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## Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr

### Bridgend County Borough Council



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#### **AGENDA**

1. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb  
Derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan Aelodau.
2. Datganiadau o fuddiant  
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(ii) Aelodau'r Cabinet  
(iii) Prif Weithredwr
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### **Cwestiwn I'r Dirprwy Arweinydd wrth Cynghorydd MC Voisey**

1. Faint o achosion llys, (dirwyon, gorchmynion atafaelu enillion ac ati) a'r defnydd o feiliaid a ddefnyddiwyd gan CBS Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn ystod y 12 mis diwethaf er mwyn adennill y dreth gyngor sydd heb ei thalu, a faint a adenillwyd drwy gamau o'r fath?

### **Cwestiwn I'r Arweinydd wrth Cynghorydd A Hussain**

2. A allai'r Arweinydd roi gwybod i'r Cyngor pa drafodaeth os o gwbl a gafodd ef â Llywodraeth Cymru a'r Bwrdd Iechyd pan wnaethant benderfynu israddio'r Gwasanaeth Damweiniau ac Achosion Brys yn Ysbyty Brenhinol Morgannwg ac, os bydd hynny'n digwydd, sut y mae Ysbyty Tywysoges Cymru yn mynd i ymdopi?

### 9. **Hysbysiad o Gynnig a gynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd RE Young**

Mae Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn cydnabod y dystiolaeth wyddonol ysgubol o newid ym mhatrymau'r tywydd fel y dangoswyd gan y glaw a'r llifogydd digyffelyb a welwyd yn ddiweddar, yn lleol a thrwy'r DU gyfan hefyd, ac mae o'r farn fod hyn yn dystiolaeth bellach i gynhesu byd-eang, ac felly'n credu'n bendant fod argyfwng hinsawdd yn bodoli erbyn hyn, ac oherwydd hynny'n galw ar Lywodraethau'r Deyrnas Unedig a Chymru i ddarparu'r canlynol ar gyfer Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr:

- a. y pwerau a'r adnoddau angenrheidiol i wneud Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn niwtral o ran carbon
- b. lefelau o adnoddau ar raddfa i ymateb i'r heriau a wynebir a phrosesau ar gyfer cael gafael ar yr adnoddau hynny fydd yn ei gwneud yn bosibl gweithredu ar y cyfle cyntaf
  - i) Sefydlu mecanweithiau ymgysylltu priodol er mwyn gweithio gyda rhanddeiliaid allweddol
  - ii) Ymgymryd ag adolygiad ar draws Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr o'r camau presennol ar gyfer ymateb i argyfwng yn yr hinsawdd
  - iii) Datblygu Strategaeth Ymateb i'r Argyfwng Hinsawdd a chynllun gweithredu wedi ei flaenoriaethu sy'n esbonio camau sydd i'w cymryd yn y tymor byr, canolig a hir.

### 10. **Materion Brys**

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## BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

12 MARCH 2020

### REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### PAY POLICY STATEMENT – 2020/2021

##### 1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the Pay Policy Statement for 2020/2021. This is in response to legislative requirements and to provide openness and accountability in relation to how the Council rewards its staff.

##### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priority:-
- Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

##### 3. Background.

- 3.1 The Council has a statutory requirement under the Localism Act 2011, Section 38(1) to prepare a pay policy statement for the new financial year 2020/21. This statement needs to be approved and published by 31 March 2020.
- 3.2 The pay policy statement for 2020/2021 has been produced on the basis of statutory guidance, advice from Welsh Local Government Association and guidance from Welsh Government.
- 3.3 The pay policy statement provides the framework for decision making on pay, and in particular decision making on senior pay.

##### 4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The updated Pay Policy Statement for Council's consideration is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 4.2 This has been produced in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, which requires all local authorities to develop and make public their policy on all aspects of Chief Officer remuneration.
- 4.3 In order to achieve further transparency, reference has been included to the pay of other relevant groups within the policy statement.

4.4 Since its introduction on 1 April 2012, the pay policy has developed to take account of relevant guidance, legislation and changes to the Council's senior management structure over recent years.

## **5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

5.1 None.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 Equality Impact Assessments have been undertaken prior to introducing the pay and grading scheme and subsequent changes.

6.2 The pay policy will ensure openness and transparency in relation to the Council's approach to pay and reward. whereby the job evaluation process ensures that all pay differentials are objectively justified.

## **7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Assessment**

7.1 It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## **8. Financial Implications.**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **9. Recommendation.**

9.1 That Council approves the Pay Policy Statement 2020/2021 at Appendix A

**02 March 2020**

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**Background documents: None**

# **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **PAY POLICY 2020/2021**

<b>To be approved by:</b>	Council
<b>Approval Date</b>	
<b>Review Date</b>	March 2021

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## 1. **Pay Policy Statement**

1.1 This Pay Policy Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 provides the framework for decision making on pay and, in particular, decision making on senior pay.

### 1.2 **Introduction from the Leader**

Bridgend County Borough Council recognises the importance of remuneration decisions that are appropriate, transparent, provide value for money and reward employees fairly for the work that they do. This policy statement sets out the Council's key approaches to pay for our employees.

## 2. **Policy Statement**

2.1 Under Section 112 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council has 'the power to appoint officers on such reasonable terms and conditions as the Authority thinks fit'. This Pay Policy Statement outlines the Council's approach to its pay policy in accordance with the requirements of 38(1) of the Localism Act 2011 which requires English and Welsh Local Authorities to produce and publish a Pay Policy Statement from 2012/2013 and for each financial year after that, detailing:

- a) The Authority's policies towards all aspects and elements of the remuneration of Chief Officers;
- b) Their approach to the publication of and access to information relating to all aspects of the remuneration of Chief Officers;
- c) The Authority's policies towards the remuneration of its lowest paid employees (including the definition adopted and reasons for it);
- d) The relationship between the remuneration of its Chief Officers and other employees.

2.2 As an employer this Council has a very wide range of functions and is responsible for the provision of many essential services at a local level. The general approach to employee remuneration levels may therefore differ from one group of employees to another to reflect specific circumstances at a local, Welsh or UK national level. The Council will require some flexibility in its Pay Policy Statement to address changing circumstances which may or may not be foreseeable.

2.3 This is an update to the previous Pay Policy Statement first issued in April 2012, and last updated with Council approval on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## 3. **Scope**

3.1 Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011, requires Authorities to produce and publish a Pay Policy on all aspects of Chief Officer Remuneration (including on ceasing to hold office), and detail pertaining to the 'lowest paid' in the Authority. It also requires an explanation of the policy regarding the relationship between remuneration for Chief Officers and other groups.

3.2 In the interests of transparency and accountability the Council has chosen to take a broad approach, producing a pay policy which covers all employee groups with the exception of School Teachers. The remuneration for this latter

group is set by the Minister for Education in Wales and not in the control of Local Authorities.

- 3.3 Nothing within the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 detract from the Council's autonomy in making decisions on pay that are appropriate to local circumstances and which deliver value for money for local tax payers. However, the Council will comply with this Pay Policy Statement in setting remuneration levels for all groups within its scope.

#### 4. **Legislative Framework**

- 4.1 In determining the pay and remuneration of all its employees, the Council will comply with all relevant employment legislation.

#### 5. **Accountability and Decision Making**

- 5.1 The Council's Constitution and Scheme of Delegation set out the procedure for decision making in relation to the organisational structure, recruitment, pay, terms and conditions and severance arrangements for all employees of the Council.
- 5.2 This Pay Policy Statement outlines the remuneration levels believed to be effective in facilitating a sufficient supply of appropriately skilled employees which can be objectively justified and provide the local tax payer with an assurance of value for money.
- 5.3 The Council is committed to an open and transparent approach to its pay policy which will enable the tax payer to access, understand and assess information on remuneration levels across all groups of council employees. To this end the following are provided as Appendices to this policy:-
- NJC Pay Scales (Appendix A)
  - JNC Pay Scales (Appendix B)
  - Soulbury Pay Scales (Appendix C)
  - JNC (Youth & Community) (Appendix D)
  - Policy on Redundancy and Severance Payments (including additional pension payments) (Appendix E)
  - Acting Rank/Honoraria Payments Protocol (Appendix F)
  - Collective Agreements for both NJC & JNC (Appendix G)
- 5.4 The Pay and Grading Structure and any corresponding policies are reviewed when required and meet the principles of fairness, equality, accountability and value for money.

#### 6. **Pay Structures & Job Evaluation**

- 6.1 The Council's pay structure for NJC employees was implemented in September 2013 follow the signing of a collective agreement with UNISON, GMB and UNITE (Appendix G). The pay structure was devised following the evaluation of all posts using the Greater London Provincial Council (GLPC) job evaluation scheme. Each pay grade has a corresponding job evaluation score.

- 6.1.1 The Council uses the nationally negotiated pay spine as the basis for its pay and grading structure. This determines the remuneration of the majority of the non-teaching workforce, together with the use of other nationally defined rates where relevant.
- 6.1.2 Addendums to the collective agreement have been agreed with the Trade Unions. They reflect Council's decision to alter the pay structure to allow movement between the NJC and JNC structure and the introduction of the national pay award and new pay spine on 1st April 2019.
- 6.1.3 All other pay related allowances are the subject of either nationally or locally negotiated rates, having been determined from time to time in accordance with collective bargaining machinery and/or as determined by Council Policy.
- 6.1.4 The Council seeks to maintain the equal pay requirements within the Pay and Grading Structure by evaluating any new or significantly changed roles through its Job Evaluation Scheme. This will ensure that all pay differentials can be objectively justified.
- 6.2 National Pay Awards**
- 6.2.1 For all employee groups, pay awards, agreed and negotiated at a national level by the Local Government employers in conjunction with Trade Unions will be applied. The Council will pay these as and when determined unless Council agrees otherwise.
- 6.3 Starting Salaries**
- 6.3.1 New appointments will normally be made at the minimum of the relevant grade, although flexibility exists to ensure the best candidate is secured.
- 6.4 Talent Management**
- 6.4.1 The Council's approach to talent management is through the employee appraisal process, which as well as placing an emphasis on performance, encourages the identification of learning objectives in the development of employee skills.
- 6.5 Performance Related Pay**
- 6.5.1 The Council expects high levels of performance from all employees and has an appraisal process in place to monitor, evaluate and manage performance on an ongoing basis. The Council does not have Performance Related Pay at any level.
- 6.6 Market Supplements**
- 6.6.1 Following Job Evaluation the Council does not currently have a Market Supplement policy. However, the Council recognises that recruiting and retaining staff on the current pay structure is a challenge. In certain circumstances, it may be necessary to take account of the external pay market in order to attract and retain employees with particular experience and skills.

Consideration will be given to developing a Market Supplement scheme to cover such circumstances.

## **6.7 Honoraria**

6.7.1 When the Council requires an employee to carry out additional duties to those of their substantive post, for a proposed period of time, an additional payment commensurate with those duties may be made in accordance with the Council's Acting Rank/Honorarium Payments Protocol, which is attached as Appendix F.

## **7. Support for Lower Paid Staff**

7.1 The National Living Wage is now set at £8.72 and our "lowest paid employees" are paid on a Grade 1 at a rate of £9.00 per hour.

7.2 The Real Living Wage as set by the Living Wage Foundation, announced in November 2019, is £9.30 per hour. The NJC pay award effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 has yet to be concluded. The position on the Real Living Wage will be reviewed once the pay award is agreed and its impact on the pay scales known.

7.3 The Council is committed to provide employees with opportunities to enhance their skills to enable them to fulfil their personal development aspirations.

## **8. Pay Relativities**

8.1 The lowest paid individuals employed with the Council are paid at Grade 1, earning £17,364 a year.

8.2 The highest paid employee is the Chief Executive and the pay band minimum is £129,823 rising to £139,128. The salary of the current post holder is £136,027 per annum.

8.3 The statutory guidance under the Localism Act recommends the use of pay multiples as a means of measuring the relationship between pay rates across the workforce and that of senior managers, as included within the Hutton 'Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector' (2010). The Hutton Report was asked by Government to explore the case for a fixed limit on dispersion of pay through a requirement that no public sector manager can earn more than 20 times the lowest paid person in the organisation. The report concluded that the relationship to median earning was a more relevant measure and the Government's Code of Recommended Practice on Data Transparency recommends the publication of the ratio between the highest paid salary and the median average salary of the whole of the Authority's workforce.

8.4 The median salary in the Council is £20,751 and falls within a Grade 6.

8.5 The current pay levels within the Council define the multiple between:

- the annual salary of the lowest paid Council employees and the Chief Executive (FTE basis) as: 1:7.8

- the annual salary of the lowest paid Council employees and the average Chief Officer (FTE basis) as: 1:5.3
- median earning of Council employees and the Chief Executive (FTE basis) as:1:6.6
- median earning of Council employees and the average Chief Officer (FTE basis) as:1:4.4

## 9. Chief Officer Remuneration

9.1 For the purposes of this policy, Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers are defined within section 43 of the Localism Act. The posts within the Council's structure identified by the statutory definition include:

- Chief Executive
- Corporate Directors
- Chief Officers (Monitoring Officer & Section 151)
- Heads of Service

9.1.1 The Council also has Group Managers 1 and 2 (Grade 17 and 18). Such officers are also employed on the JNC Chief Officers' terms and conditions of employment although not all are defined as Chief Officers within the meaning of section 43 of the Localism Act.

9.1.2 The current salary ranges for the above posts can be found at Appendix B.

## 9.2 Additions to Salary of Chief Officers

9.2.1 The Council does not apply bonuses or performance related pay to its Chief Officers.

9.2.2 The Council pays all reasonable travel and subsistence expenses on production of receipts and in accordance with JNC conditions and other local conditions.

