

People Services Policy

Version Control Sheet

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Purpose: The Localism Act (2011) requires that all local authorities publish a Pay Policy on an annual basis. The Policy should be agreed by a meeting of Council and be published on the Council's website.

The purpose of having a Pay Policy is so that the pay and related rewards structure of the Council is transparent.

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Pay Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

Local authorities must publish a pay policy statement for each financial year. This must be approved by a Council resolution before 31 March each year. The Act specifies a number of elements that must be covered by the statement including: the level and elements of remuneration for each chief officer, remuneration of chief officers on recruitment, increases and additions to remuneration for each chief officer, the use of performance-related pay for chief officers, the use of bonuses for chief officers, the approach to the payment of chief officers on their ceasing to hold office under or to be employed by the authority, and the publication of and access to information relating to remuneration of chief officers.

The specific part of the Localism Act 2011 relating to a pay policy is Section 38 (1). Pay is an emotive issue for staff, councillors and also for the public. Transparency in what and how we pay our senior staff particularly, but also all council employees is of paramount importance.

A pay policy statement will be updated and taken to Full Council each year, in this way a clear view of the salaries and benefits paid to the most senior staff at the Council can be tracked.

2. REFERENCES

Equal Pay Act 1970
Equality Act 2010
Localism Act 2011

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to:-

- Chief Executive Officer including Head of Paid Service responsibilities
- Directors (including Monitoring Officer responsibilities and Section 151 Officer responsibilities) and our Corporate Management Team.
- Employees earning over £50k per annum

4. POLICY

Clarity in the provision of pay and other benefits is essential to ensure that the Council can attract and retain high-quality employees at all levels.

In the context of managing scarce public resources, remuneration at all levels within the Council needs to be adequate to secure and retain high-quality employees dedicated to the service of the public, but at the same time needs to avoid being unnecessarily generous or otherwise excessive.

This pay policy statement applies specifically to chief officers (a term which includes both statutory and non-statutory chief officers which for the purposes of this policy are the Directors (including Monitoring Officer responsibilities and Section 151 Officer responsibilities)), the Corporate Management Team and addresses the legal requirement to set out how the policy for agreement of chief officer remuneration differs to that of other Council employees. For the purposes of this statement this includes:

- Chief Executive Officer (Head of Paid Service)
- Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151)
- Director of Legal, People and Governance (Monitoring Officer)
- Director Of Place
- Corporate Management Team
- Operational Managers & Service Leads

The definition of chief officers (as set out in section 43(2) of the Localism Act 2011) is not limited to Directors, Heads of Paid Service or statutory chief officers. It also includes those who are their direct reports (who may or might not be statutory chief officers and those who report directly to non-statutory chief officers (deputy chief officers)).

The metric used for pay dispersion is the multiple of chief executive to mean earnings. Tracking this multiple will ensure public service organisations are accountable for the relationship between the pay of their executives and the wider workforce. Through this pay policy statement Mid Devon District Council will track this multiple annually. This is shown as Officer Remuneration in the accounts and includes;

- the level and elements of remuneration for each chief officer
- the remuneration of the lowest paid employees
- the relationship between the remuneration of its chief officers and other officers
- other specific aspects of chief officer remuneration.

In respect of the Officer Remuneration Note in the accounts: It should be noted that the below information will relate to the previous year as shown in the annual accounts.

- Salary, fees and allowances
- Bonuses
- Expenses allowance
- Compensation for loss of employment
- Employers pension contribution
- Any other emoluments

Pay multiple

This is calculated by comparing all taxable earnings for the given year (including base salary, variable pay, bonuses, allowances and the cash value of benefits in kind) for the Chief Executive compared to mean earnings and the lowest paid in the Council.

Specific Policy Areas

The National Joint Negotiating Committee has previously emphasised that 'it is good governance that local authorities can demonstrate that decisions on pay and reward packages for chief executives and chief officers have been made in an open and accountable way.'

The Leader of the Council may recommend to Full Council changes to the remuneration package following an annual review. Any structural changes to the remuneration packages of the Chief Executive or Directors will be subject to Full Council approval.

Salary increases in relation to cost of living will be made in line with National Joint Council recommendations.

The use of market supplements may be applied in certain circumstances.

At present, there are no additional payments made to senior officers which specifically relate to performance such as performance bonuses; neither is there an element of pay which can be enhanced for performance. Performance issues will be dealt with through the achievement of agreed objectives, the appraisal review process and our capability policy should it be necessary.

Through this policy the pay multiple of the Chief Executive will be monitored annually. Should the multiplier between the annual salary paid to a full-time employee on the lowest spinal column point and the annual salary paid to the Chief Executive be greater than 10, this will be reported by the Leader of the Council to Full Council for consideration.

Our support for apprenticeships, which may be considered a temporary employment measure due to their fixed term contract status, will not be used to skew the pay multiple metrics and will therefore be excluded from the calculation. In order to ensure complete transparency, however, we have also included the salary of apprentices.

There are no arrangements currently in place for tax and national insurance payments for employees to be paid other than through the normal channels, i.e. through the normal PAYE route for all officers of the Council.

5. PAYMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

Additional payments are set by various election authorities and made to officers carrying out additional duties at elections. These payments will only be received when elections take place and although fixed, do vary according to the type of election for which the payment is made. These payments are not within the scope of this policy.

6. OUTCOMES

In having this policy, Mid Devon District Council will ensure that the process for setting pay at a senior level is transparent. This policy will be reviewed annually to track the relationship between chief officer pay with the rest of the workforce.

7. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Annual monitoring of this policy will take place in February. Monitoring of the Chief Executive's performance takes place through an annual appraisal process.

8. POLICY/STRATEGY CONSULTATION

This policy will be agreed with the Council's Leadership Team, Cabinet and Full Council.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS

The principles of equal pay are integral to this policy. 'Equal work' is defined as:

- Like work where the woman and the man are doing the same job or;
- Work rated as equivalent where the 2 jobs are different but have been evaluated by the employers job evaluation scheme (JES) at the same level/grade or;
- Work of equal value where the jobs are again different, but an argument is made that both jobs should be regarded as being of equal value or worth.

10. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Head of People, Performance and Waste will be responsible for this policy and for updating information on an annual basis.

11. RECORDS

Documents and records generated as a result of the application of this policy will be held electronically and retained as legally required.

All records will be maintained and processed in compliance with the Data Protection Act.

12. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Version	Update
10/02/2017	1	Pay Policy
05/04/2018	2	Pay Policy
07/02/2019	3	Pay Policy
13/02/2020	4	Pay Policy
Feb 2021	5	Pay Policy
Feb 2022	6	Pay Policy
Feb 2023	7	Pay Policy
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1. The level of remuneration for all Senior Officers earning over £50,000 is shown below:

Post Title	Remuneration	
	2024/25	2025/26
Chief Executive	£125,765	£129,789
Deputy Chief Executive (S151)	£107,625	£111,069
Director of Place and Economy (Formally Director of Place)	£99,425	£102,607 Left 31/10/2025
Director of Legal, HR & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (New Post 01/01/2024)	£99,425	£102,607
Head of Housing and Health	Grade P £73,136 to £77,486	Grade P £75,476 to £79,966
Head of Finance, Property & CR(Dep S151)	Grade P £73,136 to £77,486	Grade P £75,476 to £79,966
Head of People, Performance & Waste	Grade O £67,720 to £71,741	Grade O £69,887 to £74,036
Head of Digital Transformation & Customer Engagement	Grade O £67,720 to £71,741	Grade O £69,887 to £74,036
Head of Revenues, Benefits and Leisure	Grade O £67,720 to £71,741	Grade O £69,887 to £74,036
Building Control Manager	Grade M £58,101 to £61,530	Grade M £59,959 to £63,498
Operations Manager Street Scene & Open Spaces	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager Revenues, Benefits and Recovery	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager Building Services	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Strategic Manager Growth, Economy & Delivery	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825

Operations Manager for Public Health	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager for Property Services	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Development Management Manager	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager for ICT Services	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager for People Services	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager for Performance & Governance	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager for Leisure Services	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager for Finance	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Operations Manager for Legal	Grade L £53,855 to £57,001	Grade L £55,578 to £58,825
Ops Manager (Waste and Transport)	Grade K £49,764 to £52,805	Grade K £51,536 to £54,495

2. The full-time remuneration of the lowest paid employee.

Post Title	Remuneration		Other Allowances	
	2024/25	2025/26	2024/25	2025/26
Recreation Assistant (FOH) or Refuse Loader	£24,790	£25,583	None	None
Apprentice	£23,656	£24,413	None	None

The lowest paid employees in the 2025/26 tax year were the Recreation Assistants (FOH) in the Leisure Service and the Refuse Loaders in Street Scene.

