

**City of York Council –Pay Policy Statement for the period
1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.**

Introduction

Under Sections 38 – 43 of the Localism Act 2011 the council is required to produce a Policy Statement that covers a number of matters concerning the pay of the council's senior staff.

This Policy Statement meets the requirements of the Localism Act in this regard and also meets the requirements of guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government to which the council is required to have regard under Section 40 of the Act. This Policy also relates to the data on pay and rewards for staff which the council publishes under the Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency and the data which 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 guidance, the Code of Practice and the Regulations do differ and the respective requirements are summarised in Annex E to this Policy Statement. This Policy Statement does not cover or include school staff and is not required to do so.

Publication of this Policy Statement

This Policy Statement was considered and approved by full Council at its meeting on 19th March 2015. The council has taken the following action to ensure that this Policy Statement is easily accessible to the public: it is publicised on the council website in a readily accessible place - Senior Salary information, under Governance and Transparency. It can also easily be found under global web searches.

Definition of officers covered by the Policy Statement

This Policy Statement covers the following posts:

1. Head of the Paid Service, which in this council is the post of Chief Executive.
2. Monitoring Officer, which in this council is the post of Assistant Director of Governance and ICT.
3. Statutory Chief Officers, which in this council are the posts of:

Director of Children's Services, Education and Skills.
Director of Customer and Business Support Services.
Director of Public Health

4. Non-statutory Chief Officers which in this council are the posts of:

Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods
Assistant Director Housing and Community Safety
Assistant Director Communities, Culture and Public Realm
Director Adult Social Care
Assistant Director Operations
Assistant Director Commissioning
Assistant Director Education and Skills
Assistant Director of Children's Specialist Services
Assistant Director Customers & Employees
Assistant Director Legal, Civic & Democratic Services
Assistant Director of Finance, Property & Procurement
Director of City and Environmental Services
Assistant Director Development Services Planning & Regeneration
Assistant Director Transport, Highways & Waste
Assistant Director, Transformation
Public Health Consultant

Policy on remunerating Chief Officers

It is the policy of this council to establish a remuneration package for each Chief Officer post based on evaluation of the role to determine its size and consequently its position in the Chief Officer grading structure.

The salaries attached to the structure are derived from the national framework for Chief Officers.

Increases to the salary scales are based on nationally negotiated settlements by the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officers of Local Government, and progression through a salary scale is incremental and based on performance.

The remuneration of the Chief Executive is set by the council and is that which is sufficient to attract and retain staff of the appropriate skills, knowledge, experience, abilities and qualities that is consistent with the council's requirements of the post in question at the relevant time. The last market comparison of Chief Executive pay took place in 2011 and showed City of York Council to be paying around the average for Unitary Chief Executives but the regional picture showed that York was the lowest paying single tier council.

Further details on the council's Policy on remunerating Chief Officers is set out in the schedule that is attached to this policy statement at Annex B.

Policy on remunerating the lowest paid in the workforce

The council applies terms and conditions of employment that have been negotiated and agreed through appropriate collective bargaining mechanisms (national or local) or as a consequence of council decisions, these are then incorporated into contracts of employment.

The lowest pay point in this council is Grade 1. This relates to an annual salary of £13,367 and can be expressed as an hourly rate of pay of £6.93. In addition to this the council pays a Living Wage supplement and from 1st April 2015 this will increase to £7.85 per hour, bringing the lowest pay point to £15,145. The council's salary scales remain unchanged.

Increases to the council's salary scales are in accordance with national pay settlements reached through negotiation by the National Joint Councils.

Policy on the relationship between Chief Officer remuneration and

that of other staff

The highest paid base salary in this council is £139,375 which is paid to the Chief Executive. The average median salary in this council (not including schools) is £22,471. The ratio between the two salaries, the 'pay multiple' is 6.2:1.

This council does not have a policy on maintaining or reaching a specific 'pay multiple', however the council is conscious of the need to ensure that the salary of the highest paid employee is not excessive and is consistent with the needs of the council as expressed in this Policy Statement.

The council's approach to the payment of other staff is based on locally or nationally negotiated grading and salary structures. It is to pay that which the council needs to pay to recruit and retain staff with the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the post in question and to ensure that the council meets any contractual requirements for staff including the application of any local or national collective agreements, or council decisions regarding pay.

Policy on other aspects of Chief Officer remuneration

Other aspects of Chief 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 Annex C.

Market Supplement Policy

A Market Supplement Policy is in place for Chief Officers which allows where there is objective justification and evidence, a supplement to pay to reflect a market premium for a specific role.

Standby Policy

With effect from 1st June 2014 a contractual Stand By requirement was put in place for Chief Officers, together with an agreed payment for hours on standby duty.

Performance related progression

With effect from 12th May 2014 a change to incremental progression for Chief Officers and the Chief Executive was made. This removed any automatic incremental salary progression and required individuals to have achieved set targets and objectives as set out in the annual Performance and Development Review in order to qualify for incremental progression within the salary scale.

Approval of Salary Packages in excess of £100k

The council will ensure that, at the latest before an offer of appointment is made, any salary package for any post (not including schools) 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 council 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

If a change is considered to be appropriate during the year then a revised policy will be presented to full Council for consideration.

Public Health

Responsibilities for Public Health functions transferred to the council, together with staff on 1st April 2013. The staff transferred under TUPE principals, and their Terms and Conditions of Employment are set out in

the NHS Terms and Conditions – Consultants (England 2003)’.

The Public Health posts in this council are:

NHS Clinical Advisor

Details of Public Health remuneration details and policies can be found in Annex D.

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 council prior to the start of each financial year.

Annexes:

Annex B - Chief Officer Remuneration Details

Annex C - Chief Officer Remuneration Policies

Annex D – Public Health Remuneration Details and Policies

Annex E - Publication Requirements