

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Council

6th March 2015

REPORT AUTHOR: Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

SUBJECT: Pay Policy Statement 2015-16

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Background and Purpose

All English and Welsh Local Authorities are required under local government legislation to produce and publish a Pay Policy Statement each financial year.

This Pay Policy Statement sets out the Council's approach to pay policy in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011. It takes account of the Revised Guidance relating to Pay Policy statements issued by the Welsh Government on 25th February 2014, on Pay Accountability in Local Government in Wales.

The purpose of the statement is to provide transparency with regard to the Council's approach to setting the pay of its employees (excluding those working in local authority schools) by identifying the methods by which salaries of all employees are determined. This requires English and Welsh Local Authorities to produce and publish a Pay Policy Statement for each financial year detailing:

- The Council's policies towards all aspects and elements of the remuneration of Chief Officers;
- The approach to the publication of, and access to, information relating to all aspects of the remuneration of Chief Officers;
- The Council's policy on the remuneration of its lowest paid employees (including the definition adopted and reasons for it);
- The relationship between the remuneration of its Chief Officers and other employees.

2. Legislative Framework

In determining the pay and remuneration of all of its employees, the Council will comply with all relevant employment legislation. The Council will aim to ensure there is no pay discrimination within its pay structures by complying with Equal Pay requirements and that all pay differentials can be objectively justified through the use of equality proofed Job Evaluation mechanisms which directly relate salaries to the requirements, demands and responsibilities of the role.

3. Proposal

The attached Pay Policy Statement sets out the Council's arrangements for the pay and remuneration of its employees for financial year 2015-16.

It is proposed that the Council approves the Pay Policy Statement to ensure compliance with Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011.

4. Statutory Officers

The views of the Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) are that the attached statement ensures we comply with the relevant legislative requirements.

The views of the Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) are: The Council is required by the Localism Act 2011 to have a Pay Policy Statement.

5. Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve the attached pay policy statement.	Ensure compliance with section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011.

Relevant Policy	
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Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	Cllr Phil Pritchard
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Graham Evans, Employment Services Manager
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	1st April 2015

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Background Papers used to prepare Report: