 £64,627 - £68,581 pay band made up of 4 pay points

Group Managers – Fixed point salary - £77,265 (inclusive of all local supplements) (subject to pay award)

5.2 Other factors relating to pay:

- Officers are generally placed upon the bottom pay point on appointment, but this can be varied by the approval of the appropriate appointments panel.
- A joint working supplement may be payable unless it has been incorporated into the job evaluation assessment.
- Incremental increases within the pay band are made annually and can be accelerated or withheld based upon outstanding or poor performance respectively.
- Once top of the band is reached no further Increases are available.
- No performance related pay exists for any Senior Officer.
- No bonuses are available for any Senior Officer.
- Termination benefits payable will be in line with that available to all other officers as set out in the Redundancy and Retirement Policies in line with Employment Rights Act tables.
- Full Council will retain the decision to make any new appointment of an officer where the pay (incorporating all payments and benefits in kind) exceeds £100,000.
- Full Council will retain the decision to approve any severance payments where the compensation payments exceed £100,000.

5.3 The details of the payments in respect of all these officers are set out in the Transparency page of the Councils website at:

www.cotswold.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=13134&tt=cotswold

5.4 None of the Senior Officers are entitled to receive overtime payments for time worked beyond the contracted hours and out of ordinary working hours.

5.5 The Returning Officer for election purposes also receives a payment for the statutory duties undertaken by virtue of the specific, additional appointment to that role in addition to other responsibilities. For national elections and referenda the amount is set and is payable by the government. For District and Town/Parish Council elections, the fees are payable by the District Council in accordance with an approved scale.

6.0 Tax Avoidance

6.1 The Council does not and will not employ senior managers in permanent positions via service companies that could be construed as avoiding tax and national insurance contributions. From time to time the Council may employ individuals via service companies to cover interim or short term project roles. However, the Council will comply with its responsibilities regarding the application of HMRC regulations on payments made to personal service companies (known as IR35) by applying income tax and national insurance deductions to the payment.

7.0 Relationship with Other Officers' Pay

7.1 Group Manager positions are evaluated by Hay (Public Sector market excluding London) and have a fixed point salary of £77,265 which will increase in line with the annual cost of living awards for staff covered by NJC Terms and Conditions.

7.2 Heads of Service posts are evaluated via South West Employers using the Greater London Job Evaluation Scheme. Posts below this level are evaluated on the LGMB scheme. Annual cost of living awards will be in line with those for staff covered by NJC Terms and Conditions.

7.3 A full list of grades and associated spinal column pay points is attached to this policy.

7.4 For employees on grades 1 to 6 overtime is payable at premium rates for hours worked above the basic 37 hours per week. Overtime for staff paid above these grades is only payable in exceptional circumstances and after senior management approval.

7.5 For employees that work for more than one Council (shared officers) then a shared working supplement may be payable based on Joint Working Protocols.

7.6 Where these shared posts/lead employer arrangements are agreed and set in place, the costs of any role are appropriately apportioned and recharged via the employment/secondment/management agreement. Such roles, where the Council is the employer, are evaluated according to the Council's existing job evaluation scheme.

7.7 A small number of officers also receive a leased car - this is a historical scheme that is not available to new starters and covers a range of grades. These are taxable benefits and where received by Senior Officers are included in the pay details included within the statutory accounts.

8. Market Forces Supplement

8.1 The Council is committed to the principles of single status employment and seeks to ensure employees receive equal pay for work of equal value.

8.2 In professions where there is a particular skills shortage, as a temporary arrangement, it may be necessary to consider a market supplement to attract high quality applicants. The level and duration of premium will be determined by reference to a combination of national comparators, local conditions, recruitment difficulties, inflation and whether the post has recently been advertised and the process has been unsuccessful.

9. Retention Payment Scheme

9.1 A retention payment scheme is available to all areas of the Council, and might be used in the following cases:

- Difficulty in recruiting the most suitable candidate for a post;
- Difficulty in retaining key people where their leaving would significantly affect internal and/or external service delivery.

9.2 All additional payments will be time limited and reviewed at predetermined intervals to reconsider their appropriateness against the prevailing job market.

9.3 The scheme may be applied flexibly and can mean:

- Paying someone at a higher salary level;
- Making a one off payment.

9.4 These can be used in combination with other benefits that the Council offers. A package to suit the particular circumstances should be used and no individual should receive benefits that equate to more than 15% above the maximum of their substantive grade.

10 Lowest Paid Employees

10.1 Lowest paid employees of the Council are defined as those employees (excluding Apprentices) who are in a full time or part time role, who are above the age of 21, and are paid within Grade Scale 2 of the Council's Job Evaluation scheme (the lowest band). From 1st April 2018 the Grade Scale 2 band was £16,863 to £17,391 per annum, made up of 4 incremental pay points.

10.2 For pay comparison purposes the top of pay grade will always be used.

10.3 The pay differential between the highest paid officer and the median officer is set out below:

Highest	£ 77,265
Median Employee	£33,520
Multiple	2.3

10.5 Other than incremental progression through the pay grade of a post the Council does not operate performance related pay for any staff including Chief Officers.

