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Pay Policy Statement

2015/16

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1. Background

Localism Act 2011 - Openness and accountability in local pay

- 1.1. Section 38(1) of the Localism Act requires local authorities to produce an annual pay policy statement.
- 1.2. The provisions in the Act do not seek to change the right of each local authority to have autonomy on pay decisions, however it emphasises the need to deliver value for money for local taxpayers.
- 1.3. This statement has been approved by Full Council on 23/03/2015 and any changes during the year will be brought back to Full Council for adoption at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.4. This statement does not apply to Council employees based in schools.

Related Remuneration and Transparency Context

- 1.5. The Council follows the transparency requirements on remuneration as set out in the Local Government Transparency Code 2014 ("the Code"), published by the Department for Communities and Local Government on 3rd October 2014, and Local Transparency Guidance issued on 1 December 2014 by the Local Government Association.
- 1.6. Part of the Code includes publishing information relating to senior salaries within a local authority. A full list of all posts that are paid £50,000 or more per year is published on the Council's website. See www.haringey.gov.uk/senior-salaries

2. Governance arrangements for pay and conditions of service within Haringey

- 2.1. The Staffing & Remuneration Committee as referred to in the Council's constitution Part three, section B under its Terms of Reference has responsibility for the terms and conditions of service for all staff. The Staffing & Remuneration Committee is a Committee of Full Council
- 2.2. The Staffing & Remuneration Committee is accountable for the remuneration of Chief Officers (see section 4 for more details) and pay in general and will ensure that remuneration is set within the wider pay context giving due consideration to the relationship between the highest and lowest paid in the organisation (see section 7 for more information). This Committee will remit the pay policy statement for approval by Full Council.

3. Pay Strategy

- 3.1. The Council plans to review its pay and reward arrangements during the course of 2015/16. This review will be carried out in two parts covering both senior managers/chief officers and employees covered by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) collective agreement, commonly referred to as the 'Green Book'.
- 3.2. The Council's reward vision is to have a modern, sustainable, fair and transparent pay and grading structure, aligned to equalities and business goals, which rewards people fairly for their contribution to the Council.
- 3.3. Plans for changes to the pay and grading of senior managers/chief officers will be prepared with a view to implementation during the first quarter of 2015/16, although this will be subject to consultation. This pay policy statement sets out the current pay arrangements for senior managers/chief officers. Any changes as a result of the planned review of senior managers/chief officers' pay will be reflected in an updated pay policy statement, approved by Full Council as soon as reasonably practicable following the approval of any new arrangements.
- 3.4. It is unlikely that the pay and grading review for employees covered by the Green Book will be completed during the financial year 2015/16. The implementation date will be dependent on the progress of the project and will be a matter of consultation and negotiation with the recognised trade unions.

4. Remuneration arrangements of Senior Managers and Chief Officers including the Chief Executive

- 4.1. The Council defines its Senior Managers as those staff appointed on senior manager pay grades – which start at remuneration levels of approximately £51,000 per annum. Senior Managers are contracted to work as many hours as required to complete the job.
- 4.2. Chief Officers are the Head of Paid Service (the Chief Executive), the Monitoring Officer, statutory chief officers, or non statutory chief officers being officers who report to the Chief Executive including the Strategic Leadership Team. The term "Chief Officers" also includes Deputy Chief Officers being officers who report directly to a statutory or non-statutory chief officer. Chief Officers are contracted to work as many hours as are necessary to complete the job.
- 4.3. For its Senior Managers and Chief Officers the Council utilises the national (Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officers of Local Authorities -**JNC**) and regional (Greater London Provincial Council – GLPC) collective bargaining arrangements for pay and conditions of service.
- 4.4. However, it considers it important to be able to locally determine pay rates for some staff where this is necessary. This enables it to respond to regional and local labour

market conditions. The Council benchmarks its pay rates with other London Boroughs to ensure that it is able to recruit and retain qualified and competent employees.

