

Kirklees Council – Pay Policy Statement

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Introduction

Sections 38 – 43 of the Localism Act 2011 requires that the authority produce a policy statement that covers 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 also 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 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 which is published under The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations (2015). This policy statement does not cover or include school staff and is not required to do so.

Definition of officers covered by the Policy Statement

This policy statement covers the following posts:

- a) Head of the Paid Service, which in this authority is the post of
 - Chief Executive.

- b) Monitoring Officer, which in this authority is the post of
 - Service Director - Governance & Commissioning

- c) Statutory Chief Officers, which in this authority are the posts of
 - Strategic Director - Children & Families
 - Strategic Director - Adults & Health
 - Strategic Director - Corporate Strategy, Commissioning & Public Health
 - Service Director – Finance (Section 151 Officer)

- d) Non-statutory Chief Officers, which in this authority is the post of
 - Strategic Director - Growth & Regeneration

- e) Deputy Chief Officers, (those who report directly to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer) which in this authority are the posts of:
 - Service Director – Child Protection & Family Support
 - Service Director – Learning & Early Support
 - Service Director – Resources, Improvement & partnerships
 - Service Director – Communities & Access Services
 - Service Director – Adults Social Care Operation
 - Service Director – Learning Disabilities & Mental Health
 - Service Director – Development
 - Service Director – Homes & Neighbourhoods
 - Service Director – Skills & Regeneration
 - Service Director – Environmental Strategy & Climate Change
 - Service Director – Culture & Visitor Economy
 - Service Director – Highways & Streetscene

- Service Director – Strategy & Innovation
- Head of People Services
- Consultant in Public Health
- Head of Health Protection
- Head of Improving Population Health
- Head of Accountancy
- Head of Commercial Services
- Head of Welfare & Exchequer Services
- Head of Finance

Policy on remunerating Chief Officers

The authority's policy on remunerating Chief Officers is set out on the schedule that is attached to this policy statement at Appendix A. It is the policy of this authority to establish a remuneration package for each Chief 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, which may include reference to appropriate benchmarks.

Following the implementation of Single status, all Chief Officers are paid in accordance with the Council's pay spine including national pay awards.

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 as a consequence of authority decisions, these are then incorporated into contracts of employment. This authority revised the pay spine with effect from 1 April 2019 to recognise the implementation of the national minimum wage. The lowest pay point in this Authority, is Grade 1, Spinal Column Point (SCP) 2; £11.59 hourly rate.

The pay rate is increased in accordance with any pay settlements which are reached through the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. (The 2023 pay spine shown at Appendix B, will be subject to the national pay award consultations, for 2024/25).

From April 2024, the government is revising the criteria for national living wage payments. Therefore, the authority has reviewed the implementation of apprenticeship rates of pay from the 1st of April 2024, the Year 1 rate will be increased in line with the percentage set by Government for the national living wage, this year the hourly rate will be £11.18 and the Year 2 onwards rate will be £11.44 per hour, in accordance with the national living wage requirements. The rates are paid to all apprentices and is not related to the age of the apprentice.

Policy on the relationship between Chief Officer Remuneration and that of other staff

The highest paid (actual) salary in this authority is £166,866 bottom of Grade 24 SCP 72, which is paid to Steve Mawson. The median (full time equivalent) salary* in this authority (not including Schools or other external organisations) is £28,770 second point of Grade 7 SCP 17.

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The median is the value falling in the middle when the data items are arranged in an array of either ascending or descending order. If there is an odd number of items, the median is the value of the middle item. If there is an even number of items, the median is obtained by taking the mid points of the two middle points (add middle points together and divide by 2).

Excluded: Kirklees active Leisure, Maintained Schools, Academies, Claiming Teachers, Temp Direct, Teachers pensions, Casual and Paymaster Only Contracts, any record where the actual salary is zero.

The ratio between the two salaries, the 'pay multiple', is 5.80:1.

This authority does not have a policy on maintaining or reaching a specific 'pay multiple', however the authority 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 authority as expressed in this policy statement and its wider pay policy and approach.

The authority's approach to the payment of other staff is to pay that which the authority needs to pay to recruit and retain staff with the skills, knowledge, experience, abilities, and qualities needed for the post in question at the relevant time, which may include reference to appropriate benchmarks, and to ensure 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 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 a Local Government Pension Scheme (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 new post that is not currently included within Appendix A (not including schools and any initial transfer to the Council under TUPE), 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 or retention 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 or retention through for example market supplements or recruitment and retention payments. 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.

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.

