Pay Policy Statement 2022/2023



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Purpose	The Pay Policy Statement sets out Council policy on pay and conditions for senior managers and employees, assisting the Council to attract and retain skilled employees and ensuring compliance with legislative requirements under the Localism Act 2011.			

This policy links to:

- Our Council Plan
- Walsall Proud
- Job Evaluation & Grading Policy
- Redeployment Policy
- Market Supplements Policy
- Walsall Council Terms and Conditions Document (Orange Book)
- Standby and Call Out Guidance
- Reimbursement of Personal Expenses Policy

- Workforce Strategy
- Behaviour & Standards Framework
- Relocation and Temporary Accommodation Expenses Policy
- Recruitment and Selection Policy
- Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Chief Officers Conditions of Service Handbook
- Retention Payments Policy

This list is not exhaustive.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Walsall Council is PROUD. We are proud of our past, our present and for our future. The council is committed to reducing inequalities and ensuring all potential is maximised and its employment policies, procedures and guidelines are designed to support this vision and deliver the council's priorities.
- 1.2 The council is committed to creating an environment that provides opportunities for all individuals and communities to fulfil their potential. This policy provides a framework in which employees will be supported to deliver the council's priorities in line with the council's expected behaviours and values; professionalism; leadership; accountability; transparency and ethical.
- 1.3 The council's values and behaviours will be at the core of everything the council deliver and through a culture of continuous improvement the council will increase performance, efficiency and champion the design of services to meet the needs of customers. As a digital by design council, employees will be empowered to deliver new ways of thinking and new ways of working, encouraging innovation and creativity in a learning environment. The council is committed to technological investment to deliver transformation in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its services, both internally and externally.
- 1.4 This policy framework promotes the council's strategic priority of internal focus ensuring all council services are effective and efficient and helps embed the behaviours and values expected of all employees as part of the Behaviour and Standards Framework.
- 1.5 The Pay Policy Statement sets out council policy on pay and conditions for senior managers and employees for the year ending 31 March 2023.

2.0 Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all council employees, including Directors, Executive Directors and the Chief Executive, as well as fixed term and temporary employees and casual workers.
- 2.2 With the exception of;
 - 2.2.1 Employees on teachers' pay & conditions and educational support staff (employed directly by the school and subject to the School Staffing (England) Regulations (2009)) who are covered separately by the Schools Model Pay Policy.
 - 2.2.2 Unattached Teachers on Teachers Pay and Conditions who are covered separately by the Unattached Teachers Pay Policy.

2.3 This policy does not apply to contractors, consultants, agency workers or any self-employed individuals working for the council.

3.0 Principles

- 3.1 The council aims to attract and retain skilled employees motivated to deliver the priorities of the council. In determining the pay policy for Chief Officers and other employees, the council is committed to ensuring a fair, equitable and transparent approach to pay. Within this, it is recognised that different approaches may be required between groups of employees reflecting factors such as difficulties in attracting and retaining key employees and ensuring valuable skills are retained.
- 3.2 The Pay Policy Statement outlines the remuneration arrangements within the council and aims to ensure:
 - That employee's pay levels are set and reviewed using a clear, rational and transparent process that meets equal pay legislation.
 - That pay rates are both competitive in the market place, reflect the need to retain key skills and appropriately reward employees for their contribution to the council's achievements.
 - That pay and reward decisions support the provision of valued public services and are affordable.
 - That any decisions relating to pay and salary progression are consistent, fair and non-discriminatory.
- 3.3 The council will not promote employees through the grading system nor use other pay mechanisms in order to assist in securing an employee's improved pension entitlement on retirement or any other allowance/pay (such as maternity or redundancy).

4.0 Accountabilities

- 4.1 Managers are accountable for the following;
 - Applying this policy consistently, fairly and objectively in accordance with the council's vision and purpose and clearly demonstrate the council's management behaviours and values, seeking further advice and guidance from Human Resources where necessary.
- 4.2 Employees are accountable for the following;
 - All employees should support the delivery of the council's vision and purpose, clearly demonstrating the council's behaviours and values;

- Actively engage in employment practices and processes in which they are involved and ensure they understand this policy, seeking further advice and guidance from managers where necessary;
- Complying with the requirements of this policy.

5.0 Senior management pay structure

- 5.1 Senior management are defined for this purpose as the Chief Executive and Chief Officers (as defined under the Localism Act 2011 Part One Chapter 8, section 43(2), Government and Housing Act 1989 2(8), and for the avoidance of doubt include Executive Directors and Directors. Senior management grades are locally agreed salary scales, which are reviewed annually having regard to the JNC pay award for Local Authority Chief Executives and Chief Officers and market conditions. The senior management pay structure is attached at Appendix A.
- 5.2 The salary levels of the Chief Executive and Chief Officers on appointment are set by elected members at the relevant committee of the Council. The council's relevant committee (or appointed sub committees) approves remuneration levels for the Chief Executive, Executive Directors and Directors on appointment, subject to negotiation. The council's relevant committee has delegated authority from Council in respect of the actual appointment and dismissal of Executive Directors and Deputy Chief Officers in accordance with the Employment Procedure Rules.
- 5.3 Pay levels are reviewed and locally agreed taking into account any cost of living increase negotiated nationally by the JNC for Chief Officers of Local Authorities Conditions of Services. The pay offer for 2021/22 and 2022/23 for Chief Officers is yet to be decided (where applicable).
- 5.4 The salary details for Chief Officers are published on the Council's website and can be located on the open data pages; https://go.walsall.gov.uk/opendata-datasets
- 5.5 The process for recruitment of Chief Officers is set out in Part 4.6 of the Council's Constitution.
- 5.6 The Chief Executive's total remuneration package includes fees payable for local election duties. Where appropriate fees for European, National and Regional elections and referenda are set out and paid by central government.
- 5.7 The council's Monitoring Officer (currently attached to a Director post) receives an additional allowance for the undertaking of this statutory function. The additional allowance would not be payable if the Monitoring Officer duties were to be attached to an Executive Director post.
- 5.8 The Councils Section 151 statutory function is undertaken by an Executive Director normally the Executive Director for Resources and Transformation and does not attract an additional allowance. Where the Executive Director

- (Resources and Transformation) is or becomes vacant and the Section 151 duties are delegated to an appropriate deputy an allowance will be awarded to undertake the statutory function.
- 5.9 In relation to the termination of employment of Chief Officers, the Council will consider making appropriate payments where it is in the Council's best interests. Any such payments will be in accordance with contractual entitlements or statutory requirements and take into account the potential risks and liabilities to the council, including any legal costs, disruption to services, impact on employee relations and management time. Any such arrangements are reported to a committee of the council where required by the Council's Constitution. Furthermore, external auditors are consulted about severance packages where appropriate.

6.0 Others pay structure (including the lowest paid employees)

- 6.1 Remuneration for other employees is normally determined by the council's Job Evaluation (JE) scheme, which covers all employees on NJC Local Government Services (Green Book) terms and conditions of service. These employees have their pay based upon the NJC pay and grading structure which is extended locally to incorporate 62 spinal column points (SCP) and is attached at Appendix B.
- 6.2 The council's pay and grading structure ranges from G1 to G16 and covers SCP01 062. Each grade range contains a number of SCPs and this allows for annual incremental progression up to the top of the grade.
- 6.3 The council's Job Evaluation scheme is based on the NJC prescribed Job Evaluation scheme for posts graded G1 to G13 and the Hay Group Job Evaluation scheme for posts graded G14 to G16. Both schemes comply with equal pay requirements.
- 6.4 Currently (based on council structures as at November 2021) apprentices pay starts at £9,002.43 (pay scales attached at Appendix C). From April 2022 apprentices pay starts at £9,372.66. These pay scales include a 1% increase on the national minimum apprenticeship rates due to a corporate pay increase agreed by Personnel Committee in March 2021. The council pay age appropriate rates for all levels of apprenticeships plus the additional 1% pay increase (with the exception of those covered by 6.5) and will not apply the 12-month minimum apprenticeship rate.
- 6.5 The council has paid the Real Living Wage, since April 2015, in the form of an additional allowance to basic hourly rate, implemented in April each year and subject to an annual review. All council employees (excluding interns, intermediate and advanced apprentices, and those on the Kickstart Scheme), casual workers, higher and degree level apprentices are eligible for the living wage allowance where their substantive pay falls below the living wage rate including all non-standard hours such as overtime.

- 6.6 The council pay spot salaries to Interns and Graduates (based on council structures as at November 2021).
- 6.7 Pay levels are reviewed and locally agreed taking into account any cost of living increase negotiated nationally by the NJC for Local Government Services. The pay offer for 2021/22 and 2022/23 for NJC is yet to be decided (where applicable).

7.0 Non-standard terms and conditions

- 7.1 Employees transferring into the council under TUPE arrangements have the right to retain their existing terms and conditions and as such retain the pay scales applicable to their employment prior to transfer. This paragraph would not preclude any changes, which were not by reason of the TUPE transfer or where there were economic, technical or organisational reasons for such changes.
- 7.2 Some specialist employees, mainly in education related services, such as Educational Psychologists, and the Youth Service are paid on the national pay scales relevant to their specialist employment, namely Soulbury and JNC for Youth and Community Workers respectively attached at Appendix D & E.
- 7.3 Pay levels are reviewed and locally agreed taking into account any cost of living increase negotiated nationally by Soulbury and the JNC for Youth and Community. The pay offer for 2021/22 and 2022/23 for Soulbury and JNC for Youth and Community is yet to be decided (where applicable).

8.0 Starting pay

- 8.1 Employees are usually paid on an incremental scale and will normally be appointed at the minimum point of the pay grade for that post or at the minimum point of advantage (applicable to internal appointments) where grade boundaries overlap with the new higher grade, with normal incremental progression in line with 9.3 below. In the case of internal appointments to posts at the same grade, appointment will normally be made on the existing SCP with incremental progression in line with 9.4 below. However, in certain circumstances it may be appropriate to appoint internal or external candidates to a higher point within the pay grade to support the appointment and retention of high calibre candidates. Such practice must be objectively justified and within current budgetary constraints. In order to ensure a level of control and consistency of such appointments, the Head of Service (or delegated manager with the relevant level of salary authorisation) should seek advice from Human Resources before they appoint on a higher spinal column point within the grade.
- 8.2 Internal appointments moving into an additional/second post of equivalent grade and nature will be appointed on the same SCP as their existing post with incremental progression in line with 9.4 below.