9.2.3 The cost of membership of one professional body is met by the Council.

9.2.4 The Chief Executive is also appointed as Returning Officer. This is an office holding function rather than an employment contract. The Returning Officer will receive a fee from the organisation requiring the election to be carried out in accordance with the Fee Order in force at the time. In the case of a local election the Council's fee structure will be approved at the time.

9.2.5 The Deputy Returning Officer's fees are authorised by the Returning Officer in accordance with the Fee Order or, in the case of local elections, the Council's fee structure at the time.

9.2.6 Fees applied for all other Elections and referenda are prescribed by the UK Government or Welsh Government.

### **9.3 Recruitment to Chief Officers**

- 9.3.1 The Council's Policy and Procedures with regard to recruitment of Chief Officers is contained within the Officer Employment Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution. The determination of the remuneration to be offered to any newly appointed Chief Officer will be in accordance with the pay structure and relevant policies in place at the time of recruitment.
- 9.3.2 The Regulations prescribe that where an authority proposes to appoint a chief officer with an annual remuneration package of £100,000 or more the post must be publicly advertised. The only exception to this requirement is where the appointment would be for no longer than 12 months.
- 9.3.3 Where the Council remains unable to directly recruit Chief Officers or there is a need for interim support to provide cover for a vacant substantive Chief Officer post, the Council may consider engaging individuals under 'contracts for service'. These will be sourced through a relevant procurement process ensuring the Council is able to demonstrate the maximum value for money. The Council does not currently have any Chief Officers engaged under such arrangements. The Council is currently sourcing support from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) on an interim basis to cover the post of Chief Officer – Finance, Performance & Change / S.151 Officer.
- 9.3.4 The Council recognises that it must consult with and have due regard to any recommendation received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales when deciding whether to make changes to the salary of its head of paid service which is 'not commensurate with a change to the salaries of the Council's other staff'.

### **9.4 Role of the Chief Executive**

- 9.4.1 The Council's Chief Executive, Mark Shephard, has worked in Bridgend County Borough Council since July 2003 and held a number of roles within the Council before being appointed Chief Executive in May 2019, following 4 months as Interim Chief Executive.
- 9.4.2 The Chief Executive is the chief officer who leads and takes responsibility for the implementation of the Council's priorities. The organisation has a gross revenue budget of £420 million and is responsible for a wide range of services employing some 5774 staff.
- 9.4.3 As head of paid service, the Chief Executive works closely with elected members to deliver Bridgend County Borough Council's strategic objectives including corporate well-being objectives; supporting a successful sustainable economy; helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient; and smarter use of resources.
- 9.4.4 The Chief Executive provides leadership, direction and motivation for staff and is responsible for ensuring the effective use of resources.

- 9.4.5 The role includes representing the Council; working closely with Welsh Government, the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, South Wales Police and other national and regional bodies. The Chief Executive works collaboratively to ensure the interests of the County Borough are acknowledged and taken into account as well as having personal responsibility in respect of a number of statutory obligations.
- 9.4.6 There is a requirement for the Chief Executive to work in excess of normal hours as is necessary for the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the post, including evening and weekend commitments.

## 10. **Payments on Termination**

- 10.1 The Council's approach to statutory and discretionary payments on termination of employment of Chief Officers (and all other employees), prior to reaching normal retirement age, is set out within its ill Health, Early Retirement & Redundancy Policy in accordance with Regulations 5 and 6 of the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) Regulations 2006. Regulations 12 and 13 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contribution) Regulations 2007 do not apply as the Authority does not increase the total membership of active members (Regulation 12) or award additional pension (Regulation 13).
- 10.2 Statutory Guidance issued by the Welsh Government states that it 'recommends that full Council should be offered the opportunity to vote before severance packages of £100,000 and above are approved for staff leaving the organisation'. However, Members must be aware of the statutory or contractual entitlements due to an employee and the consequences of non-approval by Council which may allow an employee to claim damages for breach of contract.
- 10.3 Any other payments falling outside the provisions or the relevant periods of contractual notice shall be subject to a formal decision made by the Council or Committee of the Council in the case of the Chief Executive or; Council or Council Committee or Officer with delegated powers at the time, in the case of other JNC Officers. The Chief Executive or officer with delegated power from the Chief Executive will determine such payments in respect of all other staff.

## 11. **Re-Employment**

- 11.1 Whilst having due regard to the Council's duty under Section 7 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, no Chief Officer who was previously made redundant or granted early retirement from the Council will be later re-employed or re-engaged either as an employee (Contract of Service), as a Consultant (Contract of Service) or through an external contractor commissioned to work on behalf of the Council.
- 11.2 In addition to the terms of the Redundancy Payments (Continuity of Employment in Local Government) (Modification) Order (Amendment) 2010,

the Council will not re-employ ex-employees who have been made redundant until a period of time has elapsed that is equal in length to the number of weeks' pay their compensation payment equates to, e.g. a redundant employee in receipt of 25 weeks redundancy pay would not be eligible for consideration for re-employment until 25 weeks after their termination date has passed. In the case of ex-employees accessing their pension it will only be possible to re-employ with specific approval.

## 12. **Publication**

12.1 The Council currently publishes its Annual Statement of Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) and discloses the following information in respect of remuneration:

- Salary, fees and allowances;
- Expenses;
- Termination payments and pension contributions;
- The number of employees whose remuneration, excluding pension contributions, is greater than £60,000 in multiples of £5,000 brackets of scale.

12.2 This Pay Policy Statement will be published on the Council's website as soon as is reasonably practicable after it has been approved by Council. Any subsequent amendments to this policy statement made during the financial year to which it relates will similarly be published.

## 13. **Appendices**

- NJC Pay Scales (Appendix A)
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## NJC Pay Scales

Effective from April 2019

New SCP	Salary	Hourly Rate	Grades	
1	£17,364	£9.00	Grade 1	
2	£17,711	£9.18		Grade 2
3	£18,065	£9.36		
4	£18,426	£9.55	Grade 3	
5	£18,795	£9.74		
6	£19,171	£9.94		Grade 4
7	£19,554	£10.14	Grade 5	
8	£19,945	£10.34		
9	£20,344	£10.54		Grade 6
10	£20,751	£10.76		
11	£21,166	£10.97		
12	£21,589	£11.19	Grade 7	
13	£22,021	£11.41		
14	£22,462	£11.64		
15	£22,911	£11.88		
16	£23,369	£12.11		
17	£23,836	£12.35		
18	£24,313	£12.60		Grade 8
19	£24,799	£12.85		
20	£25,295	£13.11		
21	£25,801	£13.37		
22	£26,317	£13.64		
23	£26,999	£13.99	Grade 9	
24	£27,905	£14.46		
25	£28,785	£14.92		

New SCP	Salary	Hourly Rate	Grades	
26	£29,636	£15.36		Grade 10
27	£30,507	£15.81		
28	£31,371	£16.26		
29	£32,029	£16.60		
30	£32,878	£17.04	Grade 11	
31	£33,799	£17.52		
32	£34,788	£18.03		
33	£35,934	£18.63		Grade 12
34	£36,876	£19.11		
35	£37,849	£19.62		
36	£38,813	£20.12	Grade 13	
37	£39,782	£20.62		
38	£40,760	£21.13		
39	£41,675	£21.60		
40	£42,683	£22.12		
41	£43,662	£22.63		Grade 14
42	£44,632	£23.13		
43	£45,591	£23.63		
44	£46,547	£24.13		
45	£47,503	£24.62	Grade 15	
46	£48,461	£25.12		
47	£49,417	£25.61		
48	£50,373	£26.11		Grade 16
49	£51,330	£26.61		

**JNC Pay Scales**

Effective from 1 April 2019

Designation	Grade	SCP	Salary
Group Manager [2]	Grade 17	1	£54,608
		2	£55,664
		3	£56,741
		4	£57,839
Group Manager [1]	Grade 18	5	£60,755
		6	£61,930
		7	£63,128
		8	£64,350
Head of Service [3]	Grade 19	9	£64,900
		10	£65,888
		11	£66,891
		12	£67,910
Head of Service [2]	Grade 20	13	£71,244
		14	£72,860
		15	£74,512
		16	£76,201
Head of Service [1]	Grade 21	17	£79,112
		18	£80,905
		19	£82,698
		20	£84,491
Corporate Director [2]	Grade 22	21	£91,121
		22	£93,189
		23	£95,305
		24	£97,469
Corporate Director [1]	Grade 23	25	£105,477
		26	£107,871
		27	£108,102
		28	£110,449
Assistant Chief Executive	Grade 24	29	£116,252
		30	£119,031
		31	£121,876
		32	£124,789
Chief Executive	Grade 25	33	£129,823
		34	£132,925
		35	£136,027
		36	£139,128

## Soulbury Pay Scales – 1 September 2019

<b>EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS – SCALE A</b>	
<b>SCP</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
1	£37,175
2	£39,062
3	£40,949
4	£42,834
5	£44,721
6	£46,607
7	£48,383
8	£50,159
9	£51,822
10	£53,488
11	£55,040

<b>SENIOR &amp; PRINCIPAL EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS – SCALE B</b>	
<b>SCP</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
1	£46,607
2	£48,383
3	£50,159
4	£51,822
5	£53,488
6	£55,040
7	£55,678
8	£56,869
9	£58,050
10	£59,251
11	£60,428
12	£61,628
13	£62,849
14	£64,029
15	£65,266
16	£66,490
17	£67,723
18	£68,954

<b>EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROFESSIONALS</b>			
<b>SCP</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>SCP</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
1	£35,444	26	£65,457
2	£36,713	27	£66,588
3	£37,912	28	£67,734
4	£39,127	29	£68,883
5	£40,334	30	£70,030
6	£41,542	31	£71,167
7	£42,811	32	£72,322
8	£44,032	33	£73,477
9	£45,455	34	£74,661
10	£46,724	35	£75,841
11	£47,976	36	£77,055
12	£49,188	37	£78,250
13	£50,561	38	£79,457
14	£51,785	39	£80,648
15	£53,137	40	£81,838
16	£54,359	41	£83,035
17	£55,585	42	£84,230
18	£56,788	43	£85,424
19	£58,029	44	£86,624
20	£58,670	45	£87,821
21	£59,902	46	£89,020
22	£60,976	47	£90,224
23	£62,158	48	£91,416
24	£63,218	49	£92,613
25	£64,351	50	£93,812

## JNC Youth &amp; Community Pay Scales – 1 September 2019

<b>SUPPORT WORKER RANGE</b>	
<b>SCP</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
3	£18,117
4	£18,431
5	£18,791
6	£19,106
7	£19,389
8	£20,038
9	£20,865
10	£21,512
11	£22,558
12	£23,580
13	£24,636
14	£25,729
15	£26,474
16	£27,252
17	£28,017

<b>PROFESSIONAL RANGE</b>	
<b>SCP</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
13	£24,636
14	£25,729
15	£26,474
16	£27,252
17	£28,017
18	£28,787
19	£29,551
20	£30,318
21	£31,179
22	£32,155
23	£33,105
24	£34,060
25	£35,022
26	£35,983
27	£36,945
28	£37,918
29	£38,884
30	£39,851

**REDUNDANCY AND REDEPLOYMENT POLICY**

**SCOPE**

**This policy will apply to all employees of Bridgend County Borough Council except:**

- **Those employed under the JNC for Chief Officers Conditions of Service.**
- **Those employed by Governing Bodies in educational establishments under delegated powers.**

**Date of Issue: April 2015**

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This policy is designed to assist with the management of redundancy and redeployment situations within the Council. It should be read in conjunction with: the Council's Early Retirement, Ill Health Retirement and Redundancy Policy and the Managers' Guidelines attaching to this policy.
- 1.2 Whilst the Council's policy is to avoid redundancies wherever possible, the needs of the business may require a reduction in the overall number of employees or organisational changes that result in some employees being made redundant.
- 1.3 The Council, in consultation with the Trade Unions, will seek to avoid or minimise redundancies by exploring alternative options, such as
- "Natural turnover"
  - Redeployment
  - Retraining
  - Restrictions on recruitment [inc use of agency staff]
  - Early retirement
  - Voluntary redundancy, including "bumped redundancy" where someone other than the postholder's post is made redundant
  - Reduction or elimination of overtime
- 1.4 Where redundancy is inevitable the Council will handle the matter in the most fair, consistent and sympathetic manner possible in order to minimise any hardship that may be suffered by the employee(s) concerned. The Council will ensure that:
- the total number of redundancies made is kept to a minimum;
  - employees and their representatives are fully consulted on any proposals and their implementation;
  - selection for redundancy is based on clear criteria that will be determined objectively and fairly applied;
  - every effort is made to redeploy or find alternative work for employees selected for redundancy; and
  - support and advice is provided to employees selected for redundancy to help them find suitable alternative work.

## 2. Consultation

- 2.1 When a potential redundancy situation has been identified it will be necessary to write to the recognised trade unions and issue notice of formal consultation.
- 2.2 Selection criteria will be identified, where necessary, and where possible agreed with the employees/Trade Unions in advance.
- 2.3 Consultations will be carried out with affected employees and with the recognised Trade Unions over the proposals and the process to be followed. The consultation should start as soon as practicable and at least:-

<b>Number of affected employees</b>	<b>Period of consultation</b>
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- |                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| • Less than 20 employees | 30 days |
| • 20 to 99 employees     | 30 days |
| • 100 or more employees  | 45 days |

2.4 At the start of the consultation, written details of the following will be provided to employees and recognised Trade Unions:-

- the reasons for the proposals;
- the numbers of employees affected by the consultation and descriptions of employees that could potentially be made redundant;
- the total number of employees of any such description employed at the service unit in question;
- the criteria to be applied for selection for redundancy;
- how the redundancies are to be carried out, including the period over which the redundancies are to take effect.

