

Pay Policy Statement - Cotswold District Council 2021 to 2022

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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:
- Interim Head of Legal (Monitoring Officer)
 - Deputy Chief Executive (s 151 officer)
 - Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service)
 - Other Officers of the Council.
- 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 2021/22 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.

Statutory Officers – individual post graded via benchmark exercise.

Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) - £100,000 - £105,000

Interim Head of Legal (Monitoring Officer) fixed salary point £90,000*

Deputy Chief Executive (s 151 officer) fixed salary point £85,000

*Shared post with Stroud District Council.

Heads of Service - four grades - SM6 to SM9 - individual posts graded via job evaluation:

SM6 £53,895 - £57,614 pay band made up of 4 pay points

SM7 £58,854 - £62,575 pay band made up of 4 pay points

SM8 £63,825 - £67,732 pay band made up of 4 pay points

SM9 £69,087 - £73,314 pay band made up of 4 pay points

At the time of publication of this policy statement no annual pay award has been agreed for 2021/2022.

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 ail 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.

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 Statutory Officers positions are benchmarked by Head of HR and are subject to an annual 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 2020 the Grade Scale 2 band was £18,562 to £18,993 per annum, made up of 2 incremental pay points.

At the time of publication of this policy statement no annual pay award has been agreed for 2021-2022.

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	£ 100,000
Median Employee	£35,130

Multiple 2.85

- 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.

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 week's pay for each full year of service where age at time of redundancy is less than 22 years of age;
 - 1 week's 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

- 13.1 Payment of honoraria is a method by which the Council 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.

14 The Real Living Wage

- 14.1 The Council and Publica are committed to paying the Real Living Wage (RLW). The RLW rate from November 2020 is:

- £9.50 per hour across UK (except London - £10.85) for workers 18 years and older.

- 14.2 The RLW is 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 RLW they will automatically receive the rate set out in 14.1 above.

15. Other pay and conditions in operation

- Stand by and call out payments
- Long service award
- Childminding allowance for pre-school age children.

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 is available from the Gloucestershire County Council website.

Cotswold District Council Pay Scales April 2020

Grade	NEW NJC SCP	PAYROLL SYSTEM SCP	NEW 2020 SALARY	2020 Hourly Rate
Living Wage			£18,382	£9.50
1	1	6		£0.00
		7	£18,382	£9.50
		8		£0.00
		9	£18,382	£9.50
2	2	10		£0.00
		11	£18,562	£9.62
		12		£0.00
		13	£18,933	£9.81
3	3	14		£0.00
		15	£19,312	£10.01
		16		£0.00
		17	£19,698	£10.21
4	4	18	£20,504	£10.63
		19	£21,062	£10.92
		20	£21,844	£11.32
		20/2	£22,280	£11.55
5	5	21	£22,726	£11.78
		22	£23,050	£11.95
		22/2	£23,511	£12.19
		23	£23,771	£12.32
6	6	24	£24,130	£12.51
		24/2	£24,613	£12.76
		25	£25,106	£13.01
		25/2	£25,608	£13.27
SO1	6	26	£26,115	£13.54
		27	£26,639	£13.81
		27/2	£27,172	£14.08
		28	£27,711	£14.36
POA	S O2	29	£28,574	£14.81
		30	£29,534	£15.31
		31	£30,462	£15.79
		32	£31,670	£16.42
P O B	P O B	33	£32,602	£16.90
		34	£33,523	£17.38
		35	£34,224	£17.74
		36	£35,130	£18.21
POB	P O B	37	£36,639	£18.99
		38	£37,712	£19.55
		39	£38,947	£20.19
		40	£39,977	£20.72
POB		41	£41,423	£21.47

Service Managers		NEW SALARY 2020
SM1	1	£31,670
	2	£32,603
	3	£33,523
	4	£34,224
SM2	5	£36,639
	6	£37,711
	7	£38,948
	8	£39,978
SM3	9	£41,424
	10	£42,477
	11	£43,540
	12	£44,396
SM4	13	£44,748
	14	£45,612
	15	£46,659
	16	£47,697
SM5	17	£48,936
	18	£50,176
	19	£51,416
	20	£52,656
SM6	21	£53,895
	22	£55,137
	23	£56,376
	24	£57,614
SM7	25	£58,854
	26	£60,094
	27	£61,333
	28	£62,575
SM8	29	£63,825
	30	£65,101
	31	£66,403
	32	£67,732
SM9	33	£69,087
	34	£70,468
	35	£71,878
	36	£73,314

Interim Head of Legal/ Monitoring Officer	2020
	Spot Salary £90,000

Deputy Chief Executive	2020
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POC	36	42	£42,477	£22.02
	37	43	£43,540	£22.57
	38	44	£44,396	£23.01
POD	39	45	£44,748	£23.19
	40	46	£45,612	£23.64
	41	47	£46,659	£24.18
	42	48	£47,696	£24.72

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Wage only updated for April 2021

1	£85,000

Chief Executive		<u>2020</u>
CEX	1	£100,000
CEX	2	£105,000