- 8.3 Where employees are appointed into posts where there is a grade reduction, they will normally be appointed at the top of the grade unless their current SCP is already below this level in which case they will transfer across on their existing SCP with no further increase until incremental progression is due in line with 9.4 below.
- 8.4 Casual workers will be appointed on the minimum point within the pay grade and will not receive incremental progression. Existing casuals (pre 2017/2018 pay policy) will be frozen on their current SCP and will not receive any further incremental pay progression.

9.0 Pay progression

- 9.1 Where employees are on annual incremental scales progression within grade boundaries is automatic (with the exception of casual workers and those on spot salaries, such as Interns and Graduates).
- 9.2 Annual incremental pay progression takes place until the maximum SCP within the grade for the post is achieved. Thereafter the employee is only eligible to receive the annual cost of living award as negotiated by the appropriate bodies and implemented by the council.
- 9.3 Increments are usually due on the 01 April each year, or 6 months after appointment where the employee has been in the post for less than 6 months by 01 April, i.e. if the employee is appointed between 01 October and 31 March the increment will be paid after 6 months in post and then annually on the 01 April thereafter up to the maximum SCP within the grade. There are a couple of exceptions to this rule, see 9.4 below).
- 9.4 Where an internal employee moves into either;
 - a new post at the same grade;
 - an additional/second post at the same grade;
 - or, a lower graded post;

the increment that would have been due in the previous/first post in the coming April, will be awarded (where relevant) in the new/additional post from the same point in time i.e. the coming April, so the employee is not subject to a detriment from moving roles.

9.5 Employees are able to request re-evaluations of the grade of their post where they believe that work duties have substantially altered. All re-evaluation requests will be graded using the council's JE scheme in line with the job evaluation and grading policy that provides the right of appeal against any grade outcomes. Where a manager or employee led job evaluation request results in a grade increase the appointment will be made at the bottom of the grade or at the minimum point of advantage.

10.0 Performance related pay (PRP)

10.1 The council does not operate a corporate performance related pay scheme or any type of bonus pay scheme.

11.0 Pay protection

- 11.1 Pay protection will be granted for a maximum period of 12 months and will apply where the council is enforcing a reduction in an employee's pay due to one of the following situations:
 - 11.1.1 redeployment as a result of a restructure and/or compulsory redundancy in accordance with the councils' redeployment policy;
 - 11.1.2 redeployment as a result of a dismissal on health grounds in accordance with the councils' redeployment policy;
 - 11.1.3 as a result of a re-grade in accordance with the council's job evaluation and grading policy.
- 11.2 Pay protection will only apply where the post/re-grade is no more than 2 grades below the employee's substantive post.
- 11.3 Pay protection will apply to the grade of the substantive post and not the amount of hours worked, therefore pay protection will be pro-rata if the employee accepts a post at fewer hours. However, where an employee accepts a post with increased hours, pay protection will only apply to their previous substantive hours.
- 11.4 Where pay protection applies any loss in annual leave (affected by a grade reduction) will also be protected for a maximum period of 12 months on a prorata basis.
- 11.5 All other terms of the employee's substantive post will not be protected (e.g. unsocial hours payments, allowances etc.).

12.0 Market supplements

12.1 The council recognises that at times it may be difficult to recruit new employees or retain existing employees in certain key posts. To ensure that the council attracts and maintains a skilled and experienced workforce, supplements may be paid in addition to the grade of the post in accordance with the council's market supplements policy.

13.0 Retention payments

13.1 Retention payments may be paid where there are risks associated with workforce instability and concerns regarding retaining suitably skilled employees in the mid to long term in accordance with the council's retention payments policy.

14.0 Relocation and temporary accommodation allowances

14.1 Relocation and temporary accommodation expenses may be paid to employees to cover costs associated with relocating in order to take up new employment with the council. These expenses are paid in accordance with the council's relocation and temporary accommodation expenses policy.

15.0 Honorarium payments

- 15.1 Honorarium payments are additional monies that may be paid to remunerate employee's where;
 - a) Employees are 'acting up' into a higher graded post and undertaking the full range of duties of the post on either a full time or part time basis. Such payments are temporary in nature normally for a maximum of 12 months and are appointed to in accordance with the recruitment and selection policy. In exceptional circumstances an honoraria may be extended beyond 12 months up to a maximum of 3 months, discretion to extend will normally only be permitted once. Incremental pay progression will apply to acting up honorarium payments.

Or

- b) Employees are undertaking additional work duties that are outside the scope of the employee's normal role AND such duties are graded at a higher level than the employee's substantive post. Such payments are temporary in nature, normally for a maximum period of 12 months and are paid in accordance with the council's job evaluation scheme to ensure principles of fairness and equality are maintained. In exceptional circumstances an honoraria may be extended beyond 12 months up to a maximum of 3 months, discretion to extend will normally only be permitted once. Incremental pay progression will not apply to additional duties honorarium payments.
- 15.2 All honorariums require authorisation from a Head of Service (or delegated manager) with the relevant level of salary authorisation, and Human Resources approval.
- 15.3 Where honorarium payments are approved, the employee will normally be awarded the bottom SCP of the higher grade. However, where this represents less than a 2 spinal column point increase from the existing SCP, the SCP will be adjusted to reflect a 2 point increase.

16.0 Allowance / expenses

16.1 Overtime – any overtime worked over 37 hours regardless of when the hours are worked will be paid at time plus 1/2. This is usually only applicable to those on grades G6 or below, however in exceptional circumstances and where pre-approved by the Head of Service (or delegated manager with the

relevant level of salary authorisation), can be extended to those above G6. Overtime is not normally paid to those on senior management grades (G14 and above). All overtime must be agreed by the relevant manager and closely monitored.

- 16.2 The council also pays an additional payment in certain circumstances, which fall under the overtime and holiday pay ruling.
- 16.3 Unsocial hours payment where employees work unsocial hours (Monday Saturday between the hours of 22.00 06.00 and all day on Sunday) they will receive additional unsocial hours payments based on the percentage of their standard contractual 37 hour working week worked in unsocial hours and this will equate to either a 5%, 10% or 15% enhancement to their basic pay in accordance with Walsall Council local terms and conditions document.

The unsocial hours allowance is specific to posts that are, or become:

 a) subject to working in the unsocial hours window on a regularised working pattern/rota,

And

b) on a permanent or long term basis.

In exceptional circumstances authorisation of shorter term temporary unsocial hours payments may be applied. Consideration of a temporary payment will be considered on a case by case basis where the work undertaken in the unsocial window is deemed as ongoing (usually more than 2 consecutive months) and regular.

For temporary application of an unsocial hours payment please discuss the circumstances with Human Resources.

- 16.4 Standby payment where employees are required to be on standby they will receive a standardised payment in accordance with the guidance on standby and call out payments, currently £20 per session and £180 weekly rate. This is usually only applicable to those on grades G12 or below, however in exceptional circumstances and where pre-approved by the Head of Service (or delegated manager with the relevant level of salary authorisation), can be extended to those above G12.
- 16.5 Callout payment where employees are called out to required locations they will receive the appropriate additional hours (payment for additional hours up to and including G6 and TOIL for those G7 and above in accordance with the standby and call out guidance) or overtime rate subject to a minimum of two hours for any single call out period in accordance with the guidance on standby and call out payments. This is usually only applicable to those on grades G12 or below, however in exceptional circumstances and where preapproved by the Head of Service (or delegated manager with the relevant

- level of salary authorisation), can be extended to those above G12. Where an employee provides telephone advice and the response time is in excess of one hour, a call out payment will be made.
- 16.6 Professional subscriptions / registration fees These may be paid by the council where it is an essential requirement of the job. Essential would normally relate to a statutory function, and to support recruitment and retention (see the reimbursement of personal expenses policy).
- 16.7 Car allowances employees using a private vehicle on official business will be entitled to claim business mileage at the HMRC rate as detailed in Appendix B.
- 16.8 The council also pay a sleep in allowance to specific roles to ensure the council operate in accordance with legislation, which are agreed for application in specific service areas.
- 16.9 Executive Directors using a private vehicle on official business will be entitled to claim business mileage at the HMRC rate as detailed in Appendix B. With the exception of those Executive Directors commencing in post prior to 01 April 2018 who receive a lump sum payment equivalent to 2.3% of their annual salary, which covers, the first 60 miles, after which business mileage claims can be made at the HMRC rate as detailed in Appendix B.

17.0 Long Service Award

17.1 A long service award will be paid to employees after competing 20 years continuous service with Walsall Council. The award is £125 per employee regardless of the number of hours worked. It is a one-off payment, paid as a cash payment through payroll, attracting tax and national insurance contributions as applicable.

18.0 Exit payments

- 17.1 Exit payments will be paid in accordance with any prevailing legislation.
- 18.2 Exit payments will be subject to recovery in accordance with any prevailing legislative requirements.

19.0 Pensions

- 19.1 Employees of the council are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme. The benefits and contributions payable under the scheme are set out in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (subject to 18.4).
- 19.2 Under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations, each scheme employer must publish and keep under review a Statement of Policy to

- explain how it will apply certain discretions allowed under the Pension Regulations.
- 19.3 The council's current published LGPS discretionary policy is contained in Appendix F of this document and was effective from 1st April 2014. There have been subtle changes to the discretionary policy at the time of writing this policy to reflect recent regulatory changes but these do not impact on the council's policy conveyed in the previous version of the policy statement. This document also incorporates discretionary provisions that are still in force under the former LGPS regulations that the employer is required to publish within its current policy.
- 19.4 The council has been granted an NHS Pension Scheme Open Public Health Direction Order, effective from 13th September 2021. From this date, the council has been granted powers to provide access to the NHS Pension Scheme for new entrants who carry out specific roles within Public Health. Further details of these roles are available upon request from the Payroll and Pensions Team.

