

# **Kirklees Council – Pay Policy Statement**

## **1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

### **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 - Environment & Climate Change
  - 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) 1; £10.50 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 2022 pay spine shown at Appendix B, will be subject to the national pay award consultations, for 2023/24).

The authority reviewed and implemented apprenticeship rates of pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2019. The rates of pay for 2023/24 are Year 1 £10.18 hourly rate and Year 2 onwards £10.42 hourly rate. The rates are paid to all apprentices and is no longer related to the age of the apprentice. The apprenticeship rates are increased in accordance with the national minimum wage and national living wage requirements.

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

The highest paid (actual) salary in this authority is £187,087 top of Grade 24 SCP 77, which is paid to Jacqui Gedman. The median (full time equivalent) salary\* in this authority (not including Schools or other external organisations) is £25,878 second point of Grade 7 SCP 15.

### **\*Median**

*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 7.23:1.

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	£160,000 - £189,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	No	No	No	No	Contract includes duties of returning officer for District, Parliamentary & European elections. The LA receives the income from National Government for the Parliamentary and European elections. For Referenda separate fees are paid to the officer.	No
B Monitoring Officer	LGS	Service Director Governance & Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	No	No	No	No	No	No
C Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director Children & Families	£125,000 - £139,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	No	No	No	No	No	No
C Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director Adults & Health	£125,000 - £139,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	No	No	No	No	No	No
C Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director - Corporate Strategy,	£125,000 - £139,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that	No	No	No	No	No	No

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		Commissioning & Public Health		applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.						
C Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Service Director - Finance (Section 151 Officer)	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	No	No	No	No	No	No
D Non -Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director Environment & Climate Change	£125,000 - £139,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	No	No	No	No	No	No
D Non -Statutory Chief Officers	LGS	Strategic Director Growth & Regeneration	£125,000 - £139,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Child Protection & Family Support	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Learning & Early Support	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	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 - Resources, Improvement & Partnerships	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Communities & Access Services	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Adult Social Care Operation	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Learning Disabilities & Mental Health	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Development	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Homes & Neighbourhoods	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that	No	No	No	No	No	No

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				applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.						
E Deputy Chief Officer (those who report to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer)	LGS	Service Director - Skills & Regeneration	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Environmental Strategy & Climate Change	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Culture & Visitor Economy	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Highways & Streetscene	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a 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	Service Director - Strategy & Innovation	£90,000 - £109,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	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 People Service	£70,000 - £89,999	Kirklees has a 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	Consultant in Public Health	£70,000 - £89,999	Kirklees has a 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 Health Protection	£70,000 - £89,999	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	£55,000 - £69,999	Kirklees has a 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 Accountancy	£55,000 - £69,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	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	£55,000 - £69,999	Kirklees has a 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 Welfare & Exchequer Services	£55,000 - £69,999	Kirklees has a 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 Finance	£55,000 - £69,999	Kirklees has a common set of Terms and Conditions that applies to all staff. Entitled to claim.	No	No	No	No	No	No

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

\*\* 2023 Salaries are still to be confirmed salary band based on 2022 salaries.

## Kirklees Council Single Status Salary Grades

## Appendix B

Grade	SCP	Salary		Grade	SCP	Salary
Apprentice	Year 1	£19,640		14	40	£46,549
Apprentice	Year 2	£20,103		14	41	£47,573
1	1	£20,258		14	42	£48,587
2	2	£20,441		15	43	£49,590
3	3	£20,812		15	44	£50,478
4	4	£21,189		15	45	£51,412
4	5	£21,575		16	46	£52,288
5	5	£21,575		16	47	£53,203
5	6	£21,968		17	48	£54,100
6	7	£22,369		17	49	£55,011
6	8	£22,777		17	50	£55,924
6	9	£23,194		18	51	£56,854
6	10	£23,620	Not used	18	52	£57,605
6	11	£24,054		18	53	£58,746
Unused	12	£24,496		19	54	£59,718
Unused	13	£24,948		19	55	£60,715
7	14	£25,409		19	56	£62,080
7	15	£25,878		19	57	£66,484
7	16	£26,357	Not Used	20	58	£74,395
7	17	£26,845		20	59	£79,677
Unused	18	£27,344		20	60	£85,356
8	19	£27,852		21	61	£84,992
8	20	£28,371		21	62	£91,061
8	21	£28,900	Not Used	21	63	£97,548
8	22	£29,439		22	64	£93,327
9	23	£30,151		22	65	£100,209
9	24	£31,099		22	66	£107,087
9	25	£32,020		23	67	£127,320
9	26	£32,909		23	68	£130,366
10	27	£33,820		23	69	£133,590
10	28	£34,723		23	70	£136,724
10	29	£35,411		23	71	£139,860
10	30	£36,298		24	72	£160,633
11	31	£37,261		24	73	£165,925
11	32	£38,296		24	74	£171,213
11	33	£39,493		24	75	£176,504
12	34	£40,478		24	76	£181,794
12	35	£41,496		24	77	£187,087
12	36	£42,503				
13	37	£43,516				
13	38	£44,539				
13	39	£45,495				

\*Revised Pay spine Implemented 1st April 2019

\*\* 2023 Salaries are still to be confirmed salary band based on 2022 salaries

\*\*\* Apprenticeship rates of pay are increased in accordance with the national minimum wage and national living wage requirements (rates shown are from 01.04.2023).

## 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 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.

<b>Aspect of Chief Officer Remuneration</b>	<b>Authority Policy</b>
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>