

# DRAFT PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018/19

**To:**

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**Wards affected:**

All

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out a draft pay policy statement as required under the Localism Act. The Localism Act requires the Council to have considered, approved and published a pay policy statement for each financial year. This must be approved by Full Council and be in place by 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.
- 1.2 The pay policy statement covers posts designated 'chief officer'. For Cambridge City Council this includes the chief executive, strategic directors and heads of service. The areas to be covered in the statement are: salary, expenses, bonuses, performance-related pay, severance payments, how election fees are paid and the pay policy on re-engagement of ex-employees. The Localism Act also requires the statement to define the lowest paid employees and the ratio to the highest earning employee.
- 1.3 This report includes the proposal to implement a Cambridge Weighting to be paid to employees and agency workers earning less than £10 per hour. For employees the weighting will be paid in addition to salary and the Real Living Wage supplement, to bring the hourly rate to an equivalent of £10 per hour. For agency workers the weighting will apply

in addition to current hourly rates and the Real Living Wage arrangements. The weighting will be variable, depending upon the current hourly rate and the Real Living Wage supplement payable at that time.

- 1.4 The Civic Affairs Committee are asked to note the position on the National Joint Council (NJC) pay offer which relates to Bands 1-11 of the City Council's pay scales, the national Chief Executive pay claim, the potential for a further national Chief Officer pay claim (relating to Strategic Directors and Heads of Service) and to receive an update at the meeting.
- 1.5 This report presents the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 for consideration by Civic Affairs and Council and recommends as part of this, the introduction of a Cambridge Weighting.

## **2. Recommendations**

### **The Civic Affairs Committee is asked to:**

- 2.1 Consider and recommend to Council the draft Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Consider and recommend to Council the proposal to introduce a Cambridge Weighting to be paid to employees and agency workers earning less than £10 per hour, with effect from April 2018.
- 2.3 To recommend to Council to delegate authority to the Head of Human Resources to update the weightings on each relevant pay point, subject to the limit of £10 per hour, depending upon the current hourly rate and the Real Living Wage supplement payable at that time.
- 2.4 To note the position on the National Joint Council (NJC) pay offer which relates to Bands 1-11 of the City Council's pay scales, the national Chief Executive pay claim, the potential for a further national Chief Officer pay claim (relating to Strategic Directors and Heads of Service) and to receive an update at the meeting.
- 2.5 To recommend to Council to delegate authority to the Head of Human Resources to update the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 should an NJC and/or Chief Executive and/or Chief Officer pay award be agreed.

### **3. Background**

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#### **National Pay Awards**

- 3.1 Pay awards are nationally determined in accordance with the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Executives, the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Officers and the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) for staff on Bands 1-11.
- 3.2 With effect from 1 April 2016 there were nationally negotiated two year pay awards for staff on Bands 1-11/JNC2, Directors, Heads of Service and Chief Executives. The pay awards covered the period to 31 March 2018 and were for 1% on basic salary with effect from 1 April 2016 and 1% on basic salary with effect from 1 April 2017.
- 3.3 In December 2017 an NJC pay offer has been made by the National Employers for staff covered by Bands 1 to 11 of Cambridge City Council's pay scales. At the time of drafting this Pay Policy Statement the offer is being considered at a national level by the trade unions; Unison, GMB and Unite, who it is understood will be consulting with their members on the offer from January. The outcome of the trade unions considerations are expected by early/mid March.
- 3.4 This is a complex offer comprising of:
- a two year deal over the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020
  - higher percentage pay awards at the lower fourteen points on the national pay scale (ranging from 9.2% to 3.7%) and 2% for most staff.
  - the pay offer is designed to increase the lower points on the scale in line with future national minimum wage rates and the proposed increases in the national living wage
  - in the second year (2019) to redesign the lower part of the national pay scale by consolidating some of the pay points through merging groups of two points into one new point, up to what is currently pay point 28, and through creating some new pay points. The whole pay scale will have new numbered pay points as result.
- 3.5 The first year of the pay offer (2018) would lead to increases in pay points on Band 1 and Band 2 of Cambridge City Council's pay scale but would not impact on the structure of these Bands. The current Real Living Wage supplement will still apply to some pay points on Band 1 in 2018. The Real Living Wage is reviewed in November of each year.