20.0 Pay multiples (or pay dispersion)

- 20.1 There is no formal mechanism for direct comparison between pay levels of the wider workforce with senior manager pay and there are no council policies on reaching or maintaining a specific pay multiple.
- 20.2 The pay multiple recommended for adoption by the Hutton Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector is the ratio between the salary of the highest paid employee and the median full time equivalent (FTE) salary of the organisation.
- 20.3 The council's current (31 October 2021) pay multiple from the highest pay (£188,948 per annum) to the median pay of the organisation (£27,741 per annum) is 1:7. This pay multiple is the same ratio as the previous year.
- 20.4 The council's current (31 October 2021) pay multiple from the median pay of Chief Officers within the Corporate Management Team (£134,423 per annum) to the median pay of the organisation (£27,741 per annum) is 1:5. This pay multiple is the same ratio as the previous year.
- 20.5 The Council will monitor these ratios on an annual basis to ensure that there is no undue wage inflation in senior management pay rates.

Appendix A

JNC for Chief Officers of Local Authorities

Spinal Column Point Salaries

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		1 st April 2022	1 st April 2021
	Pay range	Annual	Annual
Chief Executi	ive		
Pay range *		£171,789 to	£169,865 to
		£193,707	£191,783
Executive Dir	ector		
	11	£133,432	£131,508
Pay range	12	£136,720	£134,796
Ps	13	£140,008	£138,083
	Spot point	£146,584	£144,659
Director			
	31	£87,927	£86,002
range	32	£91,231	£89,306
ran	33	£94,539	£92,614
Pay	34	£97,845	£95,920
<u> </u>	35	£101,160	£99,235

^{*} Chief Executive is paid on a spot salary within the Chief Executive pay range

Spinal Column Point Salaries effective from 1st April 2022 and 1st April 2021

* note Hourly rates are shown rounded to the nearest whole penny

				Apr-22			Apr-21	
Grad	le	SCP	Annual	Monthly	*Hourly	Annual	Monthly	*Hourly
NIC	grad	200	Salary	Rate	Rate £	Salary £	Rate	Rate
G1	grau	001	20258	1688.17	10.50	18333	1527.75	9.50
<u> </u>	G2	002	20441	1703.42	10.60	18516	1543.00	9.60
		003	20812	1734.33	10.79	18887	1573.92	9.79
G3		004	21189	1765.75	10.98	19264	1605.33	9.99
		005	21575	1797.92	11.18	19650	1637.50	10.19
	G4	006	21968	1830.67	11.39	20043	1670.25	10.39
		007	22369	1864.08	11.59	20444	1703.67	10.60
		800	22777	1898.08	11.81	20852	1737.67	10.81
G5		009	23194	1932.83	12.02	21269	1772.42	11.02
		010	23620	1968.33 2004.50	12.24	21695	1807.92	11.25
		011 012	24054 24496	2004.50	12.47 12.70	22129 22571	1844.08 1880.92	11.47
		012	24496	2041.33	12.70	23023	1918.58	11.70 11.93
		014	25409	2117.42	13.17	23484	1957.00	12.17
	G6	015	25878	2156.50	13.41	23953	1996.08	12.42
		016	26357	2196.42	13.66	24432	2036.00	12.66
		017	26845	2237.08	13.91	24920	2076.67	12.92
		018	27344	2278.67	14.17	25419	2118.25	13.18
		019	27852	2321.00	14.44	25927	2160.58	13.44
		020	28371	2364.25	14.71	26446	2203.83	13.71
		021	28900	2408.33	14.98	26975	2247.92	13.98
G7		022	29439	2453.25	15.26	27514	2292.83	14.26
		023	30151	2512.58	15.63	28226	2352.17	14.63
		024	31099	2591.58	16.12	29174	2431.17	15.12
	00	025 026	32020	2668.33	16.60	30095	2507.92	15.60
	G8	026	32909 33820	2742.42 2818.33	17.06 17.53	30984 31895	2582.00 2657.92	16.06
		028	34723	2893.58	18.00	32798	2733.17	16.53 17.00
		029	35411	2950.92	18.35	33486	2790.50	17.36
G9		030	36298	3024.83	18.81	34373	2864.42	17.82
		031	37261	3105.08	19.31	35336	2944.67	18.32
		032	38296	3191.33	19.85	36371	3030.92	18.85
		033	39493	3291.08	20.47	37568	3130.67	19.47
	G10		40478	3373.17	20.98	38553	3212.75	19.98
		035	41496	3458.00	21.51	39571	3297.58	20.51
		036	42503	3541.92	22.03	40578	3381.50	21.03
044		037	43516	3626.33	22.56	41591	3465.92	21.56
G11		038 039	44539 45495	3711.58 3791.25	23.09 23.58	42614 43570	3551.17 3630.83	22.09
		040	46549	3879.08	24.13	44624	3718.67	22.58 23.13
		040	47573	3964.42	24.13	45648	3804.00	23.13
	G12		48587	4048.92	25.18	46662	3888.50	24.19
		043	49590	4132.50	25.70	47665	3972.08	24.71
		044	50655	4221.25	26.26	48730	4060.83	25.26
		045	51708	4309.00	26.80	49783	4148.58	25.80
G13		046	52909	4409.08	27.42	50984	4248.67	26.43
		047	54138	4511.50	28.06	52213	4351.08	27.06
		048	55367	4613.92	28.70	53442	4453.50	27.70
		049	56612	4717.67	29.34	54687	4557.25	28.35
G14		050 055	57849 64248	4820.75 5354.00	29.98	55924 62323	4660.33 5193.58	28.99
G 14		056	65550	5354.00	33.30 33.98	62323	5193.58	32.30 32.98
	G15	057	67604	5633.67	35.96	65679	5473.25	34.04
	013	058	70889	5907.42	36.74	68964	5747.00	35.75
		059	74170	6180.83	38.44	72245	6020.42	37.45
G16		060	77594	6466.17	40.22	75669	6305.75	39.22
		061	80882	6740.17	41.92	78957	6579.75	40.93
		062	84163	7013.58	43.62	82238	6853.17	42.63
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Midpoint (Average Cost) of Salary Grades 2022

