

## **RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL – STATEMENT OF PAY POLICY**

### **Introduction**

Sections 38 – 43 of the Localism Act 2011 require that the authority 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 meets the requirements of guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to which the authority is required to have regard under Section 40 of the Act. This policy was last considered and approved by the full Council at the Council meeting, which took place on 26<sup>th</sup> February 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 that 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's 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 **Appendix A** to this policy statement.

### **Definition of officers covered by the 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 Officers, which are the posts of Monitoring Officer and S151 Officer, held by the Corporate Director (Strategy and Regulatory) and the Corporate Director (Resources) respectively .
3. Non-statutory Chief Officer, (those who report directly to the Head of the Paid Service) which, in this Authority, is the Corporate Director (Operations).
4. Any Officer appointed to an Acting or Interim role in respect of the posts identified in paragraphs 1 to 3 above.

### **Policy on remunerating the Head of Paid Service and Senior Officers**

The Authority's policy on remunerating Senior Officers is set out on the schedule that is attached to this policy statement at **Appendix B**. It is the policy of this Authority to establish a remuneration package for each Senior 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 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 due to Authority decisions, these are then incorporated into contracts of employment. At January 2019, the lowest pay point in this Authority is spinal column point 6; this relates to an annual salary of £16,394 and can be expressed as an hourly rate of pay of £8.50 per hour. This pay point and salary was determined by the Authority as part of a pay scale for employees employed on Local Government Services Terms and Conditions as agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC), and has been applied since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

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

The highest paid salary in this Authority is £98,702, which is paid to the Head of Paid

Service. The median salary in this authority is £23,885. The ratio between the two salaries, the 'pay multiple' is 4.98:1. This Authority does not have a policy on maintaining or reaching a specific 'pay multiple'. Senior Officer salaries are subject to independent review and all other employees are subject to pay rates determined in accordance with National Conditions of Service and local pay determination. The Authority's approach to the payment of all staff is to pay what is required to recruit and retain staff with the skills, knowledge, experience, abilities and qualities needed for the post in question at the relevant time. In addition, all staff are paid at a rate that ensures that the Authority meets any contractual requirements for staff including the application of any local or national collective agreements, or authority decisions regarding pay.

### **Policy on other aspects of Senior Officer Remuneration**

Other aspects of Senior 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 and re-employment when in receipt of an LGPS pension or a redundancy/severance payment. These matters are addressed in the schedule that is attached to this policy statement at **Appendix C**.

### **Approval of Salary Packages in excess of £100k**

The Authority will ensure that, at the latest before an offer of appointment is made, any salary package for any post that is in excess of £100k will be considered by Full Council. The salary package will be defined as base salary, any bonuses, fees, routinely payable allowances and benefits in kind that are due under the contract.

### **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 (until the end of March 2019). However, if circumstances dictate that a change of policy is considered to be appropriate during the year then a revised draft policy will be presented to Full Council for consideration.

### **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.

## Appendix A

The Secretary of State for CLG Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency indicates that local authorities should publish the following data concerning staff:-

- Salaries, names (with an option for individuals to refuse to consent to this), job descriptions, responsibilities, budgets (including overall salary cost of staff reporting), and numbers of staff for all staff in receipt of a salary of more than £50,000. This information is available within the transparency section of the Council's website.
- An organisational chart, covering staff in the top three levels of the organisation. Information relating to the grade, job title, department salary in £5k brackets and the maximum salary for the grade must be included for each member of staff included in the chart. This information is available with the transparency section of the Council's website.
- The 'pay multiple' – the ratio between the highest paid salary and the median average salary of the whole authority workforce. This information is published as part of this report.
- Union representation; specifically the total number of union representatives, the total number of union representatives who devote at least 50 per cent of their time to union duties, the name of all trade unions represented in the local authority, and an estimate of spending on unions as a percentage of the total pay bill. This information is available with the transparency section of the Council's website.

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations (2011) require that the following data is included in the authority's accounts:-

- Numbers of employees with a salary above £50k per annum (pro-rata for part-time staff) in multiples of £5k.
- Job title, remuneration and employer pension contributions for senior officers. Senior officers are defined as Head of Paid Service, Statutory Chief Officers and Non-Statutory Chief Officers by reference to Section 2 of the 1989 Local Government & Housing Act.
- Names of employees paid over £150k per annum.

For the above remuneration is to include:-

- Salary, fees or allowances for the current and previous year.
- Bonuses paid or receivable for the current and previous year.
- Expenses paid in the previous year.
- Compensation for loss of employment paid to or receivable, or payments made in connection with loss of employment.
- Total estimated value of non-cash benefits that are emoluments of the person.

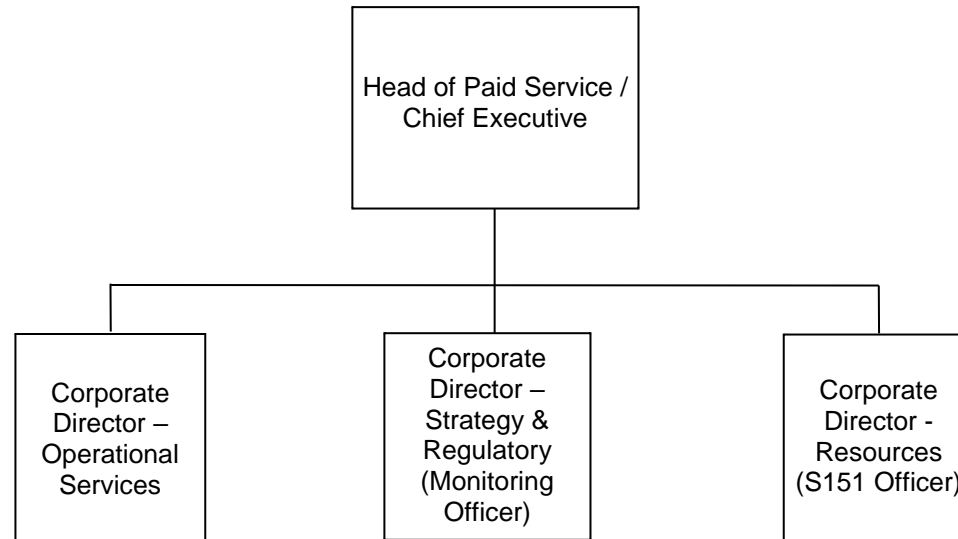
For the above pension contributions to include:-

- The amount driven by the authority's set employer contribution rate
- Employer costs incurred relating to any increased membership or award of additional pension.

## Appendix B

Post	Base Salary	Expenses	Bonuses	PRP	Earn-Back	Honoraria	Ex-Gratia Payments	Election Fees	Joint Authority Duties	Severance Arrangements
Chief Executive	£98,702	Travel and other expenses are reimbursed through normal authority	The terms of the contract of employment do not provide for the payment of bonuses	The terms of contract of employment do not provide for performance related pay	The terms of contract of employment do not provide for an element of the bases salary to be held back related to performance	Honoraria payments for any increased duties and responsibilities do not apply	There are no plans for the post holder to receive any ex-gratia payments	Election duty fees are paid when due in connection with a District Election	There are no payments related to joint authority duties	The Authority's normal policies regarding redundancy and early retirement apply to the post holder. No payments were made in the last year and none are anticipated for 2019/20.
Director (x 3) (including Monitoring Officer & S151 Officer)	£72,425	Travel and other expenses are reimbursed through normal authority	The terms of the contract of employment do not provide for the payment of bonuses	The terms of contract of employment do not provide for performance related pay	The terms of contract of employment do not provide for an element of the bases salary to be held back related to performance	Honoraria payments for any increased duties and responsibilities do not apply	There are no plans for the post holder to receive any ex-gratia payments	Election duty fees are paid when due in connection with a District Election	There are no payments related to joint authority duties	The Authority's normal policies regarding redundancy and early retirement apply to the post holder. No payments were made in the last year and none are anticipated for 2019/20.

## Senior Officer Structure



## Appendix C

Aspect of Senior Officer Remuneration	Authority Policy
Recruitment	The post will be advertised and appointed to at the appropriate salary level up to the approved level for the post in question based on skills, knowledge, experience, abilities and qualities.
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 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 bonus payments to senior officers.
Termination Payments	The authority applies its normal redundancy payments arrangements to senior officers and does not have separate provisions for senior officers. The authority 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 (England) Regulations 2011.

Transparency	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.
Re-employment of staff in receipt of an LGPS Pension or a redundancy/severance payment	<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. The authority will therefore consider all applications for candidates to try to ensure the best available candidate is appointed. If a candidate is a former employee in receipt of an LGPS pension or a redundancy payment this will not rule them out from being re-employed by the authority. Clearly where a former employee left the authority on redundancy terms then the old post has been deleted and the individual cannot return to the post as it will not exist. The authority will apply the provisions of the Redundancy Payments Modification Order regarding the recovery of redundancy payments if this is relevant. Pensions Regulations also have provisions to reduce pension payments in certain circumstances to those who return to work within the local government service.</p>