- 3.6 The second year of the pay offer will lead to a redesign of the Council's pay scales as pay points are consolidated or created. With its potentially wide spread impact across all local authorities who are part of the national negotiations, the pay offer has been made over two years to allow time for individual authorities to redesign their pay structures and to introduce the new national pay points.
- 3.8 Detailed pay modeling will take place in 2018 to redesign the Council's pay structure, to clarify the costs, to make additional budget provision if required, to communicate with staff and to work with the trade unions on the changes. A further report will be presented to Civic Affairs and Full Council during 2018, in time for the 1 April 2019 implementation date.
- 3.9 In December 2017 the organisation representing Chief Executives' in national pay negotiations, ALACE, put forward a pay claim. The national pay claim seeks a similar of pay award as for the National Joint Council offer, i.e 2% in each year over the same two year period.
- 3.10 To date there has been no pay claim or offer for Chief Officers, which would affect Strategic Directors and Heads of Service on JNC1. It is anticipated that this will follow in due course.
- 3.11 The final outcome of the negotiations is unlikely to be known by the time this Pay Policy Statement is presented to Full Council in February 2018 but Members will be verbally updated on any progress at Civic Affairs and in writing at Full Council. Once any pay awards are finalised the Pay Policy Statement will be updated and published on the Council's website.

#### **4. Proposed Implementation of a Cambridge Weighting**

- 4.1 At the Full Council meeting on 19 October 2017 a Notice of Motion was agreed relating to Fair Pay for Public Sector Staff. Within the Notice of Motion was the statement 'In addition to already paying at least the Living Wage to all its staff, (*the Council*) shares the GMB objective for a Living Wage of at least £10 an hour for all public sector workers, and the Council will investigate increasing minimum pay to City Council staff to £10 per hour from 2018'.
- 4.2 The Council is investigating a minimum rate of £10.00 per hour because of the disproportionately high costs of the housing and transport for staff on low pay who live in Cambridge or have to travel into Cambridge for work. It is a further part of our Anti-Poverty strategy.
- 4.3 Attached as Appendix 2 is a chart showing the current pay scales for 2017/18 for the City Council.

- Band 1 pay rates are £7.97 to £8.70 per hour
- Band 2 pay rates are £9.03 to £10.44 per hour. A minimum pay level of £10 per hour would fall within Band 2.

4.4 The types of posts within Band 1 and Band 2 are:

Cleaner/Key holder, Macebearer, Publicity Assistant, Application Support Assistant, Area Sweeper, Business Support Assistant, Café Assistant, Care & Support Assistant, Customer Service Assistant (Concierge) Caretaker, Scanning/Post Room Officer, Litter picker/Street cleaner, Cashier, Cook, Electoral Services Assistant, Grass cutter.

4.5 There are approximately 30 staff paid within the pay range £7.97 to £10.00 per hour. In addition there can also be agency workers covering some of these roles, as required.

4.6 The Council is an accredited Living Wage Employer and has a Living Wage policy, paying the minimum of the Real Living Wage, currently £8.75 per hour to employees, and agency workers after four weeks.

The living wage equivalent is paid by way of a supplement to posts currently within Band 1 where the hourly rate is less than £8.75. The Real Living Wage is reviewed every November and usually increases by 20-30p per hour. The payment of the equivalent of the current living wage rate is therefore made up of two elements; the pay point in Band 1 and a living wage supplement to equal £8.75 per hour.

4.7 It is considered important for Cambridge City Council to retain its Living Wage Employer accreditation and to retain the pay structure where the relevant Band of a post is determined by the Council's job evaluation system.

4.8 In investigating how we might pay a rate equivalent to £10.00 per hour there are three main elements:

- the Real Living Wage, which increases each year and which we wish to retain. Currently this applies to Band 1 roles.
- our pay structure of Band 1 and Band 2 jobs, the use of job evaluation to determine the relevant banding for posts and underpin the pay differences in roles. The pay points can change each year with annual pay awards. In addition staff will move up within a pay band subject to annual performance review.

- a variable additional supplement on each pay point to bring the hourly rate to a minimum of £10.00 per hour, the proposed Cambridge Weighting

4.9 The proposed national pay offer contains a considerable element of 'bottom loading' i.e higher percentage awards for the lower pay points. This will increase pay points and decrease the element of Cambridge Weighting needed to maintain the £10.00 per hour minimum rate.

- For pay point 9 (£7.97) on Band 1, the percentage pay offer is just under 9% in 2018, this would be £9.18 from April 2019.
- Pay point 19 in Band 2 is currently £9.72 per hour this would be equivalent to £10.34 in 2019.