Grade	SCP	Midpoint £
Grade 1	pts 1-2	20350
Grade 2	pts 2-4	20814
Grade 3	pts 4-6	21577
Grade 4	pts 6-11	22997
Grade 5	pts 9-17	24978
Grade 6	pts 15-23	27904
Grade 7	pts 22-27	31573
Grade 8	pts 26-31	35070
Grade 9	pts 30-35	38887
Grade 10	pts 34-39	43005
Grade 11	pts 38-43	47056
Grade 12	pts 42-47	51265
Grade 13	pts 46-50	55375
Grade 14	pts 55-58	67073
Grade 15	pts 57-61	74228
Grade 16	pts 60-62	80880

Business Mileage Effective from 1 April 2017

Business Mileage	HMRC Approved mileage rates	
	Cars (per mile)	
First 10,000 business miles in the tax year	45p	
Each business mile over 10,000 in the tax year	25p	

Living Wage Allowance from 1 April 2022

£9.90 per hour



Appendix C

Apprentice rates of pay

Pay Range	Pay Point	1 st April 2022		1 st April	2021
		Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly
Walsall Council Real Living Wage	XLW	£19,099.93	£9.90	£18,328.21	£9.50
Government National Living Wage 23 years old and over*	XGLWC	£18,511.50	£9.60*	£17,361.84	£9.00
National Minimum Wage 21-22 years old*	XNMWU23C	£17,887.95	£9.27*	£16,290.12	£8.44
National Minimum Wage 18-20 years old*	XNMWU21C	£13,308.79	£6.90*	£12782.68	£6.63
National Minimum Wage 16-17 years old*	XNMWU18C	£9,372.66	£4.86*	£9,002.43	£4.67

^{*}National minimum wage with 1% uplift

All apprentices will be paid at age appropriate rates, with the exception of higher level and degree level apprentices who will receive the Real Living Wage, where applicable.

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	/09/2022**				09/2021	
SCP Annual	Monthly	*Hourly	SCP	Annual	Monthly	*Hourly
Salarv	Rate	Rate		Salarv	Rate	Rate
£	£	£		£	£	£
Educational Im			s Educ			Professional
1	0.00	0.00	1	37056	3088.00	19.21
2	0 ′	0.00	2	38383	3198.58	19.89
3		<u>70</u>	3	39637	3303.08	20.54
4		00.ر	4	40907	3408.92	21.20
5		0.00	5	42168	3514.00	21.86
6	.50	0.00	6	43431	3619.25	22.51
7	<u></u>	0.00	7	44758	3729.83	23.20
8	<u>J.00</u>	0.00	8	46035	3836.25	23.86
9	0.0	Դ.00	9	47522	3960.17	24.63
10		Ĵ	10	48849	4070.75	25.32
11		JO	11	50158	4179.83	26.00
12		0.00	12	51425	4285.42	26.65
13	450	0.00	13	52860	4405.00	27.40
14	()	0.00	14	54140	4511.67	28.06
15	∠.00	0.00	15	55553	4629.42	28.79
16	0.00	0.00	16	56831	4735.92	29.46
17	0.00	70	17	58113	4842.75	30.12
18	٢	$\overline{}$	18	59371	4947.58	30.77
19		J	19	60668	5055.67	31.45
20		J. <u>00</u>	20	61338	5111.50	31.79
21	450	0.00	21	62626	5218.83	32.46
22		0.00	22	63749	5312.42	33.04
23	J0_	0.00	23	64985	5415.42	33.68
28	0.00	0.00	28	70815	5901.25	36.71
Trainee Educat				ee Educati		
1	1 0.c T	0.00	1	24970	2080.83	12.94
2	 	0.00	2	26798	2233.17	13.89
3	+ 6	0.00	3	28623	2385.25	14.84
4		0.00	4	30453	2537.75	15.78
5	.00	0.00	5	32279	2689.92	16.73
6	0.00	0.00	6	34107	2842.25	17.68
Educational Ps	_	0.00		ational Psy		
3	0.00	0.00	3	42811	3567.58	22.19
4	0.0	7.00	4	44782	3731.83	23.21
5	 	07	5	46755	3896.25	24.23
6	+	∠.0 0	6	48727	4060.58	25.26
7		0.00	7	50584	4215.33	26.22
8	.635	0.00	8	52440	4370.00	27.18
9		0.00	9	54179	4514.92	28.08
10	J.00	0.00	10	55921	4660.08	28.99
11	0.00	0.00	11	57544	4795.33	29.83
Senior & Princi				or & Princip		
	pai Educatio	IIai		-	ai Euucati	onai
Psychologists	1 000 1	0.00		nologists	4070.00	07.40
3	0.00	0.00	3	52440	4370.00	27.18
4	0.00	00,۲	4	54179	4514.92	28.08
5	0 ′	⁷ —	5	55921	4660.08	28.99
6	+		6	57544	4795.33	29.83
7		<i>.</i> .00	7	58210	4850.83	30.17
8	A (2)	0.00	8	59456	4954.67	30.82
9	XY_{\perp}	0.00	9	60690	5057.50	31.46
10	<u> </u>	0.00	10	61945	5162.08	32.11
11	J.00	70	11	63177	5264.75	32.75
12	0.0		12	64431	5369.25	33.40
13		, , , ,	13	65707	5475.58	34.06
14		√.00	14	66941	5578.42	34.70
15	(C)	0.00	15	68235	5686.25	35.37
16	AVI	0.00	16	69514	5792.83	36.03
17		0.00	17	70803	5900.25	36.70
18	J.00	0.00	18	72090	6007.50	37.37