- 4.5. The pay scales for Senior Managers and Chief Officers have been locally agreed but are increased in line with national and regional pay agreements. Changes in the pay scales for Chief Officers must be approved by the Staffing and Remuneration Committee
- 4.6. The last pay award agreement increasing the pay spine points for Senior Managers and Chief Officers (excluding the Chief Executive) was implemented with effect from 1 January 2015. Refer to Appendix A for more detail.
- 4.7. As at the date of this statement the national pay award for the Chief Executive is still subject to ongoing negotiations.
- 4.8. Where it is proposed to appoint to a Chief Officer post and the proposed salary is £100,000 per annum or more, the Staffing and Remuneration Committee must consider and approve the proposed salary. The current Chief Officer management structure including employee salaries costs, details of bonuses and benefits-in-kind, grade, department and team, whether permanent or temporary, staff contact details, salary ceiling, names, job titles, services and functions responsible for, budget held and numbers of staff is published on the Council website. Names may only be published if individual salaries are £150,000 or more. See www.haringey.gov.uk/chief-officer-structure. The table below shows the salary applicable to the Chief Officer posts listed.

| Chief Officer Post | Salary |
|---|-----------|
| Chief Executive | *£206,982 |
| Chief Operating Officer (Fixed Term Contract) | £150,000 |
| Deputy Chief Executive | £135,000 |
| Director of Regeneration, Planning & Environment | £136,538 |
| Acting Director of Children's Services | £115,000 |
| Acting Director of Adult Social Care | £120,000 |
| Monitoring Officer | £104,019 |
| Director of Public Health | £113,688 |
| Section 151 Officer (Asst Director of Finance) | £109,019 |

* The salary for the Chief Executive includes an allowance for undertaking Returning Officer duties as outlined in paragraph 10.2

- 4.9. Performance related pay is not used for Chief Officers or Senior Managers.
- 4.10. The Council may, in exceptional circumstances, engage senior managers/chief officers under contracts for services. The Council publishes in accordance with the Code details of all payments made under contracts for services in excess of £500 on the council website. See www.haringey.gov.uk/transparency.

5. Remuneration of employees who are not Senior Managers or Chief Officers

- 5.1. The pay scales for all employees are increased in line with national and regional pay agreements.
- 5.2. For a majority of its employees who are not Senior Managers and Chief Officers the Council supports the **NJC** and regional (Greater London Provincial Council – **GLPC**) collective bargaining arrangements for pay and conditions of service and utilises the **GLPC** outer London pay spine (the exceptions to this are a small number of staff who are subject to the Soulbury, Teachers and NHS terms and conditions as detailed in paragraphs 5.6 to 5.11).
- 5.3. The last pay award agreement increasing the pay for employees covered by the NJC was implemented in two parts. A non-consolidated lump sum payment was made in December 2014 and an increase in pay spine points was made with effect from 1 January 2015. Refer to Appendix A for more detail.
- 5.4. The Council considers it important to be able to locally determine pay rates for some staff where this is necessary. This enables it to respond to regional and local labour market conditions. The Council benchmarks its pay rates with other London Boroughs to ensure that it is able to recruit and retain qualified and competent employees.
- 5.5. The Council and the trade unions reached a local collective agreement in 2008 on 'single status' as part of the Equal Pay and Conditions package which covers a majority of its employees (employees subject to NJC conditions). This agreement details the working arrangements and allowances to be paid to employees such as overtime, weekend working and call out payments.
- 5.6. The Council employs a small number of employees who are Education Psychologists and Education Advisers/Inspectors and uses the national Soulbury pay scales for these employees.
- 5.7. The last pay award agreement increasing the pay spine points for employees covered by Soulbury conditions was implemented with effect from 1 April 2013. Refer to Appendix A for more detail.
- 5.8. The Council also employs a small number of centrally employed Teachers and uses the national Teachers Pay and Conditions (TPAC) pay scales for these employees.
- 5.9. The last pay award agreement increasing the pay spine points for employees covered by TPAC conditions was implemented with effect from 1 September 2014. Refer to Appendix A for more detail.

- 5.10. Public Health employees who transferred from the NHS into the Council from 1 April 2013 continue to be paid in accordance with NHS terms and conditions of employment.
- 5.11. The last pay award agreement increasing the pay spine points for employees covered by NHS conditions was implemented with effect from 1 April 2014. Refer to Appendix A for more detail.
- 5.12. All employees subject to NJC, Soulbury & NHS conditions are able to incrementally progress through the pay spine column points for their job evaluated grade. Progression will normally be one increment (pay spine column point) on the 1st of April each year until they reach the top of their grade.
- 5.13. Employees subject to TPAC conditions can incrementally progress through the pay spine column points subject to satisfactory performance normally on the 1st of September each year until they reach the top of their grade.
- 5.14. The Council approved with effect from May 2011 that in future the pay of Council employees at the lower ends of the pay spine receive a level of pay in line with the London Living Wage rate as determined from time to time by the Greater London Authority. This will be by way of an hourly pay supplement as appropriate to ensure that the London Living Wage rate is achieved. This rate was set at £9.15 per hour with effect from 3 November 2014 and is equivalent to a full time annual salary of £17,175.57 (exceptions to this are apprentices/trainees/interns).