Remuneration of Chief Officers

Appendix A

Job Category	Employment Conditions either Chief Execs, Chief Officer, or Local Government Scheme (LGS)	Post Title	Salary Band* **	Expenses ***	Performance Related Pay (PRP) Arrangements	Earn Back Arrangements	Bonus	Non-Cash Benefits	Election Fees	Any Joint Authority Payments
A Head of Paid Service	LGS	Chief Executive	£165,000 - £195,999	***	No	No	No	No	Contract includes duties of returning officer for District, Regional, & Parliamentary elections. Election duty fees are a normal part of the salary for local elections. (NB to be reviewed) Additional payment for other national elections are paid at the nationally agreed rate depending upon the type of election.	No
B Monitoring Officer	LGS	Service Director Governance & Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
C Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director Children & Families	£130,000 - £145,999	***	No	No	No	No	Election duty fees are in accordance with normal authority procedures	No
C Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director Adults & Health	£130,000 - £145,999	***	No	No	No	No	Election duty fees are in accordance with normal authority procedures	No
C Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director - Corporate Strategy, Commissioning & Public Health	£130,000 - £145,999	***	No	No	No	No	Election duty fees are in accordance with normal authority procedures	No

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C Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Service Director - Finance (Section 151 Officer)	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
D Non -Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director Growth & Regeneration	£130,000 - £145,999	***	No	No	No	No	Election duty fees are in accordance with normal authority procedures	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Child Protection & Family Support	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Learning & Early Support	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Resources, Improvement & Partnerships	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Communities & Access Services	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Adult Social Care Operation	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No

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E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Learning Disabilities & Mental Health	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Development	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Homes & Neighbourhoods	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Skills & Regeneration	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Environmental Strategy & Climate Change	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Culture & Visitor Economy	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Highways & Streetscene	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No

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E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Strategy & Innovation	£95,000 - £111,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Head of People Service	£75,000 - £88,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Consultant in Public Health	£75,000 - £88,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Head of Health Protection	£75,000 - £88,999	NHS agenda for change has common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Head of Improving Population Health	£59,000 - £69,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Head of Accountancy	£59,000 - £69,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No

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E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Head of Commercial Services	£59,000 - £69,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Head of Welfare & Exchequer Services	£59,000 - £69,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Head of Finance	£59,000 - £69,999	***	No	No	No	No	No	No

* Salary is Full Time Equivalent - salary bands quoted reflect pay levels as of 1 April each year.

** 2024 Salaries are still to be confirmed (subject to pay award) salary band based on 2023 salaries.

*** Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.

Kirklees Council Single Status Salary Grades

Appendix B

Grade	SCP	Salary		Grade	SCP	Salary
Apprentice	Year 1	£21,569		14	40	£48,474
Apprentice	Year 2	£22,071		14	41	£49,498
1	1	£22,366		14	42	£50,512
2	2	£22,366		15	43	£51,515
3	3	£22,737		15	44	£52,437
4	4	£23,114		15	45	£53,407
4	5	£23,500		16	46	£54,317
5	5	£23,500		16	47	£55,267
5	6	£23,893		17	48	£56,199
6	7	£24,294		17	49	£57,145
6	8	£24,702		17	50	£58,094
6	9	£25,119		18	51	£59,060
6	10	£25,545	Not used	18	52	£59,840
6	11	£25,979		18	53	£61,025
Unused	12	£26,421		19	54	£62,035
Unused	13	£26,873		19	55	£63,071
7	14	£27,334		19	56	£64,489
7	15	£27,803		19	57	£69,064
7	16	£28,282	Not Used	20	58	£77,282
7	17	£28,770		20	59	£82,768
Unused	18	£29,269		20	60	£88,668
8	19	£29,777		21	61	£88,290
8	20	£30,296		21	62	£94,594
8	21	£30,825	Not Used	21	63	£101,333
8	22	£31,364		22	64	£96,948
9	23	£32,076		22	65	£104,097
9	24	£33,024		22	66	£111,242
9	25	£33,945		23	67	£132,260
9	26	£34,834		23	68	£135,424
10	27	£35,745		23	69	£138,773
10	28	£36,648		23	70	£142,029
10	29	£37,336		23	71	£145,287
10	30	£38,223		24	72	£166,866
11	31	£39,186		24	73	£172,363
11	32	£40,221		24	74	£177,856
11	33	£41,418		24	75	£183,352
12	34	£42,403		24	76	£188,848
12	35	£43,421		24	77	£194,346
12	36	£44,428				
13	37	£45,441				
13	38	£46,464				
13	39	£47,420				

*Revised Pay spine Implemented 1st April 2023

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*** Apprenticeship rates of pay are increased in accordance with the national minimum wage and national living wage requirements (rates shown are from 01.04.2024).

Range of Kirklees Policies

Appendix C

Aspect of Chief Officer Remuneration	Authority Policy
Recruitment	The post will be advertised and appointed to at the appropriate approved salary for the post in question level unless there is good evidence that a successful appointment of a person with the required skills, knowledge, experience, abilities, and qualities cannot be made without varying the remuneration package. In such circumstances a variation to the remuneration package is appropriate under the authority's policy and any variation for example in relation to payments for elections will be approved through the appropriate authority decision making process.
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. Following the implementation of Single status, all Chief officers are paid in accordance with the Council's pay spine including national pay awards. 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 flexing of duties and responsibilities that are expected in senior posts.
Additions to Pay	The authority would not make additional payments beyond those specified in the appropriate policies i.e., Market Rate Supplement, Recruitment and Retention, Acting Up or Honoraria payments.
Performance Related Pay (PRP)	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 by utilising the Performance Management system.
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.

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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 2015.
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 a Local Government Pension Scheme 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>