2.5 Formal consultation meetings will be held with those employees potentially affected by the proposed redundancy.

2.6 Where an agreed position has not been reached by the end of the consultation period a further notice of formal consultation will be issued. The length of the second consultation period will be the same as the original. It is necessary for all parties to have undertaken genuine consultation with a view to avoiding redundancy and reaching agreement. Consultation should continue until all issues have been aired and parties have had a reasonable amount of time to comment on information provided and proposals made.

2.7 Following the completion of the consultation process, if no satisfactory resolution has been agreed to avoid a redundancy, the selection criteria will be applied to determine which employees will be issued with notice of redundancy.

### **3. Voluntary Redundancy**

3.1 In order to minimise the need for compulsory redundancies, the Council will consider inviting expressions of interests from employees for voluntary redundancies.

### **4. Redundancy Selection**

4.1 Where the need for redundancies arises, selection will be made on the basis of objective criteria, which will be reasonably, fairly and consistently applied. The Council will ensure that the selection criteria are applied to the affected employees.

4.2 The criteria to be used will normally include but is not limited to:

- Disciplinary record
- Qualifications
- Absence record
- Skills



- Standard of work performance
- 4.3 When developing selection criteria, the Council will ensure that full consideration is given to the protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010 and ensure that reasonable adjustments are made as appropriate so that no employee is put at any disadvantage on account of the selection criteria.

## **5. Redeployment**

- 5.1 The Council will make every effort to provide suitable alternative work to any employee who is selected for redundancy. Suitable alternative work will be considered both during the consultation period and after the conclusion of the consultation period. All current vacancies suitable for redeployment will be considered in respect of the selected employees, including where possible, consideration of retraining.
- 5.2 Prior consideration will apply where employee(s) express an interest in a vacancy at the same or a lower grade. The selection criteria for the post will be applied and, if met, interview(s) will be arranged. This process will be ring-fenced to the affected employees in the first instance.
- 5.3 Where interest is expressed for a post of a higher salary, the normal selection procedures will apply and consideration will be in competition with any other applicants.
- 5.4 Any offer of redeployment will be made in writing. This will include notification of the trial period which will apply to a redeployment appointment. Whilst this will be for a 4 week period, it can be extended or curtailed depending upon the individual circumstances.
- 5.5 During the trial period there will be performance review(s) at appropriate intervals. This will provide opportunity for the manager and employee to assess suitability. Should the redeployment be successful this will be confirmed and the written statement of particulars issued. If the redeployment is not successful this too will be confirmed in writing.
- 5.6 An employee may undertake more than one trial period during their period of notice.
- 5.7 Should an employee embark on a trial period and the four week period exceeds the date of termination, the trial period will continue for the 4 weeks. At the end of this period should the trial period be unsuccessful redundancy will be confirmed.
- 5.8 Where the redeployment involves an employee changing their normal place of work they will be paid excess travelling expenses, in accordance with the Council's allowances and expenses policy.
- 5.9 Suitable alternative employment opportunities must be agreed between the employee and ER Advisor so that prior consideration can be arranged. Where the employee does not agree that an opportunity is suitable, they must provide clear justification for their opinion. Should the employee decline the offer of suitable alternative employment, further redeployment opportunities will be explored during the period of the consultation and notice.

- 5.10 Should an employee refuse an offer of employment to a position which has been agreed as suitable alternative employment, or resigns during the trial period, the right to a redundancy payment will be lost.
- 5.11 In certain circumstances to avoid a redundancy situation, employee(s) who are in comparable positions but not directly affected by the proposed redundancy can be invited to express an interest in redundancy. This is a 'bumped redundancy' and will only be considered where its approval will save another employee facing redundancy. All bumped redundancy requests would be subject to a business case and would need to be agreed at a VER Panel meeting.
- 5.12 If after carrying out these steps there appears to be no possibility of redeployment, the employee(s) will be terminated in accordance with their notice period.

## **6. Dismissal by reason of Redundancy**

- 6.1 In all cases where a dismissal is being considered the three step process will be followed:
- Step 1 - Employee to be advised in writing of the circumstances of the meeting.
  - Step 2 - Meeting takes place with the employee to determine the options.
  - Step 3 - Employee to be advised in writing of the outcome of the meeting.
- 6.2 Where an employee has been selected for redundancy following the application of the selection criteria, they will have the opportunity during the Step 2 meeting to make any representations in relation to their selection. Management will then consider these representation and, if necessary, extend the consultation period. A further meeting, where necessary, will be scheduled to inform the employee of the decision.
- 6.3 Whilst under notice of termination due to redundancy an employee is entitled to a reasonable amount of paid time off to look for alternative work, attend interviews etc. Employee(s) wishing to take advantage of this provision should seek prior approval for their absence with their manager in the normal manner.
- 6.4 Where an offer of employment is made by an associated employer i.e. any other local council or other relevant public authority and employment commences within four weeks of the date of termination, this disqualifies the employee from a redundancy payment.

## **7. Redundancy Notification**

- 7.1 At least 45 days written notification must be given to the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR/BISS) if 100 or more employees are to be made redundant, and at least 30 days for 20 to 99 employees. For less than 20 employees, no notification to BERR/BISS is required.

## **8. Right of Appeal**

- 8.1 The employee has a right of appeal against the decision of the Council. Appeal grounds can include;
- where an employee has been selected for redundancy and is dissatisfied with the way in which the Council has applied its redundancy selection criteria [including Equality Act 2010 issues]
  - where an employee believes that the redundancy procedure has not been applied correctly.
- 8.2 The appeal will be heard by Elected Members.
- 8.3 The employee has 7 calendar days in which to exercise their right of appeal from the date of receipt of the written notification of termination.
- 8.4 The appeal must be made in writing stating the grounds of appeal.
- 8.5 The bundles for the appeal must be exchanged no later than 7 calendar days before the date of the appeal hearing.
- 8.6 Members of the Sub-Committee will hear representations from the employee and his/her representative and from the Corporate Director (or nominated officer) before making its decision.
- 8.7 The decision of the Sub-Committee will be conveyed in writing to the employee and a copy provided to Human Resources.
- 8.8 The process to be adopted at the appeal hearing is set out in Appendix 1.

**Procedure to be adopted at Appeal**

1. The hearing will be held by the Grievance and Disciplinary Appeals Committee, who will be supported by one of the Council's Solicitors in the role of Clerk, a Human Resources Advisor and a minute taker.
2. The parties and their representatives shall be called in simultaneously before the Committee. At the start of the hearing the Chairman will introduce those present and will explain the procedure.
3. The Chief Officer or his/her representative will present the management's case calling, if appropriate, any witnesses to assist in substantiating or clarifying the facts.
4. The appellant or his/her representative will be entitled to question the Chief Officer or his/her representative and any witnesses.
5. The appellant or his/her representative will present the appellant's case calling, if appropriate, any witnesses.
6. The Chief Officer or his/her representative will be entitled to question the appellant and any witnesses.
7. The Members, Clerk of the Committee and the Human Resources Advisor will be entitled at any time during the hearing, with the consent of the Chairman, to ask questions.
8. Where new evidence arises during an appeal it may be appropriate to adjourn in order to investigate or consider such points.
9. The Chief Officer or his/her representative will be given an opportunity to sum up but will not be able to introduce any new evidence at this stage.
10. The appellant or his/her representative will be given an opportunity to sum up. He/she will not be able to introduce any new evidence at this stage.
11. All parties other than the Members of the Committee, the Human Resources Advisor and the Legal Clerk will withdraw from the meeting. The Human Resources Advisor and Legal Clerk will remain in the meeting whilst the Committee require advice.

12. Once the Committee has received advice from the Human Resources Advisor and Legal Clerk the Human Resources Advisor and Legal Clerk will withdraw, while the Committee considered the appeal.
13. The Committee may recall the Human Resources Advisor, Legal Clerk and minute-taker to clarify any points. Should the Committee require advice from the Human Resources Advisor or Legal Clerk both officers should be recalled together.
14. The Committee may recall the parties to clarify any points but, if so, must recall both parties and their representatives and allow them to comment if they so wish.
15. After the Committee has reached a decision on the appeal the parties and their representatives will be recalled and the decision announced to them together with the reasons for it. The decision will be confirmed in writing by the Human Resources Advisor as soon as possible after the hearing.

**NOTE:**

- The term 'Chief Officer' means Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive, Corporate Director or Head of Service of the Council.

The appellant may be represented by either his / her Trade Union representative or by a work colleague.

## **ACTING RANK/HONORARIA PAYMENTS PROTOCOL**

### **PURPOSE**

It will be necessary for the Authority to make arrangements to cover the absence of officers other than for annual leave purposes.

The payment of honoraria is designed to cover relatively short-term and usually unplanned absences to ensure that there is no reduction in provision of service.

### **PAYMENT**

#### **(Acting Rank)**

1. Employees who are requested to undertake the full range of duties and responsibilities of a higher graded post are entitled to additional remuneration commensurate with those duties, for the period during which they are undertaken.
2. An employee will only receive an additional payment after the additional duties and responsibilities have been undertaken for a continuous period of 4 weeks.
3. Once the qualifying period of 4 weeks has elapsed, the additional payment will be paid with effect from the first day on which the employee undertook the additional duties and responsibilities.

### **HONORARIUM**

1. Where employees are requested to undertake less than the full duties and responsibilities of a higher graded post an honorarium may be paid on a pro rata basis.
2. Where the duties and responsibilities are shared between two or more employees then any amount paid will be calculated pro rata dependent upon the circumstances of each case.
3. Employees who are requested to perform additional duties and responsibilities outside the scope of their substantive post e.g. undertaking project work will receive an honorarium based upon the value of the duties and responsibilities (valuated by HR/OD & JE).

## **SELECTION**

### **(Acting up and honorarium payment)**

1. An honorarium will be paid to an individual who is a recognised and agreed [by management] as deputy or assistant clearly identified within a section or division.
2. Where no obvious deputy exists the consideration should be given to sharing the honorarium between the direct line management reports of the [temporarily] vacant post.
3. Where no deputy or assistant exists but it is felt that just one person is required to undertake the full range of duties and responsibilities of the higher graded post, then competitive interviews should be undertaken.
4. The selection process will mirror the Authority's policy on Recruitment & Selection.
5. Where cover is anticipated to be required for between 1-3 months, the temporary vacancy will be ring-fenced to the Service Unit or Section in which it occurs.
6. Where cover is anticipated to be required for in excess of 3 months, it will be regarded as a temporary vacancy and will be dealt with under the Protocol for Secondments.

## **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

### **(Acting up and honorarium payments)**

1. There may be occasions where a member of the Corporate Management Board [or nominated Officer] and the Group Manager HR/OD [or nominated officer] will determine that exceptional circumstances occur. In these cases there may be a requirement to deviate from the normal procedures, e.g., where a senior officer is absented, without notice, from his/her duties and responsibilities.
2. Each case will be determined on its merits and any deviation to the protocol will be authorised by a second member of the Corporate Management Board and the Group Manager HR/OD.

## **AUTHORISATION**

1. All honorarium payments must be agreed with the Human Resources/Organisational Development Service Unit and only the Human Resources/Organisational Development Service Unit may authorise payment.

## **REVIEW PERIOD**

1. All honorarium payments will be subject to a review period of no less frequently than 3 months.

Issue Date: October 2013 Updated March 2019



## **BRIDGEND COUNCIL**

### **SINGLE STATUS / JOB EVALUATION**

### **COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

Working in partnership





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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Council is legally required to carry out a review of its pay and grading structure and Part 3 terms and conditions under the 1997 national Single Status Agreement.
- 1.2 The purpose of this is to ensure employees covered by the Green Book receive the same terms and conditions of employment and any pay differential can be objectively justified.
- 1.3 This document sets out the terms of a collective agreement between Bridgend Council and the trade unions recognised for the purpose of negotiating on NJC pay and terms and conditions, UNISON, GMB and UNITE.
- 1.4 The agreement covers both a new pay and grading structure and any locally negotiated changes to “Part 3” terms and conditions covered by the Green Book.

## **2. Scope**

- 2.1 The Single Status legislation covers all employees on NJC terms and conditions. It does not cover JNC Officers, Youth and Community workers, Teachers and those employees on Soulbury terms and conditions.
- 2.2 The legislation also does not cover employees who are on Craft terms and conditions (Red Book). However, it has been locally agreed that these employees are covered by this collective agreement.

## **3. Principles and Objectives**

- 3.1 Develop a new pay and grading structure and agree terms and conditions covered by Part 3 of the Green Book that are both affordable and sustainable.
- 3.2 Ensure the pay and grading structure and terms and conditions are fair and equitable, thereby removing the pay inequality between male and female employees.

- 3.3 Ensure the Council can robustly defend any future equal pay claims post implementation.
- 3.4 The Council has elected to use the Greater London Provincial (GLPC) Job Evaluation scheme.
- 3.5 A partnership approach between the recognised trade unions, management, and the Job Evaluation team.
- 3.6 Develop benchmarks and job families for those areas of work that cover large numbers of employees in similar roles.

#### 4. Pay and Grading Structure

- 4.1 The new pay structure uses spinal column points 5 to 55 and is made up of 16 grades of either 2 or 3 spinal points, illustrated below at current pay rates.