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HOLE		09/2022**	n rounded to

SCP	Annual	Monthly	*Hourly
	Salary £	Rate £	£
Supp			~
5		0.00	0.00
6		0.00	0.00
7		0.51	0.00
8			0.00
9			ე.00
10	'	C 1	0.00
11	•••••	0	0.00
12		JO	0.00
13		0.00	0.00
14		0.00	0.00
15		0.00	0.00
16		0.00	0.00
17		0.00	0.00
	ssional Ra	nge	
13		0.00	0.00
14		0.0′	0.00
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17			0.00
18			0.00
19			0.00
20		.ა0	0.00
21		0.00	0.00
22		0.00	0.00
23		0.0	0.00
24		<i>'</i>	00
25			J0
26			0.00
27		10	0.00
28			0.00
29		.ეე	0.00
30		0.00	0.00
31		0.00	0.00
32		0.00	0.00

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	01	/09/2021	
SCP	Annual	Monthly	*Hourly
	Salary	Rate	
ļ	£	£	£
Supp	ort Worker		
5	19646	1637.17	10.18
6	19975	1664.58	10.35
7	20271	1689.25	10.51
8	20949	1745.75	10.86
9	21814	1817.83	11.31
10	22491	1874.25	11.66
11	23584	1965.33	12.22
12	24651	2054.25	12.78
13	25756	2146.33	13.35
14	26900	2241.67	13.94
15	27678	2306.50	14.35
16	28491	2374.25	14.77
17	29291	2440.92	15.18
	ssional Ra		10.10
13	25756	2146.33	13.35
14	26899	2241.58	13.94
15	27678	2306.50	14.35
16	28491	2374.25	14.77
17	29291	2440.92	
18			15.18
19	30096 30895	2508.00 2574.58	15.60 16.01
20	31697	2641.42	16.43
21	32597	2716.42	16.90
22	33617	2801.42	
23	34611	2884.25	17.42 17.94
24	35609	2967.42	18.46
25	36615	3051.25	18.98
26	37620	3135.00	19.50
27	38625	3218.75	20.02
28	39643	3303.58	20.55
29	40652	3387.67	21.07
30	41663	3471.92	21.60
31	42345	3528.75	21.95
32	43466	3622.17	22.53

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Appendix F



<u>Local Government Pension Scheme Policy Statement: 1 April 2014</u>

Policy Statement for all eligible employees

Under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations, each scheme employer must publish and keep under review a Statement of Policy to explain how it will apply certain discretions allowed under the Pension Regulations.

This statement is applicable to all employees of Walsall Council who are eligible to be members of the LGPS. Before the exercise of any discretion it will be necessary in each case to consider the full financial cost implications to the Council and the Pension Fund.

Existing policy discretions for employers which are in place under the 2008 and 1995 schemes will remain in force for employees who left the scheme prior to 1st April 2014.

All other past polices and discretions will be revoked following the approval of this policy. The discretions detailed in this policy will apply from 1st April 2014.

Part 1 – Discretions to be applied under the LGPS Regulations 2013 and LGPS (Transitional Provisions and Savings) Regulations 2014 (denoted as 'TP' within the policy).

Regulation 16(2)e & Reg 16(4)d:

Where an active Scheme member wishes to purchase extra annual pension of up to £7,316 (figure at 1 April 2021) by making Additional Pension Contributions (APCs), the employer can choose to contribute towards the cost of purchasing that extra pension via a Shared Cost Additional Pension Contribution (SCAPC).

Council Policy

The Council has NOT adopted this discretion.

Regulation 30(6) and TP11(2):

Whether to permit flexible retirement for staff aged 55 or over who, with the agreement of the employer, reduce their working hours or grade in order to release some or all of their retirement benefits.