The equivalent pay to £10.00 per hour will remain within what is currently Band 2 until at least 2020.

4.10 It is necessary to consider the payment of a minimum of £10.00 per hour not as a flat rate but as a package of measures of which one element is the proposed Cambridge Weighting.

4.11 As each element can change each year, approval is being sought to enable the Head of Human Resources to update the weightings on each relevant pay point, subject to the limit of £10 per hour, depending upon the current hourly rate and the Real Living Wage supplement payable at that time.

4.12 It is not proposed to apply a Cambridge Weighting to the apprentice pay rates but these rates will be reviewed and a separate report presented to Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

4.13 The payment and level of the Cambridge Weighting will be kept under review as part of the annual review and reporting to Civic Affairs and Full Council of the Pay Policy Statement.

4.14 A budget proposal has been made to introduce a Cambridge Weighting and an EQIA is attached as Appendix 3.

## **5. Implications**

### **(a) Financial Implications**

The Council has made budget provision in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2% pay inflation in 2018 and 2019. The impact of the pay

offer for 2019 will be re-assessed. A further report will be presented to Civic Affairs and Full Council during 2018, in time for the new pay scale 1 April 2019 implementation date.

The potential costs of the introducing a Cambridge Weighting have been considered and separate budget proposals (£37,000) have been made (General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA)).

**(b) Staffing Implications**

This report relates to the pay, terms and conditions of staff.

**(c) Equality and Poverty Implications**

An EQIA for the proposal to introduce a Cambridge Weighting to be paid to employees and agency workers earning less than £10 per hour is attached as Appendix 3.

EQIA's were undertaken for the pay, terms and conditions review in 2012 and for the introduction and review of the Living Wage Policy. A separate EQIA on pay, terms and conditions has not been prepared for this report.

Equality information by grade is reported annually to the Equalities Panel and is available on the Council's website.

**(d) Environmental Implications**

The proposal has no climate change impact.

**(e) Procurement Implications**

The Living Wage Policy as it relates to contractors is included in the Pay Policy Statement.

**(f) Community Safety Implications**

This report relates to the pay, terms and conditions of staff and does not impact directly on community safety matters.

## **6. Consultation and communication considerations**

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Head of Legal Practice, Head of Finance, Support Services Manager and Democratic Services Manager have been consulted on this report and the attached draft Pay Policy Statement.

- 6.2 The trade unions have been consulted on the proposed implementation of the Cambridge Weighting.
- 6.3 This pay policy statement once approved by Full Council will be published on the Councils website. The Pay Policy Statement will be updated following any changes as a result of nationally agreed pay awards.
- 6.4 Approval of the Cambridge Weighting will be communicated to all staff and individually to applicable staff.

## **7. Background papers**

The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

- Pay Policy Statement 2017/18
- Provisions of the Localism Act relating to chief officer pay statements
- Communities and Local Government Openness and accountability in local pay: Guidance under section 40 of the Localism Act February 2012 and Supplementary Guidance February 2013.
- Local Government Association Localism Act: Pay Policy Statements Guidance (November 2011) and Supplementary Notes 1 and 2.
- City Council Pay scales
- Letter from ALACE to Employer's Secretary LGA dated 21 December 2017
- Letter from National Employers for Local Government Services to Chief Executives and Trade Union Side Secretaries dated 5 December 2017
- Budget Proposals 2018/19 (GF B4040) and (HRA B4131)

## **8. Appendices**

- (1) Pay Policy Statement 2018/19
- (2) Cambridge City Pay Bands
- (3) EQIA – Cambridge Weighting



## **9. Inspection of papers**

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact: Deborah Simpson, Head of Human Resources, tel: 01223 - 458101, email: [deborah.simpson@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.simpson@cambridge.gov.uk).



## Pay Policy Statement 2018/19

### Scope

This pay policy statement covers the posts of the chief executive, strategic directors and all heads of service.

The Council is an accredited Living Wage Employer and this statement incorporates the Council's policy on the Real Living Wage.

The Council has a number of apprenticeship opportunities and there is a statement relating to apprenticeships.

The Council's current pay scale, as of 1 April 2017, is shown as Appendix 2.

### Salary

The current salary scales for the chief executive, strategic directors and heads of service, following a nationally agreed pay award for 2017, are shown below.