Table 1

Grade	JE Score		SCP Range		Min Salary	Max Salary
1	0	249	5	6	£12,312	£12,489
2	250	294	8	9	£13,189	£13,589
3	295	320	12	13	£15,039	£15,444
4	321	349	15	16	£16,054	£16,440
5	350	379	17	18	£16,830	£17,161
6	380	409	20	21	£18,453	£19,126
7	410	439	22	23	£19,621	£20,198
8	440	469	25	27	£21,519	£22,958
9	470	503	29	31	£24,646	£26,276
10	504	539	32	34	£27,052	£28,636

<b>11</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	£30,011	£31,754
<b>12</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	£32,800	£34,549
<b>13</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	£35,430	£37,206
<b>14</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	£39,855	£40,741
<b>15</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>52</b>	£43,361	£44,236
<b>16</b>	<b>698+</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	£45,981	£46,855

## 5. **Part 3 Terms and Conditions**

All Part 3 terms and conditions are listed below.

### **Bank Holidays**

- 5.1 Employees who work public and extra statutory holidays will in addition to their normal pay receive plain time rates of pay for all hours worked which equates to double time. Employees will also receive the actual hours worked as time in lieu.

### **Weekends**

- 5.2 Employees that are rota'd to work on a Saturday and / or Sunday will be paid at time and a third.

### **Overtime**

- 5.3 All overtime over 37 hours per week will be paid at time and a third.

### **Nights**

- 5.4 Employees that are rota'd to work a night shift will be paid at time and a third. A night shift is between the hours of 10pm and 7.30am.

### **Standby for Non 24/7 Services**

- 5.5 Employees on the standby rota will receive a payment of £32.94 per shift. There are 9 standby shifts a week, 5 shifts (Monday – Friday) and 2 shifts on Saturday and 2 shifts on Sunday. Should the employee be called out the hours worked will be paid at time and a third.

### **Emergency Response for Non 24/7 Services**

- 5.6 Employees that are not on the standby rota and are called out to respond to an emergency will receive payment of £32.94. Should the employee be called out the hours worked will be paid at time and a third.

### **Special Rates for Cemeteries**

- 5.7 All employees who carry out an exhumation will receive a payment of £150 per exhumation.

### **Sleeping in Duties**

- 5.8 Employees that are required to sleep in on the premises will continue to receive a payment in line with the national agreement of £32.94 per night. Should the employee be awakened to work, the hours will be paid at time and a third.

### **Lettings**

- 5.9 Current arrangements will continue at the time of signing. Any proposed changes will be subject to negotiation.

### **Approved Social Worker Payment**

- 5.10 The Approved Social Worker payment will continue at the current rate of £1,907, 2 increments on top of the maximum of the Social Worker Grade. To receive this payment an employee must fulfil the following 2 criteria:
- Be in possession of a warrant
  - Participate on the rota for Approved Social Worker duties

### **Shifts**

- 5.11 Shift payments will cease to be paid.

### **Unsocial Hours**

- 5.12 Unsocial hours payments will cease to be paid.

### **Market Supplements**

- 5.13 All market supplements will cease and the current policy will terminate.

### **Bonus Payments**

- 5.14 All bonus payments will cease.

### **Telephone Allowance**

- 5.15 All telephone allowances will cease.

### **Other Job Related Allowances**

- 5.16 The following allowances will cease.

- Autistic Unit allowance
- Special Class allowance
- Forensic Lead Allowance

### **Car Allowances**

- 5.17 Essential car user allowances will cease to be paid.
- 5.18 The mileage rate for cars will be 47p per mile for the first 8,500 miles claimed in the tax year and 27p per mile for all mileage claimed over 8,500. The mileage rate for motorcycles will be 24p per mile.

### **Current Arrangements**

- 5.19 First Aid Allowance will continue at the current rate of £104 per annum.

## **6. Assimilation into the New Pay Structure**

- 6.1 Employees receiving a pay increase at implementation (greens) will be assimilated to the bottom point of their new grade. Employees will receive an annual increment until the maximum point of the new grade is reached.
- 6.2 Employees whose salary point decreases on implementation (reds) will be assimilated to the top point of their new grade. The difference between the current and new grade will be subject to the pay protection arrangement detailed in section 7.
- 6.3 Employees whose current pay is within their new JE grade (whites) will be assimilated to the same point in the new grade. Employees will receive an annual increment until the maximum point of the new grade is reached.

6.4 Existing honoraria will need to be recalculated in line with the new pay and grading structure.

## 7. **Pay Protection**

7.1 All current pay protection arrangements will cease following implementation.

7.2 Following implementation of the new pay and grading system pay protection will be paid to cover any detriment. It will last for either 12 or 18 months and be paid monthly as a separate element through employees pay. See below:

- Employees that suffer a detriment below 25% will be offered 12 months pay protection.
- Employees that suffer a detriment of 25% and above will be offered 18 months pay protection.

7.3 Pay protection will be treated as pensionable.

7.4 The following conditions apply if an employee moves to a different post within the Council during the period of protection:

- If the pay of the new post is the same or higher than the protected (original) salary pay protection will end.
- If the pay for the new post is less than the protected pay, pay protection will continue. Pay protection will only be paid to cover the differential between the protected (original) salary and the new (lower) salary.

7.5 An employee who suffers a detriment for any other reason than the implementation of the new pay and grading system will not receive any pay protection. Examples of when an employee may suffer a detriment are shown below (this list is not exhaustive):

- Voluntary demotion,
- Involuntary demotion [eg, following a disciplinary process or restructure]
- Voluntary decrease in hours

7.6 Employees that lose the essential user car allowance will receive a one off payment in the form of a one off lump sum, equivalent to one year's allowance.

7.7 All employees eligible for pay protection or the essential user payment will be required to sign a compromise agreement prior to implementation.

8. **Payments for employees who are gaining on Implementation of the New Pay & Grading System**

8.1 Recognising that the original implementation date for a new pay and grading structure will be later than 1 April 2013 employees who will receive an increase in salary will have that increase effective from 1 April 2013.

8.2 These monies will be paid in a lump sum post implementation.

8.3 The payment will be treated as pensionable

8.4 These employees will be required to sign a compromise agreement prior to implementation.

9. **Appeals Procedure**

9.1 Employees will be able to register an appeal against the outcome of the job evaluation exercise in line with the Appeals Procedure provided in Annex 1.

10. **Implementation Date**

10.1 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.

11. **Signatures and Date**

Bridgend Council Andrew Jolley (Assistant Chief Executive)



UNISON Andrew Woodman (Regional Officer)



GMB Kelly Andrews (Regional Officer)



UNITE Steve Sloan (Regional Officer)





**BRIDGEND COUNCIL**  
**SINGLE STATUS / JOB EVALUATION**  
**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**ADDENDUM – January 2019**

## 1. Introduction

1.1 The Council has previously complied with its statutory obligation to review its pay and grading structure and Part 3 terms and conditions under the 1997 National Single Status Agreement which relates to those employed under NJC terms and conditions.

1.2 At the conclusion of this review a Collective Agreement was entered into and the agreed scheme was implemented in September 2013.

1.3 The NJC pay agreement for 2018-2020 includes the introduction of a new pay spine on 1 April 2019.

## 2. Pay and Grading Structure

2.1 The existing pay structure ranges between spinal column points 6 - 55 comprising 16 grades, (each consisting of up to 3 increments).

2.2 The revised pay structure ranges between spinal column points 1 - 49 and will continue to comprise of 16 grades, (each consisting of up to 3 increments) as detailed below:

Old SCP	New SCP	Salary	Hourly Rate	Grades	
6/7	1	£17,364	£9.00	Grade 1	
8/9	2	£17,711	£9.18		Grade 2
10/11	3	£18,065	£9.36		
12/13	4	£18,426	£9.55	Grade 3	
14	5	£18,795	£9.74		
15/16	6	£19,171	£9.94		Grade 4
17/18	7	£19,554	£10.14	Grade 5	
19	8	£19,945	£10.34		
20	9	£20,344	£10.54		
-	10*	£20,751	£10.76		Grade 6
21	11	£21,166	£10.97		
22	12	£21,589	£11.19		
-	13*	£22,021	£11.41	Grade 7	
23	14	£22,462	£11.64		
24	15	£22,911	£11.88		
-	16*	£23,369	£12.11		
-	17	£23,836	£12.35		

Old SCP	New SCP	Salary	Hourly Rate	Grades	
32	26	£29,636	£15.36		
33	27	£30,507	£15.81		Grade 10
34	28	£31,371	£16.26		
35	29	£32,029	£16.60		
36	30	£32,878	£17.04		
37	31	£33,799	£17.52	Grade 11	
38	32	£34,788	£18.03		
39	33	£35,934	£18.63		
40	34	£36,876	£19.11		Grade 12
41	35	£37,849	£19.62		
42	36	£38,813	£20.12		
43	37	£39,782	£20.62	Grade 13	
44	38	£40,760	£21.13		
45	39	£41,675	£21.60		
46	40	£42,683	£22.12		
47	41	£43,662	£22.63		
48	42	£44,632	£23.13		Grade 14

25	18*	£24,313	£12.60		Grade 8
26	19	£24,799	£12.85		
27	20	£25,295	£13.11		
-	21*	£25,801	£13.37		
28	22	£26,317	£13.64		Grade 9
29	23	£26,999	£13.99		
30	24	£27,905	£14.46		
31	25	£28,785	£14.92		

49	43	£45,591	£23.63		
50	44	£46,547	£24.13		
51	45	£47,503	£24.62	Grade 15	
52	46	£48,461	£25.12		
53	47	£49,417	£25.61		
54	48	£50,373	£26.11		Grade 16
55	49	£51,330	£26.61		

### 3. Implementation of Revised NJC Structure





3.1 The date of implementation is 1st April 2019.

3.2 Employees will assimilate across on the 1st April 2019 and then be awarded an increment where available in line with their contract.

### 4. Other conditions

4.1 All other terms and conditions remain as set out in the original collective agreement.

### 5. Signatures and Date

Bridgend Council	Mark Shephard (Interim Chief Executive)	
UNISON	Lynne Hackett (Regional Officer)	
GMB	Kelly Andrews (Regional Officer)	
UNITE	Nicholas Blundell (Regional Officer)	

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**BRIDGEND COUNCIL  
SINGLE STATUS / JOB EVALUATION  
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**ADDENDUM – JULY 2018**

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Council has previously complied with its statutory obligation to review its pay and grading structure and Part 3 terms and conditions under the 1997 National Single Status Agreement which relates to those employed under NJC terms and conditions.
- 1.2 At the conclusion of this review a Collective Agreement was entered into and the agreed scheme was implemented in September 2013.
- 1.3 As part of a recent senior management review a decision has been taken to alter the JNC pay structure. This will allow movement between the NJC and JNC pay structures. To enable this a cap will need to be introduced to the NJC pay structure at Grade 16.

## 2. Pay and Grading Structure

- 2.1 The existing pay structure ranges between spinal column points 6 -55 comprising 16 grades, (each consisting of up to 3 increments).
- 2.2 Each grade has a corresponding JE score, however, Grade 16 (ie JE score 698 and above) is currently uncapped as there has previously been no progression past this point.
- 2.3 The amended pay structure will place a cap of 728 on Grade 16. Posts which are evaluated above 728 will move onto the JNC pay structure and associated terms and conditions, which are not covered by the collective agreement.
- 2.4 The amended senior management pay and grading structure (which includes JNC & NJC) is illustrated below and are based on salaries as at 31.03.18.

Designation	Grade	Point 1	Point 2	Point 3	Point 4	JE Score
Chief Executive	25	£124,781	£127,763	£130,745	£133,725	986+
Deputy Chief Executive	24	£111,737	£114,408	£117,143	£119,943	954-984
Corporate Director [1]	23	£101,381	£103,681	£103,904	£106,159	922-952
Corporate Director [2]	22	£87,582	£89,570	£91,604	£93,684	890-920
Head of Service [1]	21	£76,039	£77,762	£79,487	£81,210	858-888
Head of Service [2]	20	£68,477	£70,030	£71,618	£73,242	826-856

Head of Service [3]	19	£62,379	£63,329	£64,293	£65,273	794-824
Group Manager [1] JNC	18	£58,395	£59,525	£60,677	£61,851	762-792
Group Manager [2] JNC	17	£52,487	£53,502	£54,537	£55,593	730-760
Group Manager [3] NJC	16	£48,417	£49,336			698-728

### 3. Implementation of New NJC Structure

3.1 The implementation date for applying the cap to Grade 16 is 1st April 2018.

3.2 All Grade 16 postholders will be invited to complete a job description questionnaire for evaluation based on current duties.

3.3 Grade 16 posts that are subject to restructure proposals prior to implementation date will be considered as part of the restructure.

3.4 Employees will be able to register an appeal in accordance with the appeal process as set out at paragraph 9 of the original collective agreement.

### 4. Other conditions

4.1 All other terms and conditions remain as set out in the original collective agreement.

### 5. Signatures and Date

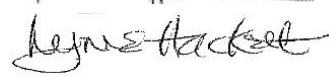
Bridgend Council

Darren Mepham (Chief Executive)



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## BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

11 MARCH 2020

### REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

#### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES 2020-2021

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Council of the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in respect of the level and range of remuneration the Authority must make available to its Members for the 2020/21 municipal year.
- 1.2 The report also advises of a Draft Supplementary Report issued by the Panel relating to the reimbursement of Costs of Care which is the subject of consultation.

#### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has acknowledged the need to ensure that financial barriers do not stand in the way of attracting more people to serve in local government. The active participation of all Members contributes to all the following Corporate Priorities.

1. **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
2. **Helping people to be more self-reliant** – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007 provided for the establishment of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
- 3.2 This is the twelfth Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the Panel), and the ninth published under the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (attached as **Appendix 1**). The Measure extended the responsibilities of the Panel and its powers under Section 142 to decide (prescribe) payments to members of relevant authorities.