6. Job Evaluation

- 6.1. The pay grades and therefore remuneration levels of employees (except for centrally employed Teachers who are subject to the Teachers Pay and Conditions documents) are determined by the use of a job evaluation scheme. Job Evaluation is a systematic process used to determine the relative worth of jobs within the organisation. It creates a rank order from the smallest to the largest job and ensures that consistent decisions in grades and rates of pay are made.
- 6.2. The table at Appendix A outlines the job evaluation schemes used for each group of employees.

7. Pay Multiple

- 7.1. The 'pay multiple' is the ratio between the highest paid taxable earnings and the median earnings figure of the whole of the Council's workforce. The Council's highest paid employee is the Chief Executive and the current pay multiple is shown in the table below.
- 7.2. Earnings for the purpose of calculating the 'pay multiple' are defined covering all elements of remuneration that can be valued (eg all taxable earnings for 2015-2016 including base salary, variable pay, bonuses, allowances and the cash value of any benefits in kind). The calculation of earnings excludes the cash value of pension provision.

- 7.3. The Council defines its lowest paid employees as those paid at the lowest pay scale 1A which is pay spine points 6 – 7 on the GLPC outer London pay spine. The reason for this definition is that this is the lowest pay grade in the Council in line with the job evaluation scheme and pay scales agreed with the unions. This excludes trainees, apprentices and interns. However, an hourly pay supplement is added to ensure that the London Living Wage rate is achieved as outlined in paragraph 5.14.

| Description | 2015/16 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Highest Paid | *£206,982 |
| Median | £29,904 |
| Lowest | £17,176 |
| Highest to median ratio | 1:6.9 |
| Highest to Lowest ratio | 1:12 |

*The salary for the highest paid employee (Chief Executive) includes an allowance paid for Returning Officer duties as outlined in paragraph 10.2

8. Pay on Appointment

- 8.1. All employees, including Chief Officers are normally appointed on the lower spinal points (below mid point) of the grade.
- 8.2. The Council delegates authority to Chief Officers/ Chief Executive as appropriate to appoint staff above this pay point.
- 8.3. The salary of the Chief Executive will be determined by the Staffing and Remuneration Committee.

9. Recruitment & Retention payments

- 9.1. The Council acknowledges that our employees are our best asset and that due to external factors recruitment and retention allowances will be required for some posts in order to attract and retain good employees.
- 9.2. Recruitment and retention allowances are linked to the post, not the person. They cannot be paid to someone because of their level of skill or experience.
- 9.3. A recruitment / retention allowance is deemed suitable where there is evidence of one or more of the following:
- The post has been advertised on more than one occasion and a suitable applicant could not be recruited.
 - Pay benchmarking exercises show that similar local authorities offer recruitment and retention allowances or a higher salary for the same work.

- A national /local skills shortage where the Council is competing with a number of other employers for applicants.
- The post is highly specialised with a limited number of potential applicants.

9.4. If the post does not meet the suitability criteria the payment of a recruitment and retention allowance is unjustified and may be in breach of equal pay legislation contained in the Equality Act 2010.

10. Fees for Election Duties

- 10.1. Council staff may be engaged on election duties of varying types. The fees paid to Council employees for undertaking these election duties vary according to the type of election they participate in, and the nature of the duties they undertake.
- 10.2. Returning Officer duties (and those of the Deputy Returning Officer) are contractual requirements, and fees paid to them for national elections/referendums are paid in accordance with the appropriate Statutory Fees and Charges Order and are paid by the body responsible for the conduct of the election.