Progression through the pay band (a four point scale) is subject to a range of criteria that are currently assessed via the annual performance review.

<b>Chief Executive</b>	£110,822	115,529	120,228	124,965
<b>Strategic Director</b>	£85,488	88,865	92,236	95,613
<b>Head of Service (JNC 1)</b>	£66,362	68,622	70,848	73,109

### Review of Salary levels

The Council has an agreement that senior officer pay scales will be reviewed every three years in line with current median level pay.

The pay scales were reviewed in 2015; the outcome of the review was a recommendation of no change at a locally negotiated level to the pay ranges for the posts of Chief Executive, Director and Heads of Service on JNC 1 and JNC 2 grades.

As part of this review, new grade of Band 10 was introduced in 2016.

Following a further review of the JNC2 grade in 2017 this was re-designated Band 11 and new posts within Band 11 are now on the same terms and conditions of employment as posts within the range Band 1 to Band 10, with the exception of the incremental performance and job evaluation, which will be as for other senior management roles.

The next review of senior officer salaries is due in 2018.

### **Pay Awards**

Pay awards are nationally determined in accordance with the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Executives and the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Officers.

The current position on national pay awards is outlined in the covering report to Civic Affairs (14 February 2018).

### **Cambridge Weighting**

The Council is being asked to consider a report including the proposal to implement a Cambridge Weighting to be paid to employees and agency workers earning less than £10 per hour. For employees the weighting will be paid in addition to salary and the Real Living Wage supplement, to bring the hourly rate to an equivalent of £10 per hour. For agency workers the weighting will apply in addition to current hourly rates and the Real Living Wage arrangements. The weighting will be variable, depending upon the current hourly rate and the Real Living Wage supplement payable at that time.

If the proposal is approved by Full Council in February 2018 the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 will be updated to include this.

### **Terms and Conditions of Employment**

The terms and conditions of employment for the chief executive, strategic directors and heads of service within the scope of this pay policy statement are determined in accordance with collective agreements, negotiated from time to time, by the JNC for Chief Executives and the JNC for Chief Officers, as set out in the Scheme of Conditions of Service. These are supplemented by local collective agreements reached with trade unions recognised by the Council and by the rules of the Council.

### **Remuneration on Recruitment**

Recruitment to the posts of chief executive and strategic director is undertaken by a committee of councillors appointed by Council, but in the case of the chief executive, the appointment is made by Full Council, following a recommendation from the Employment (Senior Officer) Committee. The salary on recruitment will be within the current salary range for these posts at that time.

Recruitment to posts of head of service is undertaken by the chief executive or a strategic director and is subject to notification to Executive Councillors before a job offer can be

made. The salary on recruitment will be within the current salary range for these posts at that time.

There are occasions when the salary determined by the grading for a post results in an inability to successfully recruit to or retain staff in particular posts or specific occupational areas, due to fluctuations in the labour market supply. These recruitment and retention problems can affect ability to deliver services. In such cases it may be appropriate to pay a market supplement in addition to the salary where there is evidence to justify that market factors are the “material reason” for the post attracting a higher rate of pay than other posts graded similarly. Any additional market supplement will be made in accordance with the Market Pay Policy.

Rules governing the recruitment of the chief executive, strategic directors and heads of service are set out in the councils constitution in section; Part 41, Officer Employment Procedure Rules

### **Bonuses**

There are no bonus arrangements payable to the chief executive, strategic directors or heads of service.

### **Performance Related Pay**

Performance and progression through the pay band is assessed annually in line with the Council’s performance review schemes. For the chief executive and strategic directors, performance is assessed by a panel of councillors, the Chief Officer Performance Review Working Party. For heads of service, performance is assessed by their strategic director.

There is no performance related pay scheme outside of the performance review scheme, which determines the salary point of an officer, within the salary scale set out above.

### **Salaries over £100,000**

The post of chief executive is the sole post which carries a salary range of over £100,000.

### **Publication of salary data**

Salary data for the chief executive, strategic directors and heads of service is published on the council’s website, in the Open Data, Transparency in local government, senior salaries or Senior Council Officers sections.

For the chief executive this includes name, job description, actual salary, expenses and any election fees paid. For the strategic directors this includes names, outlines of the services reporting to the strategic director and salary by post title. For heads of service this includes outlines of services and salary by post title.

This pay policy statement once approved by Full Council will be published on the Councils website.