- 3.3 The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 amended the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 by inserting Section 143A. This requires that any principal Council or Fire and Rescue Authority that intends to change the salary of its Head of Paid Service must consult the Panel unless the change is in keeping with changes applied to other officers. Section 143A also enables the Panel to take a view on anything in the Pay Policy Statement of an authority that relates to the salary of the Head of Paid Service (normally the Chief Executive or Chief Fire Officer). The Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 extended this responsibility, on a temporary basis, to Chief Officers of principal authorities. The Panel's approach to its use of these powers is set out in Section 15 of its report and accords with the guidance issued to the Panel by the Welsh Government.
- 3.4 Representatives of the Panel held consultation meetings on their proposals, which was attended by the Head of Democratic Services.
- 3.5 The determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel Annual Report 2020 are shown at **Appendix 2** for ease of reference.

#### **4. Current Situation / Proposal**

##### 4.1 Basic Salary

- 4.1.1 Although public sector funding continues to be constrained, the Panel considers that an increase in the basic salary is justified. It has determined there shall be an increase of £350 per annum (which equates to 2.5%) effective from 1 April 2020 to the basic salary for members of principal councils. The proposed increase applied to the basic salary for members of principal councils is in recognition of the basic duties expected of all Elected Members. The basic salary in 2020/2021 for Elected Members of principal councils shall be £14,218. **(Determination 1).**

##### 4.2 Senior Salaries

- 4.2.1 The Panel has determined that no additional increases will be paid to senior salary holders in 2020-21. Members received an uplift in last year's annual report and senior salary holders will receive only the basic salary element increase. The senior salary levels in 2020-21 for members of principal councils shall be as set out in Table 5, page 17 of the report (Appendix 1). The Panel considers that the leadership and executive roles carry the greatest individual accountability and that size of population remains a major factor in influencing levels of responsibility and the use of the population groups has therefore been retained. **(Determination 2).**

##### 4.2.2 Leader and Deputy Leader

The Salary for the Leader and Deputy Leader has been based on the population of the County Borough (100,001 to 199,999). The Leader is entitled to receive £49,450 and the Deputy Leader £34,950.

##### 4.2.3 Cabinet Members

Cabinet members will be entitled to receive a senior salary of £30,450.



#### 4.2.4 Chairs of Committees

Where chairs of committees are remunerated, the chairs will be paid a salary of £22,918. The Panel has re-iterated that it is a matter for individual authorities to determine which chairs are paid. At its Annual Meeting in May 2019 Council determined that the following Committee Chairpersons be remunerated as shown below:

- Chairperson Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1
- Chairperson Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2
- Chairperson Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3
- Chairperson of Development Control Committee
- Chairperson of Licensing/Licensing Act 2003 Committee
- Chairperson of Audit Committee
- Chairperson of the Appeals Panel
- An Independent Member chairs the Standards Committee and receives £256 for a meeting lasting over 4 hours or £128 for meeting under 4 Hours

#### 4.2.5 Largest Opposition Group Leader

The Panel has determined that Council must make a senior salary of £22,918 available to the leader of the largest opposition group. The Council currently makes this senior salary available to the leader of the Independent Alliance Group.

#### 4.2.6 Opposition Group Leaders

A senior salary of £17,918 is able to be paid to any another group leader who represents at least 10% (6 Members) of the Council. This salary is currently not used as the leader of the Conservative Group is paid a senior salary as Chairperson of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1.

#### 4.3 Civic Salaries

4.3.1 Councils have strongly expressed to the Panel that Elected Members do not wish to make any choices that require Councils themselves to choose and match the level of activity or duties of a specific member to a given range of salary levels for a role. The Panel has determined (**Determination 3**) that (where paid) a civic head must be paid a salary of £22,918 and (where paid) a deputy civic head must be paid a salary of £17,918 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

4.3.2 The Panel recognises the wide range of provision made for civic heads in respect of transport, secretarial support, charitable giving and clothing. Funding decisions in relation to levels of such additional support are not matters of personal remuneration, but of the funding required to carry out the tasks and duties. These matters remain entirely a matter for individual councils. Councils remain free to invest in support at whatever levels they deem appropriate for the levels of civic leadership they have in place.

#### 4.4 Co-Opted Members

4.4.1 The Panel has determined that a daily/half daily fee is appropriate remuneration for the important role undertaken by co-opted members of authorities with voting rights (this includes the co-opted member from a Town or Community Council). The level of payments is equivalent to the current daily rates for chairs and members of the

Welsh Government's Band 2 sponsored bodies. This Authority must pay the following fees to Co-opted Members (who have voting rights) (**Determination 35**).

Chairs of standards, and audit committees	£256 (4 hours and over) £128 (up to 4 hours)
Ordinary members of standards committees who also chair standards committees for community and town councils	£226 daily fee (4 hours and over) £113 (up to 4 hours)
Ordinary members of standards committees; education scrutiny committee; crime and disorder scrutiny committee and audit committee	£198 (4 hours and over) £99 (up to 4 hours)
Community and town councillors sitting on principal council standards committees	£198 (4 hours and over) £99 (up to 4 hours)

#### 4.5 Compliance with Panel Requirements

4.5.1 The Panel is empowered to require the Authority to comply with the requirements imposed on it by the Annual Report of the Panel and further enables the Panel to monitor compliance by the Authority of the Panel's determinations. Details of all remuneration received by Elected Members must be published annually on the Local Authority's website in the prescribed format.

#### 4.6 Draft Supplementary Report on the Reimbursement of the Costs of Care

4.6.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has issued a draft supplementary report relating to the Reimbursement of Costs of Care. The Panel has endeavoured to find ways to increase the take up of the financial support for members of councils who have care responsibilities or personal needs. The Panel believe that this provision is an important factor to increase and sustain diversity of membership of local authorities.

4.6.2 The Panel proposes a set of principles that should be adopted by all relevant authorities and has issued a consultation document requesting that responses be submitted to the Panel by 9 April 2020, prior to the publication of the final Report. The draft supplementary report sets out the Panel's proposals for consultation which is attached at **Appendix 3** and sets out the minimum authorities should do and how this could be done with regard to the Reimbursement of the Costs of Care. The purpose of the proposal is to enable all members and co-opted members of relevant authorities to carry out their duties effectively.

4.6.3 The draft supplementary report has been circulated to Group Leaders and will be presented to the Democratic Services Committee on 12 March 2020 for the Committee to consider the set of principles and respond accordingly to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales by the deadline of 9 April 2020.

### 5. **Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules**

5.1 There is currently no impact of the Policy Framework or Procedure Rules.

### 6. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

6.1 This report is supportive of the equalities implications for Elected Members by Including care, family and other allowances.

## **7. Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications**

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of wellbeing goals/objectives as a result of this report

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1 The budget set for the remuneration of Elected Members in 202/21 is £1,152,930.

8.2 The introduction of these proposals will increase the cost of remuneration of Members by £350 per Elected Member which equates to a total of £18,900. Some of this cost may be negated by some Elected Members electing to forgo some or all of their salaries.

## **9. Recommendations**

9.1 Council is recommended to note the Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales 2020 and approve:

- the adoption of the relevant determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel contained within its report (**Appendix 1**);
- those posts (as shown in the revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration at **Appendix 4**), who will receive a senior/civic salary;
- the level of remuneration for the Senior and Civic Salaries (where appropriate);
- the revised Members' Schedule of Remuneration at **Appendix 4**, and for it to become effective from 1 April 2020;
- that the Members' Schedule of Remuneration be updated with any changes to Senior/Civic Salary positions subsequently made by Council during the 2020-21 municipal year.

9.2 Council is recommended to note the draft supplementary report (**Appendix 3**) for the Reimbursement of the Costs of Care and the deadline of 9 April 2020 for responses.

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# Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

## Annual Report

February 2020

Mae'r ddogfen yma hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg.  
This document is also available in Welsh.

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

### **FOREWORD**

In 2017 the Panel visited each of the 22 principal councils and met with many members and officers. Since then we have met with all Fire and Rescue and National Park Authorities and continued with the programme of meetings with Community and Town Councillors and Clerks. In this draft Annual Report we continue to reflect some of the issues that have arisen during our visits. We have previously indicated that payments to councillors have not kept pace with the original comparator the Panel used to establish an appropriate level of remuneration because of pressures on public expenditure. The effect of this can be seen in the tables and graphs in section 3. A more detailed paper will be available on our website.

Our draft Annual Report proposed an increase in the basic salary of elected members of principal councils and members of both Fire and Rescue Authorities and National Park Authorities to take account of the current rate of inflation which will help prevent further erosion. The responses to the consultation generally accepted the reasons for the increase and agreed that payments to elected members had not kept pace with the cost of living. We have decided to retain the proposals contained in our draft Report. Concerns about the financial impact of any increases when local government in Wales continues to be financially stretched are inevitable. However, we have to balance the issue of affordability with fairness to members of local councils and recognise that the current level of payments means that many of them struggle financially. As we have consistently indicated, representative democracy does not come without a cost. In the current circumstances we consider our determinations set out in this Report achieve this balance.

Other issues that were raised in several responses related to the date of implementation of the determinations and matters of taxation of some of the payments.

Some responses suggested that the date of implementation should be following the authority's Annual Meeting. The Panel's statutory position in this regard is clear. The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 stipulates that the Panel's Annual Report relates to each financial year.

While we fully appreciate the concerns expressed about the application of taxation to some of the payments, it is not a matter that is within our remit to take this up directly, we are providing information to support representations to HMRC. We have also advised authorities to make representations individually.

The term of office of Julie May, who has been a member of the Panel since 2016, ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December. I would wish to put on record my thanks to her for her work and commitment. She was a valuable member and will be missed. Also, my thanks to our secretariat who carry out all the administrative tasks without which we could not function.

John Bader  
Chair

## Panel Membership

John Bader – Chair  
Gregory Owens - Vice Chair  
Stephen Mulholland

Julie May  
Saz Willey  
Roger Symonds

Detailed information about the members can be found on the website: <http://irpw.gov.wales>

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## Introduction



**This is the twelfth Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the Panel), and the ninth published under the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011(as amended).**

1. As with all the Panel's Annual Reports the determinations on member remuneration are underpinned by the principles set out in Section 1.
2. The Panel has consistently expressed its view that maintaining the democratic values of local governance cannot be cost free. Members of local authorities (including co-opted and appointed members) are there to represent the interests of local people, undertake the governance of local communities, and secure appropriate value for money public services for local tax-payers through effective scrutiny for which they are accountable to their community. These are significant and important tasks for members of the relevant authorities within the Panel's remit. Payments to members are made available to encourage a diversity of willing and able people to undertake local governance through their elected, appointed or co-opted roles.
3. In determining the level of payments to members of local authorities, the Panel seeks to meet the principle of 'acceptability' by ensuring that these are not 'so great as to require a significant diversion of resources from key council priorities'. But Section 142(8) of the Measure is more explicit on 'affordability' when it states that "when setting an amount, the Panel must take into account what it considers will be the likely financial impact of doing so on relevant authorities". The Panel acknowledges that the issue of affordability – in relation both to relevant authorities' service budgets and to the electorate's disposable incomes – is likely to impact on the public perception of any increases to members' payments. It is therefore a matter of balancing issues of affordability and public perception with fairness to members for their time, worth and responsibility.
4. In 2009 the Panel aligned members' payments to the median gross earnings of all full-time employees resident in Wales as reported in the Annual Survey of Hourly Earnings (ASHE). The basic salary at that time was set at three-fifths of the All Wales Median Salary and senior salaries were set at multiples of this annual median salary. In setting these salaries the Panel recognised that there was an unpaid public service contribution.
5. The financial constraints on the public sector and particularly local authorities have meant that the link with average Welsh earnings has not been maintained. The Panel considers that this has undervalued the worth of elected members. To avoid further erosion in relation to average earnings the Panel proposes to increase the basic annual salary by £350 to £14,218 (an increase of 2.5%).

6. From the discussions during our visits to the principal councils it is clear that very few members are utilising the provision in the framework to reimburse the costs of care. It appears that some members are still reluctant to claim all they are entitled to support them in their role, because of concerns about the adverse publicity this can attract (see Annex 4 for changes to the publication requirements). We urge Democratic Services Committees to take steps to encourage and facilitate greater use of this element of our framework so that members concerned are not financially disadvantaged. We are currently undertaking a review of this provision with a view to encouraging greater take up by those members who have caring responsibilities.
7. The Panel has continued to contribute wherever possible to enhancing diversity in local government in Wales through its determinations. The Panel produces leaflets for prospective candidates on the remuneration of members of councils. We are pleased that several councils include this leaflet on their websites. In addition since the last report we have produced a short film [Ever thought about being a Welsh councillor?](#)
8. During 2019 we met with each of the three National Park Authorities (NPAs) and each of the three Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs). Discussions with members indicated that the time commitment had increased. We have reflected this in our determinations and the salaries for NPAs are now to be based on 44 days per year and for FRAs 22 days per year.
9. We have continued to engage with community and town councils and have met with numerous representative groups. As a result, we propose further amendments to our framework in respect of community and town councils. The proposed determinations for community and town councils are in Section 13.
10. The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 amended the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 by inserting Section 143A. This requires that any principal council or fire and rescue authority that intends to change the salary of its Head of Paid Service must consult the Panel unless the change is in keeping with changes applied to other officers. Section 143A also enables the Panel to take a view on anything in the Pay Policy Statement of an authority that relates to the salary of the Head of Paid Service (normally the Head of Paid Service or Chief Fire Officer). The Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 extended this responsibility, on a temporary basis, to Chief Officers of principal authorities. This function of the Panel ceases on 31 March 2020. The Panel's approach to its use of these powers is set out in Section 15 of this Report and accords with the guidance issued to the Panel by the Welsh Government.
11. Since assuming the additional responsibility in respect of changes to the salaries of chief officers of principal councils the Panel has dealt with several submissions each year. The Panel's decisions in the past year are at Section 15.
12. One issue that has been a point of discussion during the last year is the action of the Council in respect of the Reports of the Panel which it receives. When the Panel's Annual Report is issued, principal councils must comply with the statutory requirements and apply all the relevant determinations. The proper officer of the council must put in place mechanisms for all eligible council members to receive

payments as determined by the Panel. There are currently no options relating to levels of remuneration by principal councils that require a decision by full council. Levels of payments to which members are entitled cannot be varied by a vote of a principal council.

13. Only an individual member may communicate in writing to the proper officer if, as *an individual*, they wish to decline all or part of the payment to which they are entitled.
14. How the IRPW Annual Report is formally received or noted by full council is not a matter that is within the Panel's statutory remit. Individual constitutions or standing orders of councils may vary as to matters that may be submitted to full council for consideration. It is for each council to decide how they wish to manage receipt of the IRPW Report and if appropriate seek the advice of their legal officers. However, all council members and officers should take care that no misleading statements are made or reported in media, in particular, an indication that a council has taken a decision to reduce or vary levels of payments. There are no powers that permit a principal council to take such action.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents/enacted>

# **1. The Panel's Framework: Principles of Members' Remuneration**

## **Upholding trust and confidence**

- 1.1 Citizens rightly expect that all those who choose to serve in local authorities uphold the public trust by embracing the values and ethics implicit in such public service. These principles underpin the contribution that the work of the Panel and its Framework make towards upholding public trust and confidence.

## **Simplicity**

- 1.2 The Framework is clear and understandable. This is essential for the Panel to be able to communicate its determinations effectively to all those who are affected by, or who have an interest in its work.

## **Remuneration**

- 1.3 The Framework provides for payment to members of local authorities who carry a responsibility for serving their communities. The level of payment should not act as a barrier to taking up or continuing in post. There should be no requirement that resources necessary to enable the discharge of duties are funded from the payment. The Framework provides additional payments for those who are given greater levels of responsibility.

## **Diversity**

- 1.4 Democracy is strengthened when the membership of local authorities adequately reflects the demographic and cultural make-up of the communities such authorities serve. The Panel will always take in to account the contribution its Framework can make in encouraging the participation of those who are significantly under-represented at local authority level.

## **Accountability**

- 1.5 Taxpayers and citizens have the right to receive value for money from public funds committed to the remuneration of those who are elected, appointed or co-opted to serve in the public interest. The Panel expects all principal councils to make information readily and appropriately available about the activities and remuneration of their members.

## **Fairness**

- 1.6 The Framework will be capable of being applied consistently to members of all local authorities within the Panel's remit as a means of ensuring that levels of remuneration are fair, affordable and generally acceptable.

## **Quality**

- 1.7 The Panel recognises that the complex mix of governance, scrutiny and regulatory duties incumbent upon members requires them to engage with a process of continuous quality improvement. The Panel expects members to undertake such training and personal development opportunities as required to properly discharge the duties for which they are remunerated.

## **Transparency**

- 1.8 Transparency of members' remuneration is in the public interest. Some members receive additional levels of remuneration by virtue of being elected or appointed to more than one public body. The Framework serves to ensure that knowledge of all members' remuneration is made easily available to the public.

## **Remuneration of Officers**

- 1.9 The Panel applies these principles of fairness, accountability and transparency in all its determinations in relation to remuneration of members of all the authorities that fall within its remit. The same principles also apply when the Panel is required to make recommendations in relation to the remuneration of the paid officers of these authorities.

## 2. Annual Report Summary Page

Type of Payment	Type of Authority			
	Principal Councils	National Park Authorities	Fire and Rescue Authorities	Community and Town Councils
Basic Salary	page 13	page 28	page 32	N/A <sup>2</sup>
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Committee Chairs	page 16	page 28	page 32	N/A
Opposition Groups	page 15	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Presiding Members	page 19	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Family Absence	page 26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sickness Absence	page 38	page 38	page 38	N/A
Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees	page 24	N/A	N/A	N/A
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<sup>2</sup> Not Applicable

### 3. Payments to Elected Members of Principal Councils: Basic, Senior and Civic Salaries

#### Basic salary for elected members of principal councils

3.1 In 2009 the Panel set the maximum basic salary at £13,868, representing three fifths of the then median gross earnings of all full-time employees resident in Wales as reported in the Annual Survey of Hourly Earnings (ASHE) published by the Office of National Statistics. The Panel assessed it appropriate to use a figure comparable with constituents' pay, adjusted for the part-time nature of the work of a member with no senior responsibilities. This identical figure of £13,868 was determined as the basic salary in the IRPW 2019 annual report, ten years on. A detailed explanatory paper setting out the historical context and analysis is available on the IRPW website at this [link](#). The key issues are outlined below.

3.1.1 Over this last decade, taking account of affordability and acceptability, the Panel has determined figures for basic salary which have varied but have not kept pace with measures of inflation or other possible comparators. Table 1, illustrated by Graph 1, demonstrates the rate of increase of these alternative measures on the basic salary from 2012 of £13,175. Table 2 expresses these increases as a percentage year on year. The various comparators analysed are Retail Prices Index, Consumer Prices Index, Wales Median Salary (ASHE), NJC (public sector employees), Living Wage, Assembly Members, and MPs. This is calculated on an assumption that the basic activity required of an elected member (i.e. without the additional work required for a senior salary) is equivalent to three days' work a week. The Panel acknowledges that many members routinely work in excess of these hours, as analysed in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3. It follows that, other than the Basic Elected Member figure, the amounts shown are predictive and notional.

3.1.2 To set this in the context of other Welsh elected members, over this same 8-year period an assembly member's salary has increased by 25.6% (£53,852 to £67,649 - now indexed to Average Salaries in Wales ASHE) and an MP's salary has increased by 22.4% (£65,738 to £79,468).

3.1.3 Thus, backbench members' salaries have fallen significantly behind by any reasonable measure of inflation.

**Table 1 - Alternative measures & benchmarks for basic salary (2013 baseline)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>IRPW Basic</b>	<b>13175</b>	<b>13300</b>	<b>13300</b>	<b>13300</b>	<b>13400</b>	<b>13600</b>	<b>13868</b>	<b>14218</b>
<b>RPI</b>	13175	13531	13747	13912	14259	14845	15245	15702
<b>CPI</b>	13175	13518	13720	13734	13775	14175	14515	14805
<b>Wales Median</b>	13175	13702	13784	13922	14297	14441	14758	15053*
<b>NJC SP 27**</b>	13175	13267	13321	13587	13723	13860	14137	14505
<b>Living Wage</b>	13175	13425	13828	14257	15326	15970	16672	17489
<b>AMs salary</b>	13175	13175	13175	13175	13306	15662	15991	16550
<b>MPs salary</b>	13175	13307	13440	14824	15017	15227	15501	15920

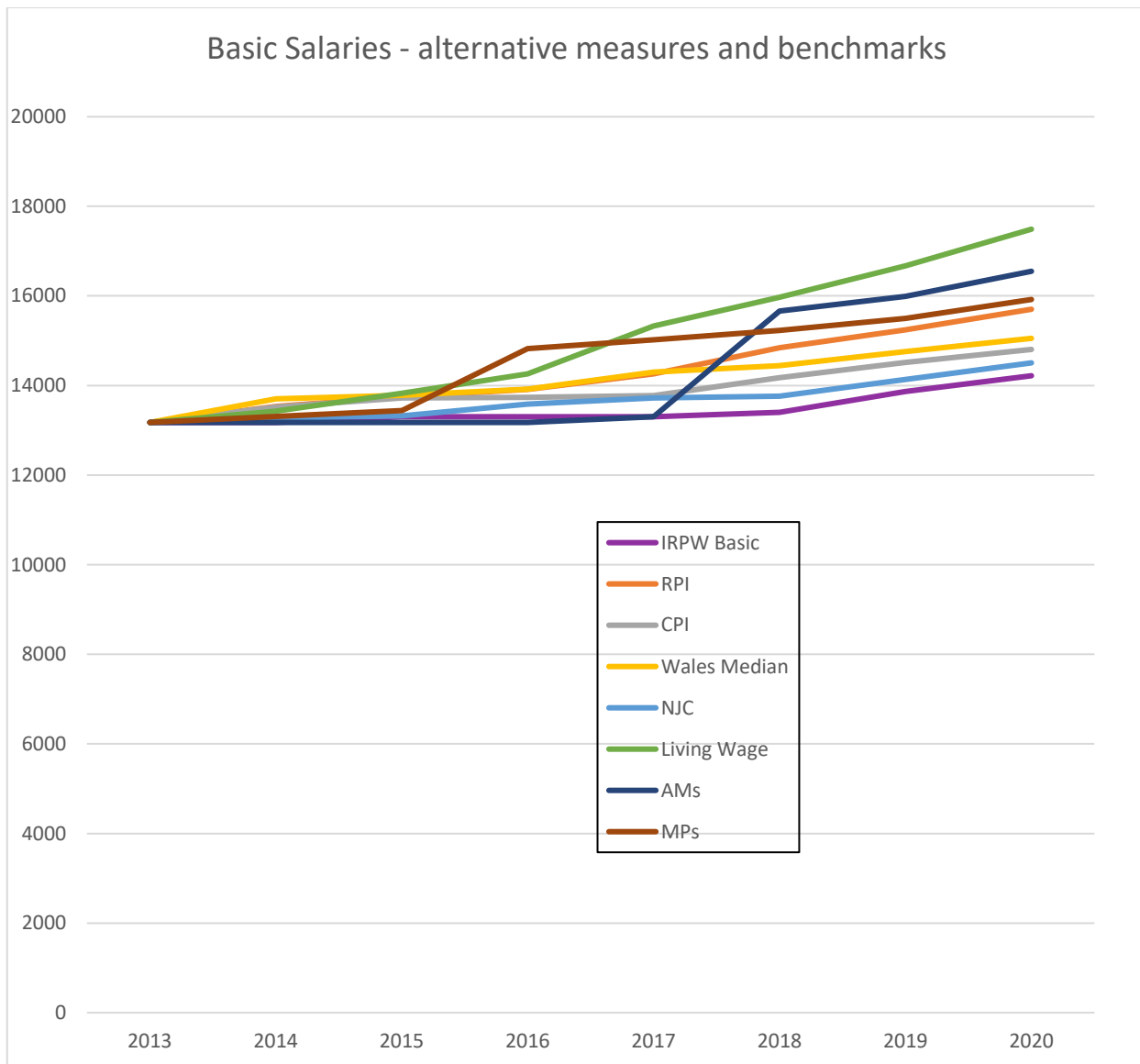
**Table 2 - percentage increases by alternative measures or benchmarks**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>TOTAL 7 years compound</b>
<b>IRPW Basic</b>		<b>0.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
<b>RPI</b>		2.7	1.6	1.2	2.5	4.1	2.7	3.0	19.2%
<b>CPI</b>		2.6	1.5	0.1	0.3	2.9	2.4	2.0	12.4%
<b>Wales Median</b>		4.0	0.6	1.0	2.7	1.0	2.2	2.0*	14.3%
<b>NJC SP27**</b>		0.7	0.4	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.6	10.0%
<b>Living Wage</b>		1.9	3.0	3.1	7.5	4.2	4.4	4.9	32.7%
<b>AMs salary</b>		0	0	0	1.0	17.7	2.1	3.5	25.6%
<b>MPs salary</b>		1.0	1.0	10.3	1.3	1.4	1.8	2.7	20.8%

\* estimated    \*\* SP27 changes to SP20 from 2019



**Graph 1:**



3.2 The Panel remains aware that the key activities required of an elected member of a principal council vary. Duties undertaken should enable all members to discharge their core non-executive responsibilities in the governance of their council and in representing those living in their ward. As an elected role, such posts are not readily treated in the same manner as employment with precisely quantified hours. The work that arises in representing ward residents is particularly varied because it is influenced by the very diverse socio-economic conditions, demographics, levels of urbanisation and different ratios of residents to councillors. These variations occur within individual authorities as well as in comparisons of local authorities throughout Wales. Elected positions carry an expectation of a level of personal commitment to the community that goes beyond defined remunerated hours. Many elected members report that their time spent is well in excess of the notional three days (extra time worked and previously defined by the Panel as a ‘public service discount’).

- 3.3 In 2017 Panel members visited all Welsh principal councils to meet with elected members to inform and update their understanding of elected and co-opted member activities. During 2018 and 2019 the Panel continued its regular liaison with councillors and officers. Panel members met with the Chairs of Democratic Services Committees and their officers. The Panel has also, through varied correspondence with councils and individual council members and others, maintained its ongoing dialogue. The position generally expressed by councillors and officers remains, particularly in the context of austerity, that the basic workload discharged by all elected members is substantial and exceeds 3 days per week.
- 3.4 When making financial determinations for this Annual Report, the Panel has considered the progression of the variety of benchmark figures outlined above for the period from 2012 to 2019. As shown in Table 1 above, the gap between the level of basic remuneration for elected members of principal councils and relevant indicators of rises in income and costs of living indicators has continued to grow. From 2017 the Panel began action to narrow this trend and limit the rate of erosion. Any adjustments in recent years have been in keeping with the Panel's principle that its determinations should be affordable and acceptable. Although public sector funding continues to be constrained, the information set out in Table 1 and Table 2 supports the Panel's consideration that a further increase in the basic salary is justified. It has determined there shall be an increase for 2020/21 of £350 a year which equates to 2.5%, a point midway between RPI and CPI. The proposed increase applies to the basic salary for members of principal councils in recognition of the duties expected of all elected members.
- 3.5 This salary shall be paid by each principal authority in Wales from 1 April 2020 to each of its elected members unless any individual member opts personally and in writing to receive a lower amount.

**Determination 1: The Basic Salary in 2020/21 for elected members of principal councils shall be £14,218 with effect from 1 April 2020.**

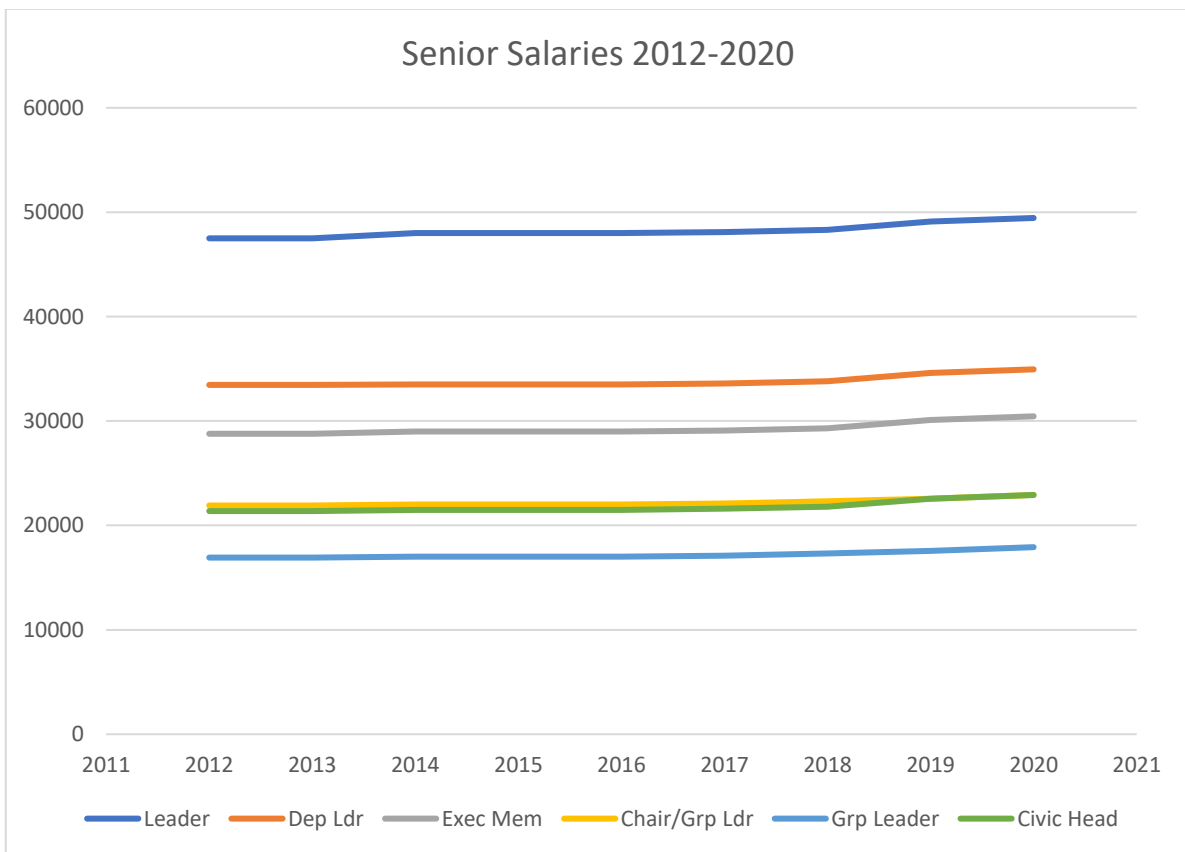
### Senior Salaries

- 3.6 Despite a slight increasing trend in the level of senior salary since 2012, (which has been lower than any measure of inflation), senior salaries are lower than they were ten years ago. The comparative measures are set out in the paragraph above relating to basic member salary over the same period (Table 1 and graph 1).
- 3.7 For the purposes of this analysis the mid-point (Group B) has been used where there are three rates in a salary band.

**Table 3 - IRPW Determinations on Senior Salaries 2012-20**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Leader</b>	47500	47500	48000	48000	48000	48100	48300	49100	49450
<b>Deputy Ldr</b>	33460	33460	33500	33500	33500	33600	33800	34600	34950
<b>Exec Memb</b>	28780	28780	29000	29000	29000	29100	29300	30100	30450
<b>Chair/OpLdr</b>	21910	21910	22000	22000	22000	22100	22300	22568	22918
<b>Group Ldr</b>	16920	16920	17000	17000	17000	17100	17300	17568	17918
<b>Civic Ldr</b>	21375	21375	21500	21500	21500	21600	21800	22568	22918

**Graph 2:**



- 3.8 The limit on the number of senior salaries payable ('the cap') will remain in place. In 2020/21 the maximum number of senior salaries payable within each council will not be altered and will be as set out in Table 4 below.

**Table 4:** Maximum numbers of council membership eligible for payment of a senior salary

<b>Council</b>	<b>Number of councillors</b>	<b>Number of senior salaries</b>
<b>Group A (populations over 200,000)</b>		
Cardiff	75	19
Rhondda Cynon Taf	75	19
Swansea	72	19
<b>Group B (populations of 100,000 to 200,000)</b>		
Bridgend	54	18
Caerphilly	73	18
Carmarthenshire	74	18
Conwy	59	18
Flintshire	70	18
Gwynedd	75	18
Neath Port Talbot	64	18
Newport	50	18
Pembrokeshire	60	18
Powys	73	18
Vale of Glamorgan	47	18
Wrexham	52	18
<b>Group C (populations of up to 100,000)</b>		
Blaenau Gwent	42	17
Ceredigion	42	17
Denbighshire	47	17
Isle of Anglesey	30	16
Merthyr Tydfil	33	16
Monmouthshire	43	17
Torfaen	44	17

**Payments to members of the executive, chairs of committees and the leader of the opposition**

- 3.9 No additional increases will be paid to senior salary holders in 2020. Such members received an uplift in last year's annual report and senior salary holders will receive only the basic salary element increase.

## **The Executive**

- 3.10 In 2009 the Panel concluded that Executive members should be considered as working the equivalent of full time (around 40 hours per week) but not necessarily nine to five. Continued discussions with members and officers in recent years have reinforced this conclusion.
- 3.11 Senior salaries are set out in Determination 2.

## **Chairs of Committees**

- 3.12 There is a significant difference in the responsibilities and functions of chairing different committees. Councils are reminded that they do not have to pay chairs of committees. It is a matter for each council to decide which, if any, chairs of committees are remunerated. This allows councils to take account of differing levels of responsibility.
- 3.13 Where chairs of committees are paid, the remuneration is: £22,918.

## The Senior Salary Bands

**Determination 2: Senior salary levels in 2020/21 for members of principal councils shall be as set out in Table 5 with effect from 1 April 2020.**

**Table 5:** Basic salary and senior salaries payable to members of principal councils

<b>Basic salary (payable to all elected members) £14,218</b>			
	<b>Group A</b> Cardiff, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea	<b>Group B</b> Bridgend, Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Conwy, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Newport, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Vale of Glamorgan, Wrexham	<b>Group C</b> Blaenau Gwent, Ceredigion, Denbighshire, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Torfaen, Isle of Anglesey
<b>Senior salaries (inclusive of basic salary)</b>			
<b>Band 1</b> Leader	£54,450	£49,450	£44,450
Deputy leader	£38,450	£34,950	£31,450
<b>Band 2</b> Executive members	£33,450	£30,450	£27,450
<b>Band 3</b> Committee chairs (if remunerated):		£22,918	
<b>Band 4</b> Leader of largest opposition group <sup>3</sup>		£22,918	
<b>Band 5</b> Leader of other political groups		£17,918	

<sup>3</sup> Leader of largest opposition group. See IRPW Regulations, Annex 2, Part 1(2) for a definition of “largest opposition group” and “other political group”.

## Table 5 notes:

- a. The Panel considers that leadership and executive roles (Band 1 and 2 salaries respectively) carry the greatest individual accountability and that 'size of population' remains a major factor in influencing levels of responsibility and the use of the three population groups (A, B and C) has therefore been retained. For information: Group A Population 200,000 and above; Group B Population 100,001 to 199,999; Group C Population up to 100,000.
- b. It is proposed to increase Band 1 and Band 2 senior salaries for Leader, Deputy Leader and Executive Members only by the £350 awarded to basic salary.
- c. Committee chairs will be paid at Band 3. It is a matter for each council to decide which, if any, chairs of committees are remunerated. This allows councils to take account of differing levels of responsibility.
- d. The stipulation that an opposition group leader or any other group leader must represent at least 10% of the council membership before qualifying for a senior salary remains unchanged.
- e. The Panel has determined that a council must make a senior salary available to the leader of the largest opposition group.
- f. The Panel has determined that, if remunerated, a Band 5 senior salary must be paid to leaders of other political groups.

## Payments to Civic Heads and Deputies (Civic Salaries)

- 3.14 The Panel had previously allowed councils to vary salaries of civic heads and deputy civic heads to reflect the specific responsibilities attached to the roles. However, councils strongly expressed to the Panel that elected members do not wish to make decisions that require Councils themselves such choices and options were removed in 2019. In the case of civic salaries, if paid, the payment for Band 3 is set at £22,918 for a civic head and at the Band 5 salary of £17,918 for a deputy civic head (Determination 3). A council may decide not to apply any civic salary to the posts of civic head and or deputy civic head.
- 3.15 The posts of civic head and deputy civic head are not included in the cap (with the exception of Isle of Anglesey and Merthyr Tydfil Councils).

**Determination 3: Where paid, a Civic Head must be paid a Band 3 salary of £22,918 and, where paid, a Deputy Civic Head must be paid a Band 5 salary of £17,918 with effect from 1 April 2020.**

- 3.16 Civic heads are senior posts within councils which are distinct from political or executive leadership. In addition to chairing major meetings the civic head is the authorities' 'first citizen' and 'ambassador' representing the council to a wide variety of institutions and organisations. The Panel's requirement that members should not have to pay for the cost of the support (see determination 10) needed to carry out their duties applies also in respect of deputy civic heads.
- 3.17 In many instances civic heads receive secretarial support and are provided with transport for official duties and can access a separate hospitality budget which is managed and controlled by council officers.
- 3.18 The Panel recognises the wide range of provision made for civic heads in respect of transport, secretarial support, charitable giving and clothing. Funding decisions in relation to levels of such additional support are not matters of personal remuneration, but of the funding required to carry out the tasks and duties. These matters remain entirely a decision for individual councils. Councils remain free to invest in support at whatever levels they deem appropriate for the levels of civic leadership they have in place.
- 3.19 The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 allows councils to appoint a presiding member whose role is to chair meetings of the whole council. Where appointed, there would be a consequential reduction in the responsibilities of the respective civic head.

### **Payments to Presiding Members**

- 3.20 Councils are reminded that, if a presiding member is appointed, they do not have to be remunerated. If they are remunerated the post will count towards the cap and be paid at a Band 3 senior salary of £22,918.

**Determination 4: Where appointed and if remunerated, a Presiding Member must be paid a Band 3 senior salary of £22,918.**

**Determination 5: The post of Deputy Presiding Member will not be remunerated.**

### **Key factors underpinning the Panel's determinations:**

- 3.21 The basic salary, paid to all elected members, is remuneration for the responsibility of community representation and participation in the scrutiny, regulatory and related functions of local governance for the time equivalent of three days a week. Any time commitment beyond three days is an unpaid public service contribution.
- 3.22 The prescribed salary and expenses must be paid in full to each member unless an individual has independently and voluntarily opted in writing to the



authority's proper officer to forego all or any element of the payment. It is fundamental there is transparency in this process so any possible suggestion that members are put under pressure to forego some of the salaries is avoided.

The following must be applied:

**Determination 6:**

- a) An elected member must not be remunerated for more than one senior post within their authority.**
- b) An elected member must not be paid a senior salary and a civic salary.**
- c) All senior and civic salaries are paid inclusive of basic salary.**
- d) If a council chooses to have more than one remunerated deputy leader, the difference between the senior salary for the deputy leader and other executive members should be divided by the number of deputy leaders and added to the senior salary for other executive members in order to calculate the senior salary payable to each deputy leader.**

**Determination 7: Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA or FRA to which they have been appointed. They remain eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care from the NPA or FRA.**

**Determination 8: Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 salary cannot receive any payment from a Community or Town Council of which they are a member. They remain eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care from the Community or Town Council.**

### **Supporting the work of local authority elected members**

- 3.23 Following the local elections in 2017 Panel members undertook visits to all principal authorities in Wales. These visits provided valuable opportunities for members and officers to discuss the variations that occur and to share and understand the benefits gained by properly supporting the ability of members to discharge their basic duties effectively.
- 3.24 The Panel expects the support provided should take account of the specific needs of individual members. The functions of Democratic Services Committees include a requirement to review periodically the level of support provided to members to carry out their duties and the Panel would expect these committees to carry this out and bring forward proposals to the full council as to what is considered to be reasonable. Any proposals should be made with due regard to Determinations 9 and 10 below. For example, the Panel does not consider it appropriate that elected members should be required to pay for any

telephone usage to enable them to discharge their council duties as a ward member, committee member or cabinet member.