10.6 Details of senior management pay bands and the senior management organisation chart for the top three levels are available at:

<http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/information-data/guide-to-the-council/management-team/>

11 Pay Protection

11.1 The Council seeks to ensure that all employees receive equal pay for work of equal value. To be consistent with equal pay principles the Council's protection arrangements will not create the potential for pay inequalities (e.g. open-ended protection).

11.2 There may be times when the grade for an individual's role changes for reasons unrelated to their performance e.g. restructures. In such cases the protection arrangements outlined will apply for 3 years from the date of the change.

12 Severance Payments

12.1 The Council has a consistent method of calculating severance payments which it applies to all employees without differentiation. The payment is intended to recompense employees for the loss of their livelihood and provide financial support whilst they seek alternative employment.

12.2 In line with the statutory redundancy payment scheme, the Council calculates redundancy severance payments using the following calculation. The calculation is based on an employee's age and length of continuous local government service (please note that employees must have a minimum of 2 years' continuous service to qualify for a redundancy payment) the multiplier for the number of weeks is then applied to the employee's actual weekly earnings.

12.3 The amount of redundancy pay will be calculated as:

- 0.5 weeks pay for each full year of service where age at time of redundancy is less than 22 years of age;
- 1 weeks pay for each full year of service where age at time of redundancy is 22 years of age or above, but less than 41 years of age;
- 1.5 weeks pay for each full year of service where age at time of redundancy is 41+ years of age.

12.4 The maximum number of service years taken into account is 20. The maximum number of weeks pay is 30 for anyone aged 61 years of age or older with 20 years or more service.

13 Honorarium Payments and Merit Awards

13.1 Payment of honoraria is a method by which the Authority may reward an employee who has temporarily undertaken the duties and responsibilities of a higher graded post, or who has worked excessive hours whilst not being entitled to overtime payments.

13.2 Merit Award is a method by which the Council can say 'thank you' to employees for work that has been carried out exceedingly well, or above and beyond the cause of duty.

14 The Real Living Wage

14.1 The Council and Publica are committed to paying the Real Living Wage. The Real Living Wage rate from 1st November 2018 is:

- £9.00 per hour across UK (except London - £10.55) for workers 18 years and older.

14.2 The Real Living Wage is a voluntary and is independently-calculated based on what people need to get by. The Government encourages all employers that can afford to do so to ensure their employees earn a wage that meets the costs of living, not just the government minimum.

14.3 For Council employees whose substantive post is less than the Real Living Wage they will automatically receive the rate set out in 14.1 above.

15. Other pay and conditions in operation, are as follows:

- Stand by and call out payments;
- Long Service Award;
- Childminding allowance for pre-school age children;
- Childcare Vouchers Salary Sacrifice Scheme;

16 The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

16.1 The LGPS provides for the exercise of discretion that allow for retirement benefits to be enhanced. The Council will consider each case on its merits but has determined that it does not normally enhance pension benefits for any of its employees, nor does it operate any discretions under the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) (injury Allowances) Regulations 2011.

16.2 Further information regarding the Gloucestershire County Pension Scheme pensions administering body for the Council can be found at:

www.Gloucestershire.gov.uk/pensions

CDC Pay Scales - April 2018				
Grade		SCP	Salary	Hourly Rate
Living Wage			16882	09:00
1		6	16394	8.50
		7	16495	8.55
		8	16626	8.62
		9	16755	8.68
		10	16863	8.74
2		11	17007	8.82
		12	17173	8.90
		13	17391	9.01
3		14	17681	9.16
		15	17990	9.32
		16	18364	9.52
		17	18765	9.73
		18	19258	9.98
4		19	19984	10.36
		20	20710	10.73
		21	21465	11.13
		22	21899	11.35
5		23	22344	11.58
		24	22963	11.90
		25	23692	12.28
6		26	24460	12.68
		27	25274	13.10
		28	26095	13.53
SO1		29	27264	14.13
		30	28180	14.61
		31	29066	15.07
POA	SO2	32	30218	15.66
		33	31107	16.12
		34	31986	16.58
		35	32655	16.93
POB		36	33520	17.37
		37	34959	18.12
		38	35983	18.65
		39	37162	19.26
		40	38144	19.77
POC		41	39524	20.49
		42	40529	21.01
		43	41544	21.53
		44	42361	21.96
POD		45	42696	22.13
		46	43521	22.56
		47	44520	23.08
		48	45509	23.59

Service Managers		2018 Salary
SM6	21	51424
	22	52609
	23	53791
	24	54973
SM7	25	56156
	26	57339
	27	58521
	28	59706
SM8	29	60899
	30	62117
	31	63359
	32	64626
SM9	33	65920
	34	67237
	35	68583
	36	69953

Senior Managers		2018
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SM	1	63872.4

Group Managers		2018
(includes any benefits)		
GM	1	77265

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