

The Fair Pay and Senior Pay Policy Statement 2018/19

This Pay Policy Statement is produced on an annual basis in accordance with Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011. It is made available on the Council's website.

The Council has published information on senior pay for a number of years on its website and in its Statement of Accounts. It has also responded openly and in full to Freedom of Information Act requests for such details. For the past ten years, the previous Chief Executive has published full details of his remuneration that go well beyond the statutory requirements.

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 places additional publication requirements on local authorities to publish data on their websites. This includes the requirement either to publish the data on their website or place a link on their website to such data. Additional requirements of the Code include the requirement for local authorities to publish:-

- A list of responsibilities of senior staff
- Details of bonuses and "benefits-in-kind" for all employees whose salary exceeds £50,000
- The pay multiple, defined as the ratio between the highest paid taxable earnings for the given year and the median earnings figure of the whole of the authority's workforce.

This information is available on the Council's website.

Pay Accountability - Senior Pay Policy Statement for Stroud District Council 2018/19

Both the Localism Act 2011 and the Transparency Code 2015 require the definition and publication of data on the lowest paid employees, their remuneration and the clarification of the relationship of pay between the lowest and highest paid groups of employees.

The lowest paid employees of the Council are on the Apprentice grade and have a salary at 01/01/2019 of £11,383. The highest paid employee on Stroud 12 has a salary at 01/01/2019 of £113,008. This is calculated as a ratio of 1:10 between the lowest and the highest paid employees of the Council. The Government's view is that the salaries ratio in the public sector should not exceed 1:20, so the Council is well within these guidelines. As members have pointed out previously, the Council's apprenticeship programme is not typical of local authorities. A comparison of Stroud 1 (including the living wage) to Stroud 12 produces a ratio of 1:7.

There is only a requirement by the Government to pay Apprentices £3.70 per hour. However, the Apprentice grade at SDC has been based on the National Minimum Wage for 18-20yr olds of £5.90.

The Council engages consultants where there is a requirement for specific skills or where particular expertise is required for a project. We are not required by legislation to publish this information, but as an illustration, the ratio between an employee on Stroud 1 (including the living wage) and the highest paid consultant is 1:14 (based on an hourly rate of pay).

Since 2013, the Council has paid the Living Wage Foundation (LWF) living wage to staff on Stroud 1 by way of a supplement to basic pay. This means that, excluding apprentices, the lowest paid staff receive an hourly rate of £8.75 per hour, which is a figure defined by the LWF as the minimum income needed to meet basic needs. The figure is reviewed annually.

1. Level and Elements of Remuneration in 2018/19

1.1 The Council pays 'spot' salaries to all employees. There are 13 spot salaries:

Stroud Grade	FTE Nov 2018	Headcount Nov 2018	FTE Jan 2018	Headcount Jan 2018
STR12 £113,008	1.00	1	1.00	1
STR10 £71,726	3.00	3	3.00	3
STR9 £54,478	8.80	9	5.80	6
STR8 £48,419	8.50	9	8.80	9
STR7 £41,846	23.33	24	21.26	22
STR6 £36,153	30.54	32	32.97	35
STR5 £30,756	68.2	79	63.48	74
STR4 £25,463	66.40	77	74.26	85
STR3 £21,074	67.36	81	68.84	85
STR2 £18,672	40.51	55	50.54	72
STR1 £16,755**	3.38	8	7.20	23
STR App £11,383	4.00	4	5.81	6
TOTAL	325.01	382* Actual 367	342.96	421* Actual 400

* This figure shows employees with contracted hours at each Stroud grade.

** plus living wage = £16,881

*** Figures as at 29.11.18

The 'actual' figure indicates exact headcount, as some employees have more than one post at different grades.