## **Expenses**

The expenses which may be payable to the chief executive, a strategic director or head of service include:

- car/bicycle/motorcycle allowances at HMRC rates
- re-imbursement of travel and subsistence
- one professional subscription per annum
- payments under the eye sight tests scheme
- relocation assistance in accordance with the Relocation Scheme

## **Severance Payments**

Severance payments are made in accordance with the council's employment policies and are the same for all staff.

Employees with more than two years' service will be entitled to redundancy pay in line with local government guidelines and statutory provisions. Redundant employees may receive the following elements in their final pay:

- Normal pay up to the agreed leaving date
- Where applicable, payment in lieu of outstanding notice
- Severance payment (where entitled).

Under the council's redundancy scheme a weeks pay will be calculated on the basis of actual contractual pay. Additional benefits are not included. Cambridge City Council will not apply the statutory weeks pay definition.

Employees in the pension scheme and who are over age 55 are entitled to immediate onset of pension benefits based on actual reckonable service if:

- They are over 55 at the termination date
- They meet the two years vesting period in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

Once an employee is in receipt of early payment of pension benefits, if their total pay and pension benefits together (if reemployed by another employer covered by the Local Government Modification order) exceeds their salary as at the leaving date, the difference may be claimed back from pension payments.

An employee will lose their entitlement to redundancy pay if they take up a post with another body covered by the Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) (Amendment) Orders within 4 weeks of the date of the redundancy and the offer of the new job has been made before the end of the original contract.

The chief executive, monitoring officer and chief finance officer can only be dismissed by the full council. All other directors and heads of service can only be dismissed in accordance with the Councils constitution, Part 41, Officer Employment Procedure Rules.

Any proposals with a salary or severance package with a total value over £100k will be reported by the Employment (Senior Officer) Committee to Full Council for decision.

## **Pension and Pension Enhancements**

The employees within the scope of this pay policy are entitled to and receive pension contributions from the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). This is a contributory scheme and they currently contribute between 9.9% and 11.4% of their pensionable pay to the scheme.

The employer contribution rate is currently 17.4% i.e. the council contributes 17.4% of pensionable pay to the pension of a member of staff within the pension scheme. The rate of 17.4% is the same for all staff. The rate is reviewed every 3 years following a valuation of the fund by the appointed actuaries. The next review will be in 2019, with the outcome effective for 2020/21.

The Council's discretions on enhancement of pension are set out in the Pensions Discretion Statement 2014. This policy was approved by the Civic Affairs Committee on the 25 June 2014. The policy was reviewed in line with the requirement that Council officers review the statement every 3 years and / or in line with changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) as advised by the Local Government Pensions Committee (LGPC) and the Administering Authority (Cambridgeshire County Council), and any recommended changes will go before Civic Affairs for approval.

To allow for the implications of potential changes to the LGPS in 2018 to be assessed and recommendations considered, the next review will be in 2018.

## **Pay Ratios**

### **Relationship to lowest paid and Chief Executive and median average of employees**

The lowest paid staff within the Council's pay structure are on Band 1. For this reason we have chosen staff employed on Band 1 as our definition of the 'lowest paid' for the purposes of this policy. Band 1 currently ranges from £15,375 to £16,781 per annum.

The terms and conditions of employment for Band 1 staff are in accordance with collective agreements, negotiated from time to time, by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services, as set out in the Scheme of Conditions of Service (commonly known as the Green Book). These are supplemented by local collective agreements reached with trade unions recognised by the Council and by the rules of the Council.

Pay policies which apply to Band 1 employees include:

- car/bicycle/motorcycle mileage at HMRC rates
- re-imburement for travel and subsistence
- overtime/enhanced rates
- standby and callout arrangements
- one professional subscription per annum
- payments under the eye sight tests scheme

- Travel scheme (where applicable)

The highest paid officer of the council is the chief executive, with a current salary of £124,965. The chief executive's current salary scale runs from £110,822 to £124,965.

The ratio between the current highest and lowest pay points is: - 1:8.1

The ratio of the chief executive's current salary and current the lowest pay point is -1:8:1

The current median average salary of all Cambridge City Council staff is - £28,203.

The ratio of the chief executive's current salary to the current median average salary is - 1:4.4

The Council does not have a policy on maintaining or reaching a specific pay ratio between the lowest and highest paid staff.

### **Living Wage**

The Council has adopted a Living Wage policy for staff, agency workers and contractors engaged through the Council's Procurement processes.