The apprentice rate has been uplifted to £12.65 per hour for the 2025/26 tax year.

3. The multiplier of the remuneration of the Chief Executive based upon taxable earnings.

Category	Total Remuneration	
	2024/25	2025/26
Pay multiple of Chief Executive to Mean	3.73	3.75
Pay multiple of Chief executive to lowest paid FT employee	5.07 (based on Recreation Assistant - FOH)	5.07 (based on Recreation Assistant - FOH)
	5.31 (based on apprentice rate)	5.32 (based on apprentice rate)

Category	Total Remuneration	
	2024/25	2025/26
Annual Mean Pay of all employees (Total Salaries/Total FTE)	£33,749	£34,644

Officer Remuneration Note in Accounts

Publication of Officers Remuneration

We are required to publish the following information in respect of officer remunerations:

- a) The number of employees whose remuneration in the year was greater or equal to £50,000, grouped in rising bands of £5,000.
- b) An analysis by job title of the remuneration and employer's pension contributions in respect of senior employees whose salary is £50,000 or more per year (or by name and job title where the salary is £150,000 per year)

4. Officers' Emoluments

This table includes all statutory and non-statutory posts whose overall

remuneration exceeds £50k excluding pension contributions and non-taxable allowances as published in [MDDC Statement of Accounts 2024/25](#)

Remuneration Band	2023/24 Number of Employees	2024/25 Number of Employees
£50,000 - £54,999	3	4
£55,000 - £59,999	9	10
£60,000 - £64,999	1	-
£65,000 - £69,999	-	3
£70,000 - £74,999	4	1
£75,000 - £79,999	-	1
£80,000 - £84,999	1	-
£85,000 - £89,999	1	-
£90,000 - £94,999	-	-
£95,000 - £99,999	1	2
£100,000 - £104,999	-	-
£105,000 - £109,999	-	1
£110,000 - £114,999	-	-
£115,000 - £119,999	-	-
£120,000 - £124,999	1	-
£125,000 - £129,999	-	1

The Council had no officers earning at or in excess of £150,000 in 2024/25.

5. Termination Benefits

2024/25				
Exit Package Cost Band	Number of compulsory redundancies	Number of other departures agreed	Total number of exit packages by cost band	Total cost of exit packages in each band £'000
£0 - £19,999	-	9	9	25
Total	-	9	9	25

During 2024/25, nine agreements were made. These were associated with service restructures and changes, included in order to reduce future employee costs. This helps match ongoing expenditure against the well documented cuts in funding.

6. Gender Pay Gap

6.1 Pay Quartiles by Gender

The Mid Devon District Council figures set out below have been calculated using the standard methodologies used in the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017.

Quartile	Males	Females	Description
1	60.14%	39.86%	Includes all employees whose standard hourly rate places them at or below the lower quartile
2	43.17%	56.83%	Includes all employees whose standard hourly rate places them above the lower quartile but at or below the median
3	53.24%	46.76%	Includes all employees whose standard hourly rate places them above the median but at or below the upper quartile
4	49.65%	50.35%	Includes all employees whose standard hourly rate places them above the upper quartile

6.2 Mid Devon District Council's Gender Pay Gap

	Mean Average Hourly Rate	Median Average Hourly Rate
Male	£17.47	£15.82
Female	£16.95	£15.64
HMRC % gap	2.98%	1.14%

The mean gender pay gap for the whole economy (according to the ONS Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) figures) is **6.9%**; at Mid Devon District Council's mean gender pay gap is **2.98%**, therefore, lower than that for the whole economy.