11. Pension

- 11.1. There are three pension schemes covering the Council's employees.
- 11.2. A majority of its employees are entitled to join the Local Government Pension Scheme and receive benefits in accordance with the provisions of that Scheme as applied by the Council. Details of the Council's policy and decisions in respect of discretionary elements of the Scheme are published on the council's website, [see here](#).
- 11.3. Centrally employed Teachers are entitled to join the Teachers pension scheme and receive benefits in accordance with the provisions of that Scheme.
- 11.4. Public Health employees who transferred from the NHS and are members of the NHS pension scheme continue to receive benefits in accordance with the provisions of that Scheme.

12. Other Terms and Conditions of Employment

- 12.1. The Council's employment policies and procedures are reviewed on a regular basis in the light of service delivery needs and any changes in legislation etc.
- 12.2. The Council and unions agreement on 'single status' reached in 2008 as part of the collective agreement on Equal pay and conditions outlines the working arrangements and the payments to be made to a majority of employees below senior manager grades for working outside normal working hours including overtime, and call out payments.
- 12.3. Employees on senior manager or Chief Officer grades are not entitled to additional payments or allowances for travel or meals within the London region. For trips

outside of the London region reasonable travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed for staff on these grades.

13. Payments on Termination of Employment

- 13.1. In the event that the Council terminates the employment of an employee (including Senior Managers and Chief Officers) on the grounds of redundancy or efficiency of the service they will be entitled to receive compensation and benefits in accordance with the Council's Redundancy and Early Retirement schemes, which are published on the Council's website, [see here](#). Exceptions to this are employees who have TUPE transferred into the Council with different contractual entitlements.
- 13.2. Severance payments of £100,000 or more for Chief Officers must be considered and approved by the Staffing & Remuneration Committee.
- 13.3. Details of redundancy compensation payments paid to senior management are published on the Council's website, [see here](#).
- 13.4. The Council's Redundancy and Early Retirement schemes may be subject to change as part of the modernising pay review.

14. Re-employment of Employees

- 14.1. Section 7 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that every appointment to paid office or employment in a local authority shall be made on merit.
- 14.2. Should a successful candidate be in receipt of a severance payment or pension the Council will apply the provisions of the Redundancy Payments (Continuity of Employment in Local Government etc.) (Modification) Order 1999 regarding the recovery of redundancy payments. The rules of the Local Government Pension Scheme also have provisions to reduce pension payments in certain circumstances to those who return to work within local government service.

15. Further Information

- 15.1. For further information on the Council's Pay Policy please contact the Council's Reward Manager on 020 8489 3692.

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| Appendix A |
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| Employee Group | Job Evaluation Scheme used | Last Pay Award Implemented | Next Pay Award Due |
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| National Joint Council – NJC (a majority of the Council's employees) | Greater London Provincial Council (GLPC) (with local variations) | 2014 to 2016 - 2 year pay deal in 2 parts a) Lump sum non-consolidated payment for a majority of employees ranging from £100 to £325 paid in December 2014 b) Increase in pay spinal points effective from 1 January 15 by 2.2% for a majority of employees and up to 8.56% for a small number of employees at the lower ends of the pay spine | 1 April 2016 |
| Joint Negotiating Committee - JNC (Senior Managers, Chief Officers & Chief Executive) | Greater London Employers Association (GLEA). Exceptions to this are employees who commenced new contracts since January 2014. The HAY job evaluation scheme was used to grade these posts | 2014 -2016 - 2 year pay deal. Increase in pay spinal points effective from 1 January 2015 by 2% for employees with a guaranteed full time equivalent basic salary of £99,999 or less (excluding Chief Executive). The last pay deal for the Chief Executive was a 1 year pay deal effective from 1 April 2008 of an increase in pay spine points of 2.75% | 1 April 2016 (1 April 2014 agreement not yet reached) |
| Teachers Pay & Conditions - TPAC (centrally employed Teachers) | Teachers Pay and conditions documents | 1 year pay deal of an increase in pay spinal points effective from 1 September 2014 of 1% | 1 Sept 2015 |
| Soulbury (Education Psychologists & Education Advisers/Inspectors) | Soulbury | Increase in pay spinal points of 1% effective from 1 September 2013 | 1 Sept 2014 (agreement not yet reached) |
| Public Health (ex-NHS staff) | The Agenda for Change NHS Job Evaluation Scheme (GLPC or GLEA schemes for those whose roles have been reviewed since the transfer date) | 1 year pay deal of a non consolidated increase of 1% effective from 1 April 2014 which only applies to employees who would not receive a spine point increase during the year | 1 April 2015 |