The Council will pay the Real Living Wage rate for Cambridge City Council staff, by way of a supplement to pay rates.

The Council will pay the minimum of the Real Living Wage rate to agency workers after 4 weeks of their engagement with the City Council.

The Council will require contractors engaged through the Council's procurement processes to deliver services on Council premises to pay their employees/sub-contractor employees who work on the premises for 2 or more hours on any day in a week for 8 or more consecutive weeks in a year at least the Real Living Wage rate. The only contracts that will be excluded from the requirement to pay the Living Wage are:

- contracts where it would be unlawful to require the payment of the Real Living Wage
- Contracts where, following evaluation, it is considered inappropriate to impose the requirement.

The Real Living Wage is £8.75 per hour (£16,880 per annum).

### **Pay Ratios and the Living Wage**

The pay ratios based on the Real Living Wage of £8.75 are as follows:

The ratio between the highest pay point and the living wage is – 1:7.4

The ratio of the chief executive's current salary and the living wage is - 1:7.4

The median average salary of all Cambridge City Council staff (including the living wage supplement) is £28,203

The ratio of the chief executive's current salary to the median average salary, including the living wage supplement is -1:4.4

## **Apprentices**

The Council has engaged a number of apprentices. The apprentice roles have been created by services as development opportunities, to support the apprenticeship programme. These roles do not replace existing posts and are outside of the Living Wage policy.

The national minimum apprenticeship wage is currently £3.50. Employers must pay a minimum of £3.50 for apprentices aged 16-18 in their first year of their apprenticeship, or if aged 19 and over in the first year of their apprenticeship.

As a council we pay apprentices in line with the National Living Wage/Minimum Wage Rates. For apprentices aged 16-17 this is £4.05; apprentices aged 18-20, £5.60; apprentices aged 21-24, £7.05 and for apprentices aged 25 and over, £7.50

## **Pay Ratios and Apprenticeships**

The pay ratios based on the lowest pay rate for an apprentice at Cambridge City Council is currently £5.60 (for the first year) are as follows:

The ratio between the highest pay point and the apprenticeship rate is - 1:11.6

The ratio of the chief executive's current salary and the apprentice rate is - 1:11.6

The median average salary of all Cambridge City Council staff, including apprentices is £28,203.

The ratio of the chief executive's current salary to the median average salary, including apprentices is -1:4.4

## **Election Fees**

The Returning Officer is the person who has the overall responsibility for the conduct of elections. The Returning Officer is an officer of the Council who is appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983. Although appointed by the Council the role of the Returning Officer is one of a personal nature and distinct and separate from their duties as an employee of the Council. Elections fees are paid for these additional duties and they are paid separately to salary.

The Chief Executive is the council's Returning Officer.

The fees for Parliamentary, Police & Crime Commissioner, Euro Elections and national referenda are set by the Government. The fees for County Council elections are set by the



County Council. The fees for the Combined Authority Mayoral election are set by the combined authority. The fees for Parliamentary and European Elections are pensionable.

Fees for district elections are set locally and current fees were agreed by the Civic Affairs Committee in April 2010 as £373 per contested ward and £55 per uncontested ward. Fees for district elections are pensionable.

Other officers, including senior officers within the scope of this policy, may receive additional payment for specific election duties.”

### **Tax Avoidance and IR35**

The Council takes tax avoidance seriously and will seek to appoint individuals to vacant positions using the recruitment procedures on the basis of contracts of employment and apply direct tax and National Insurance deductions from pay through the operation of PAYE.

Where consultants are recruited the Council will seek to avoid contractual arrangements which could be perceived as being primarily designed to reduce significantly the rate of tax paid by that person, such as paying the individual through a company effectively, controlled by him or her.

These principles will be embedded in contract clauses and guidance for managers when employing consultants.

In addition workers employed directly by the Council will be assessed to establish whether they fall within scope of the IR35 legislation using the HMRC employment status tool. Workers that fall within scope will have Income Tax and National Insurance contributions deducted and paid over to HMRC.

The Council will continue to advice employment agencies for each role, whether the role has been assessed to be within scope of IR35, or not.

### **Re-engagement of ex City Council staff within the scope of this policy**

All permanent or fixed term posts are advertised in accordance with the council's recruitment policies and appointment is made on merit.

Interim management appointments are made in accordance with the council's procurement policies and the provisions for contract for services.