Council Policy

The Council will consider employee requests to take flexible retirement on a case by case basis after taking into factors such as service delivery and any costs that may apply.

Regulation 30(8): Whether to waive any actuarial reductions that would otherwise apply under Regulation 30(5) and Regulation 30(6) for active members, deferred members and suspended tier 3 ill health pensioners who elect to receive early payment of benefits prior to normal pension age.

Council Policy

Waiving of actuarial reductions and the application of 85 year rule protections will be considered only where there is a clear financial or operational advantage in doing so. A request for early unreduced payment of benefits on compassionate grounds would be considered only where the former member is prevented from full-time working due to the need to provide long-term care for a dependant.

TP Regulation 1(1)(c) of Schedule 2:

Whether, to apply the 85 year rule protections to members who choose to voluntarily draw their benefits on or after age 55 and before age 60, [under paragraph 1(1)(c) of Schedule 2 to the LGPS (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014].

Council Policy

Waiving of actuarial reductions and the application of 85 year rule protections will be considered only where there is a clear financial or operational advantage to the Council in doing so.

Regulation 31: Whether to grant extra annual pension of up to £7,316 to an active Scheme member or within 6 months of leaving to a member whose employment was terminated on the grounds of redundancy or business efficiency.

Council Policy

The Council has NOT adopted this discretion.

Regulation 22(8 & 9): Whether to extend the 12-month period in which a member can elect to retain separate benefits for previous pensionable service.

Council Policy

The Council will consider applications under this Regulation but only when it can be demonstrated that the delay is because of an administration issue and not as a result of the scheme member's failure to make an election within the 12 month timescale.

<u>Regulation 9(3):</u> Determining the rate of employees' contributions

Council Policy

The Council will review the contribution rate bands at six monthly intervals. Account will be taken when determining the rate of any impending pay award.

Regulation 100(6): Whether to extend the 12-month period from joining the scheme in which to allow a transfer-in of previous non-local government pension rights.

Council Policy

The Council will consider applications under this Regulation but only when it can be demonstrated that the delay is because of an administration issue and not as a result of the scheme member's failure to make an election within the 12 month timescale.

Part 2 – Discretions to be applied under the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (as amended)

No remaining Discretions apply under Part 2

Part 3 – Discretions to be applied under the LGPS Regulations 1997

Regulation 31(7A): Whether to grant employer consent for a scheme member to access their retirement benefits from their Normal Retirement Date without reduction, while continuing to be employed by a Scheme employer listed in Schedule

Council Policy

The Council has adopted this regulation to be used in exceptional circumstances only.

The criteria for exceptional circumstances are defined in the detailed guidelines.

The Council will consider each specific case which will be judged equally and fairly on its own merits having fully considered the reasons for early payment and any associated financial costs.

Part 4 – Discretions to be applied under the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) Regulations 2006

Regulation 5: The Council may
decide to calculate a redundancy
payment entitlement as if there had
been no limit on the amount of the
week's pay used in the calculation.

Council Policy

The Council has decided to adopt this discretion and base redundancy payment calculations on an unrestricted week's pay.

Regulation 6: A one-off lump sum compensation payment may be awarded to an employee up to a maximum value of 104 weeks pay (2 years) inclusive of any redundancy payment made.

Council Policy

The council has decided to adopt this discretion in part and will award an additional lump sum compensation payment equal to the value of the statutory redundancy payment maximum payment 30 weeks - but only in cases of some compulsory redundancies. Each award will be subject to a cap to be paid to an employee who is paid less than the full time equivalent of scale point 23.

Each specific case will be judged equally and fairly on its own merits having fully considered service delivery and financial costs.

Part 5 - Discretions to be applied under the Local Government (Discretionary Payments) (Injury Allowances) Regulations 2011

Explanation

The Council operates The Walsall Council Injury Allowance Scheme under the permissive powers of 2011.

Council Policy

The Council has decided that all claims are to be submitted to and agreed by an Injury Allowance Panel. The panel will consist of The Discretionary Payment Regulations | The Head of Legal Services, The Head of Finance and the Head of Human Resources or The scheme is unique to Walsall Council employees and is operated within the regulatory guidelines.

their nominees.

Both temporary and permanent allowances are available within the terms of reference of the scheme. Each award will be judged on the relevant evidence presented to the panel. Payment will be made from the service budget. There is no separate internal appeals process as designated by the Injury allowance panel.

<u>Part 6 – Appeals Process – Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration)</u> Regulations 2008

Regulation 57: Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure (IDRP)

Responsibility for determination of LGPS disputes under the first stage of the procedure now lies with the "Adjudicator" at the employing authority.

The Section 151 Officer is the Adjudicator for the purposes of the Internal Dispute Resolution Process. If this presents a conflict of interest when the complaint relates to a member of the Resources directorate, the Chief Executive will act as the Adjudicator.

Council Policy

Any disputes about decisions made under the LGPS should be sent in writing to:

The Section 151 Officer
The Council House
Walsall Council
WS1 1TW or

The Chief Executive if the complaint relates to member of the Resources and Transformation Directorate.

Reviewed October 2021