- 1.2 There are no bonuses, annual increments or performance related payments. A salary supplement or honorarium can be paid when an employee carries out a substantial increase in duties and responsibilities.
- 1.3 The actual headcount has reduced by 8.25% since last year. This has been due to the impact of business reorganisations and through natural wastage in line with the reductions in headcount required by the Council's workforce plan.
- 1.4 The Chief Executive is employed under Chief Executives' Terms and Conditions. All other senior officers are employed under National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services. The Council publishes an Employee Handbook that sets out local terms and conditions of employment. This is available on the staff intranet.
- 1.5 The pay in relation to individual senior officers is shown below;

Chief Executive

- Salary of £113,008 subject to any national pay award. The Chief Executives' pay agreement of June 2018 increased Chief Executives' pay by two percent in April 2018 and by two percent in April 2019.
- Employed under the Chief Executives' Terms and Conditions

- Election Fees as Returning Officer as set out in the Gloucestershire Scheme Scale of Fees for District and Parish Elections; Parliamentary, European Parliament, Referendum, Police Area Returning Officer Fees as specified by the Ministry of Justice, the Home Office or the Electoral Commission. The fees vary from year to year depending on the nature and number of elections. This is classed as a separate employment for superannuation purposes.
- Payment of membership of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (invoiced direct to the Council)

Directors

- Salary of £71,726 subject to any national pay award
- Taxable car allowances payable in line with HMRC reimbursement rates.
- Payment of membership of one professional body (invoiced direct to the Council)
- Election fees payable to officers as election staff, as determined by the Returning Officer using the appropriate scale of fees prescribed nationally or under the Gloucestershire Scheme Scale of Fees

Heads of Service

- Salary of £54,478 subject to any national pay award
- Taxable car allowances payable in line with HMRC reimbursement rates.
- Payment of membership of one professional body (invoiced direct to the Council).
- Election fees payable to officers as Deputy Returning Officer or election staff, as determined by the Returning Officer using the appropriate scale of fees prescribed nationally or under the Gloucestershire Scheme Scale of Fees

Monitoring Officer

- Salary of £48,419, subject to national pay award (Permanent post vacant - interim arrangements in place at present).
- Taxable car allowance payable in line with HRMC reimbursement rates.
- Payment of membership of one professional body (invoiced direct to the Council)
- Election fees payable to officers as Deputy Returning Officer or election staff, as determined by the Returning Officer using appropriate scale of fees prescribed nationally or under the Gloucestershire Scheme Scale of Fees.

Section 151 Officer

- Salary of £54,478, subject to national pay award; plus a market supplement of £4,527 (Market supplement is paid as pay scales may sometimes fail to attract suitable candidates for specific posts due to market pressures)
- Taxable car allowance payable in line with HRMC reimbursement rates.
- Payment of membership of one professional body (invoiced direct to the Council).
- Election fees payable to officers as Deputy Returning Officer or election staff, as determined by the Returning Officer using appropriate scale of fees prescribed nationally or under the Gloucestershire Scheme Scale of Fees.

Service Managers

- Salaries in range from £48,419 to £36,153 subject to any national pay award
- Taxable car allowances payable in line with HMRC reimbursement rates.
- Payment of membership of one professional body (invoiced direct to the Council).
- Election fees payable to officers as Deputy Returning Officer or election staff, as determined by the Returning Officer using the appropriate scale of fees prescribed nationally or under the Gloucestershire Scheme Scale of Fees

2. Remuneration on Recruitment

2.1 Chief Executive

The remuneration would be reviewed prior to advertisement by the Strategy & Resources Committee or its panel under delegated authority from the Council. The Committee's membership is agreed by the Council at its Annual General Meeting and is politically balanced.

The full Council appoints the Chief Executive based on a recommendation from the Committee.

2.2 Directors, Heads of Service, Service Managers, Monitoring Officer and S151 Officer

The remuneration and allowances are set out in the Employee Handbook and the published salary scales (Stroud 10 for Directors £71,726; Stroud 9 for Heads of Service and S151 Officer £54,478 plus reviewable market supplement of £4,527; Stroud 8 to Stroud 6 for Service Managers and Monitoring Officer £48,419 to £36,153)

3. Remuneration on ceasing to hold office/be employed by the Council

3.1 Chief Executive

The Committee would make a recommendation to the full Council.

3.2 Directors, Heads of Service, Service Managers, Monitoring Officer and S151 Officer

The terms of any redundancy or retirement are set out in the Employee Handbook (Section 3.3).

4. Publication and Access to Information Relating to Remuneration

4.1 This pay policy statement is published on the Council's website located under Open Data at

<http://www.stroud.gov.uk/opendata>

4.2 The Council's Constitution and the Council's Statement of Accounts are published at

www.stroud.gov.uk