The council will not engage an ex city council member of staff within the scope of this policy outside of these arrangements.

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## Appendix 2

Cambridge City Paybands			
01/04/2017			
SCP	£	Band	Hour Rate £
9	£15,375	Band 1	£7.97
10	£15,613		£8.09
11	£15,807		£8.19
12	£16,123		£8.36
13	£16,491		£8.55
14	£16,781		£8.70
15	£17,072	£8.85	
16	£17,419	£9.03	
17	£17,772	Band 2	£9.21
18	£18,070		£9.37
19	£18,746		£9.72
20	£19,430		£10.07
21	£20,138	Band 3	£10.44
22	£20,661		£10.71
23	£21,268		£11.02
24	£21,962		£11.38
25	£22,658		£11.74
26	£23,398		£12.13
27	£24,174	Band 4	£12.53
28	£24,964		£12.94
29	£25,951		£13.45
30	£26,822		£13.90
31	£27,668		£14.34
32	£28,485		£14.76
33	£29,323	Band 5	£15.20
34	£30,153		£15.63
35	£30,785		£15.96
36	£31,601		£16.38
37	£32,486	Band 6	£16.84
38	£33,437		£17.33
39	£34,538		£17.90
40	£35,444		£18.37
41	£36,379		£18.86
42	£37,306		£19.34
43	£38,237	Band 7	£19.82
44	£39,177		£20.31
45	£40,057		£20.76
46	£41,025		£21.26
47	£41,967	Band 8	£21.75
48	£42,899		£22.24
49	£43,821		£22.71
50	£44,751		£23.20
51	£45,737		£23.71
52	£46,743		£24.23
53	£47,773	Band 9	£24.76
54	£48,826		£25.31
55	£51,005		£26.44
56	£52,535		£27.23
57	£54,065	Band 10	£28.02
58	£55,595		£28.82
101	£57,352		£29.73
102	£59,613		£30.90
103	£61,875	Band 11	£32.07
104	£64,100		£33.22
105	£66,362		£34.40
106	£68,622		£35.57
107	£70,848	JNC 1	£36.72
108	£73,109		£37.89
109	£85,488		£44.31
110	£88,865	DIRECTOR	£46.06
111	£92,236		£47.81
112	£95,613		£49.56
113	£110,822	CEX	£57.44
114	£115,529		£59.88
115	£120,228		£62.32
116	£124,965		£64.77

LGPS Pension Bands 1/4/2017		
Band	Pensionable Pay	Rate
1	Up to £13,700	5.50%
2	£13,701 - £21,400	5.80%
3	£21,401 - £34,700	6.50%
4	£34,701 - £43,900	6.80%
5	£43,901 - £61,300	8.50%
6	£61,301 - £86,800	9.90%
7	£86,801 - £102,200	10.50%
8	£102,201 - £153,300	11.40%
9	More than £153,300	12.50%



## **Cambridge City Council Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)**

Please fill this out on the computer as a Word document or complete the form on SurveyMonkey – find the link on the Intranet.

This tool helps the Council ensure that we fulfil legal obligations of the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) to have due regard to the need to –

(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;

(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Guidance on how to complete this tool can be found on the Cambridge City Council intranet. For specific questions on the tool email Helen Crowther, Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer at [equalities@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@cambridge.gov.uk) or phone 01223 457046. Once you have drafted the EqIA please send this to [equalities@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@cambridge.gov.uk) for checking. For advice on consulting on equality impacts, please contact Graham Saint, Strategy Officer, ([graham.saint@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:graham.saint@cambridge.gov.uk) or 01223 457044).

**1. Title of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service:**

The proposal is to introduce a Cambridge Weighting to be paid to employees and agency workers earning less than £10 per hour.

**2. Webpage link to full details of the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service (if available)**

This is linked to a budget proposal and the Council's Living Wage policy, as set out in the Pay Policy Statement 2017/18.

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pay-policy-statement-2017-18.pdf>

**3. What is the objective or purpose of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?**

The proposal is to introduce a Cambridge Weighting to be paid to employees and agency workers earning less than £10 per hour. For employees the weighting will be paid in addition to salary and the Living Wage supplement, to bring the hourly rate to an equivalent of £10 per hour. For agency workers the weighting will apply in addition to current hourly rates and the Living Wage arrangements. The weighting will be variable, depending upon the current hourly rate and the Living Wage supplement payable at that time.

**4. Responsible Service**

Human Resources

**5. Who will be affected by this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick those that apply)**

- Residents of Cambridge City  
 Visitors to Cambridge City  
 Staff

Please state any specific client group or groups (e.g. City Council tenants, tourists, people who work in the city but do not live here):

The proposal would apply to employees and agency workers earning less than £10 per hour.

**6. What type of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service is this? (Please tick)**

- New  
 Major change  
 Minor change

**7. Are other departments or partners involved in delivering this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick)**

No

Yes (Please provide details):

The services where there are job roles which would be within scope of the new policy, i.e. that are currently on Band 1 or below SCP 20 of the current salary scales.

**8. Has the report on your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service gone to Committee? If so, which one?**

No, it is linked to a budget proposal for 2018/19. The Living Wage policy was approved by Council in 2014.

**9. What research methods/ evidence have you used in order to identify equality impacts of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?**

Analysis of current and projected data on the roles likely to be within scope of the proposal and estimated costs.

**10. Potential impacts**

For each category below, please explain if the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service could have a positive/ negative impact or no impact. Where an impact has been identified, please explain what it is. Consider impacts on service users, visitors and staff members separately.

**(a) Age - Any group of people of a particular age (e.g. 32 year-olds) , or within a particular age range (e.g. 16-24 year-olds) – in particular, please consider any safeguarding issues for children and vulnerable adults**

Positive impact for the oldest and youngest age groups of employees, particularly those aged over 65, the 19-24 and 25-34 age group where there is a higher representation than the whole council workforce profile.

Age	Workforce profile	%	Group of staff	%
18 or Under	0	0.00	0	0.00
19-24	16	1.97	3	9.68
25-34	109	13.44	5	16.13
35-44	214	26.39	4	12.90
45-54	275	33.91	7	22.58
55-64	173	21.33	4	12.90
65 and over	24	2.96	8	25.81

**(b) Disability - A person has a disability if she or he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities**

No member of staff within the potentially impacted group has identified as disabled. This is below the overall council of workforce profile of 7.03%.

The impact of the proposal would be positive for any member of staff who did identify as disabled.

**(c) Sex – A man or a woman.**

The potentially impacted group is 42% female and 58% male. This is broadly in line with the overall council workforce profile of 48% female and 52% male. The proposal has a potentially positive impact on any person who would be in receipt of an increase in pay to £10 per hour.

**(d) Transgender – A person who does not identify with the gender they were assigned to at birth (includes gender reassignment that is the process of transitioning from one gender to another)**

The proposal has a potentially positive impact on any person who would be in receipt of an increase in pay to £10 per hour.

**(e) Pregnancy and maternity**

The proposal has a potentially positive impact on any person who would be in receipt of an increase in pay to £10 per hour.

**(f) Marriage and civil partnership**

The proposal has a potentially positive impact on any person who would be in receipt of an increase in pay to £10 per hour.

**(g) Race - The protected characteristic 'race' refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour, and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins.**

The potential impact is positive for BAME staff who are more highly represented in the potentially impacted group than the wider council profile; 19.35% of the potentially impacted group compared to 6.78% BAME representation of the whole Council workforce.

**(h) Religion or belief**

The proposal has a potentially positive impact on any person who would be in receipt of an increase in pay to £10 per hour.

**(i) Sexual orientation**

The proposal has a potentially positive impact on any person who would be in receipt of an increase in pay to £10 per hour.

**(j) Other factors that may lead to inequality – in particular – please consider the impact of any changes on low income groups or those experiencing the impacts of poverty**

The proposal positively impacts on the lowest paid staff.

**11. Action plan – New equality impacts will be identified in different stages throughout the planning and implementation stages of changes to your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service. How will you monitor these going forward? Also, how will you ensure that any potential negative impacts of the changes will be mitigated? (Please include dates where possible for when you will update this EqIA accordingly.)**

The implementation of the proposal will be monitored over the first year to assess whether the increase in pay rates has changed the representation of the impacted group.

**12. Do you have any additional comments?**

No.

**13. Sign off**

Name and job title of lead officer for this equality impact assessment:

Deborah Simpson, Head of Human Resources

Names and job titles of other assessment team members and people consulted:

Date of EqIA sign off: October 2017

Date of next review of the equalities impact assessment: October 2018

Sent to Helen Crowther, Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer?

Yes

No

Date to be published on Cambridge City Council website (if known):