- 3.25 The Panel considers it is necessary for each elected member to have ready use of e-mail services, and electronic access to appropriate information via an internet connection. The Panel does not consider it appropriate that elected members should be required to pay for internet related services to enable them to discharge their council duties as a ward member, committee member or cabinet member. This comprises the necessary provision for a member to be in proper contact with council services and to maintain contact with those they represent. Councils are committed to 'paperless working' and without electronic access members would be significantly limited in their ability to discharge their duties. It is not appropriate for facilities required by members to be available only within council offices within office hours.
- 3.26 The responsibility of each council through its Democratic Services Committee to provide support should be based on an assessment of the needs of its members. When members' additional needs or matters of disability apply, or there are specific training requirements indicated, each authority will need to assess any particular requirements of individual members.
- 3.27 As a result of their legitimate actions as a councillor an elected member's personal security may become significantly, adversely affected. In keeping with their existing responsibilities, it is the duty of Democratic Services Committees to fund or provide support necessary to enable a councillor to discharge their role reasonably and safely. This may require the funding of appropriate security measures to protect councillors from personal risk or significant threat. Risk assessment and liaison with relevant bodies such as the police and security services would normally inform selection of required provision.
- 3.28 For co-opted members the support requirements are set out in section 9 and determination 40.

**Determination 9: Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee, must ensure that all its elected members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. All elected members should be provided with adequate telephone, email and internet facilities giving electronic access to appropriate information.**

**Determination 10: Such support should be without cost to the individual member. Deductions must not be made from members' salaries by the respective authority as a contribution towards the cost of support which the authority has decided necessary for the effectiveness and or efficiency of members.**

## Specific or additional senior salaries

3.29 The Panel has allowed for greater flexibility through the provision for authorities to apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current remuneration framework, or which could not be accommodated within the maximum number of senior salaries relating to the authority. If the proposed addition is approved and results in the council exceeding its cap, this will be included in the approval (with exception of Merthyr Tydfil and the Isle of Anglesey Councils – see footnote 4). Some councils have raised the possibility of operating some senior salary posts on a “job share” arrangement. The Panel is supportive of this principle and the process is set out in Paragraph 3.31.

**Determination 11: Principal Councils can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.**

- 3.30 Guidance to local authorities on the application process was issued in April 2014 and incorporated the following principles:
- a. The total number of senior salaries cannot exceed fifty percent<sup>4</sup> of the membership.
  - b. Applications will have to be approved by the authority as a whole (unless this has been delegated within Standing Orders) prior to submission to the Panel.
  - c. There must be clear evidence that the post or posts have additional responsibility demonstrated by a description of the role, function and duration.
  - d. Each application will have to indicate the timing for a formal review of the role to be considered by the authority as a whole.

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<sup>4</sup> Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 Section 142 (5) The proportion fixed by the Panel in accordance with subsection (4) may not exceed fifty percent unless the consent of the Welsh Ministers has been obtained.

### 3.31 **Job Sharing Arrangements**

For members of an executive: Each “sharer” will be paid an appropriate proportion of the salary group as set out in Table 5.

The statutory maximum for cabinets cannot be exceeded so each job sharer will count toward the maximum.

Under the Measure, it is the number of persons in receipt of a senior salary, not the number of senior salary posts that count towards the cap. Therefore, for all job share arrangements the senior salary cap will be increased subject to the statutory maximum of 50% of the council’s membership.

The Panel must be informed of the details of any job share arrangements.

## **4 Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees (JOSC)**

- 4.1 Little use has been made of the arrangements for JOSCs. Therefore, the Panel has decided to delete the payment from the framework. If, in future, a JOSC is formed by an individual council and it wishes to remunerate, it can apply using the arrangements contained in paragraphs 3.29 and 3.30. The current JOSCs in operation will continue without need for further confirmation.

## **5. Pension Provision for Elected Members of Principal Councils**

- 5.1 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 provides a power to the Panel to make determinations on pension entitlement for elected members of principal councils.

**Determination 12: The entitlement to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) shall apply to all eligible elected members of principal councils.**

## 6. Entitlement to Family Absence

This section applies to elected members of principal authorities.

- 6.1 The Regulations relating to Family Absence for elected members of principal councils were approved by the National Assembly for Wales in November 2013<sup>5</sup> and cover maternity, new born, adoption and parental absences from official business.
- 6.2 The Panel considered the implications for the remuneration of such members who are given absence under the terms of the Welsh Government Regulations and the Panel's determinations are set out below.

**Determination 13: An elected member is entitled to retain a basic salary when taking family absence under the regulations irrespective of the attendance record immediately preceding the commencement of the family absence.**

**Determination 14: When a senior salary holder is eligible for family absence, they will continue to receive the salary for the duration of the absence.**

**Determination 15: It is a matter for the authority to decide whether or not to make a substitute appointment. The elected member substituting for a senior salary holder taking family absence will be eligible to be paid a senior salary, if the authority so decides.**

**Determination 16: If the paid substitution results in the authority exceeding the maximum number of senior salaries which relates to it, as set out in the Panel's Annual Report, an addition to the maximum will be allowed for the duration of the substitution. However, this will not apply to the Isle of Anglesey or Merthyr Tydfil Councils if it would result in the number of senior salaries exceeding fifty percent of the Council membership. Specific approval of Welsh Ministers is required in such circumstances.**

**Determination 17: When a Council agrees a paid substitution for family absence the Panel must be informed within 14 days of the date of the decision, of the details including the particular post and the duration of the substitution.**

**Determination 18: The Council's schedule of remuneration must be amended to reflect the implication of the family absence.**

<sup>5</sup>[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2013/2901/pdfs/wsi\\_20132901\\_mi.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2013/2901/pdfs/wsi_20132901_mi.pdf)

## 7. Payments to Members of National Park Authorities (NPAs)

### Structure of National Park Authorities

7.1 The three National Parks in Wales - Brecon Beacons, Pembrokeshire Coast and Snowdonia were formed to protect spectacular landscapes and provide recreation opportunities for the public. The Environment Act 1995 led to the creation of the three corresponding National Park Authorities (NPAs). These have two main statutory purposes, to:

- protect and improve the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage;
- promote opportunities for the public to understand and enjoy the National Park's special features.

In addition to fulfilling the National Park's purposes, it is the duty of the National Park Authority to foster the economic and social wellbeing of local communities within the Park.

7.2 National Park Authorities comprise Members who are either elected members nominated by the Principal Councils within the National Park area or are members appointed by the Welsh Government through the Public Appointments process. Welsh Government appointed and council nominated members are treated equally in relation to remuneration.

7.3 The structure of the Members' Committee at each of the three national parks is set out in Table 6.

**Table 6: Membership of Welsh National Park Authorities**

National Park Authority	Total Membership	Principal Council Members	Welsh Government appointed Members
<b>Brecon Beacons</b>	24	16: Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – 1 Carmarthenshire County Council – 2 Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council – 1 Monmouthshire County Council – 2 Powys County Council – 8 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council - 1 Torfaen County Borough Council – 1	8
<b>Pembrokeshire Coast</b>	18	12: Pembrokeshire County Council – 12	6
<b>Snowdonia</b>	18	12: Conwy County Borough Council – 3 Gwynedd Council – 9	6



- 7.4 In addition, Standards Committees of NPAs have independent co-opted members whose remuneration is included in the Framework as set out in Section 9.
- 7.5 In considering remuneration of members of NPAs, the Panel has based its determinations on the following key points:
- NPAs manage their work via formal authority meetings, committees and task and finish groups. Each has a Development, Management and or Planning Committee, and other committees include Performance and Resources and Audit and Scrutiny. Ordinary NPA members are members of at least one committee as well as being involved in site visits and inspection Panels.
  - There is an expectation that members will participate in training and development.
  - The Chair of an NPA has a leadership and influencing role in the authority, a representational role similar in some respects to that of a civic head and a high level of accountability. The chair is not only the leader of the authority but is also the public face of the particular national park and is the link with the Minister and AMs with whom they have regular meetings. The role requires a high level of commitment and time.

### **Basic and senior salaries**

- 7.6 Members of the Panel visited each of the three NPAs in 2019. As a result of discussions that took place at these visits, the Panel has decided that the time commitment on which the remuneration is based will be increased from 42 to 44 days. The salary for members of NPAs will increase to £4,010.
- 7.7 The Panel has also previously determined that the remuneration of a NPA Chair should be aligned to that part of a Band 3 senior salary received by a committee chair of a principal council. This salary will increase to £12,710.
- 7.8 The Panel has previously provided the option for a NPA to decide which of two salary levels the roles of deputy chair and up to two other committee Chairs can be remunerated at. During the visits members considered that this arrangement was no longer appropriate. The Panel has therefore decided that the optional arrangement is removed. The salary for the deputy chair and committee chairs will increase to £7,710 which is aligned to Band 5.

## **Additional Senior Salaries**

- 7.9 Feedback was received during the Panel's visits to NPAs that its determination that up to two NPA Committee Chairs could receive a senior salary could be restrictive in the NPAs discharging their governance requirements.
- 7.10 The Panel allows principal councils greater flexibility to apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework. The Panel extends this provision to NPAs as reflected in the following principles:
- a. Applications will have to be approved by the authority as a whole (this cannot be delegated) prior to submission to the Panel.
  - b. There must be clear evidence that the post or posts have additional responsibility demonstrated by a description of the role, function and duration.
  - c. Each application will have to indicate the timing for a formal review of the role to be considered by the authority as a whole.

7.11 The Panel has made the following determinations:

**Determination 19: The basic salary for NPA ordinary members shall be £4,010 with effect from 1 April 2020.**

**Determination 20: The senior salary of the Chair of an NPA shall be £12,710 with effect from 1 April 2020**

**Determination 21: A NPA senior salary of £7,710 must be paid to a Deputy Chair where appointed.**

**Determination 22: Up to two committee chairs can be paid a salary of £7,710.**

**Determination 23: NPAs can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.**

**Determination 24: Members must not receive more than one NPA senior salary.**

**Determination 25: A NPA senior salary is paid inclusive of the NPA basic salary.**

**Determination 26: Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA to which they have been appointed.**

Note: Family absence does not apply to Welsh Government appointed members and local authority nominees are covered by their principal council so NPAs are not required to make any arrangements in this respect.

## 8. Payments to Members of Welsh Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs)

### Structure of Fire and Rescue Authorities

- 8.1 The three Fire and Rescue Services (FRAs) in Wales: Mid and West Wales, North Wales and South Wales were formed as part of Local Government re-organisation in 1996.
- 8.2 FRAs comprise elected members who are nominated by the Principal Councils within the Fire and Rescue Service area.
- 8.3 The structure of the each of the three FRAs is set out in Table 7.

**Table 7: Membership of Fire and Rescue Authorities**

Name of Fire and Rescue Authority	Number of Local Authority Members
Mid and West Wales	25: Carmarthenshire County Council – 5 Ceredigion County Council – 2 Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council – 4 Pembrokeshire County Council – 3 Powys County Council – 4 Swansea City and County Council – 7
North Wales	28: Conwy County Borough Council – 5 Denbighshire County Council – 4 Flintshire County Council – 6 Gwynedd Council – 5 Isle of Anglesey County Council – 3 Wrexham County Borough Council – 5
South Wales	24: Bridgend County Borough Council – 2 Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – 1 Caerphilly County Borough Council – 3 Cardiff City Council – 5 Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council – 1 Monmouthshire County Council – 2 Newport City Council - 2 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council - 4 Torfaen County Borough Council – 2 Vale of Glamorgan Council -2

- 8.4 In addition, Standards Committees of FRAs have independent co-opted members whose remuneration is included in the Framework as set out in Section 9.

- 8.5 In considering remuneration of members of FRAs, the Panel has based its determinations on the following key points:
- The Chair has a leadership and influencing role in the authority, and a high level of accountability especially when controversial issues relating to the emergency service arise. In addition to fire authority meetings, all FRAs have committees that include in different combinations: audit, performance management, scrutiny, human resources, resource management as well as task and finish groups and disciplinary Panels. As well as attending formal meetings of the authority and committees, members are encouraged to take on a community engagement role, including visiting fire stations.
  - There is a strong training ethos in FRAs. Members are expected to participate in training and development. Induction programmes are available as well as specialist training for appeals and disciplinary hearings.
  - Training sessions often follow on from authority meetings to make the training accessible.

### **Basic and Senior Salaries**

- 8.6 As a result of the information obtained from the Panel's visits to the three FRAs in 2019 the time commitment on which the remuneration is based is increased from 20 to 22 days. The salary for members will increase to £2,005.
- 8.7 The Panel determined that the remuneration of a FRA Chair should be aligned to that part of a Band 3 senior salary received by a committee chair of a principal council. This salary will increase to £10,705.
- 8.8 The Panel determined that the remuneration of a FRA Deputy Chair will be aligned with the Band 5 senior salary for principal councils. This will increase to £5,705 and must be paid if the authority appoints a deputy chair.
- 8.9 The Panel has determined that up to two FRA committee chairs can be remunerated also aligned with Band 5. This will increase to £5,705.

## **Additional Senior Salaries**

- 8.10 The Panel allows principal councils greater flexibility to apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework. The Panel extends this provision to FRAs as reflected in the following principles:
- a. Applications will have to be approved by the authority as a whole (this cannot be delegated) prior to submission to the Panel.
  - b. There must be clear evidence that the post or posts have additional responsibility demonstrated by a description of the role, function and duration.
  - c. Each application will have to indicate the timing for a formal review of the role to be considered by the authority as a whole.

## **Local Pension Boards**

- 8.11 The Panel has considered requests from FRAs to allow them to pay salaries to Chairs of local pension boards established under the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) Regulations 2015. Those Regulations already give FRAs the power to decide how local pension boards are to work and to pay the Chair and members if they wish. Therefore, it is not appropriate for the Panel to make a determination empowering FRAs to pay salaries to local pension board Chairs. The senior salaries in Determination 27 or 28 cannot be used exclusively for this role.
- 8.12 The Panel has made the following determinations:

**Determination 27: The basic salary for FRA ordinary members shall be £2,005 with effect from 1 April 2020.**

**Determination 28: The senior salary of the Chair of an FRA shall be £10,705 with effect from 1 April 2020.**

**Determination 29: An FRA senior salary of £5,705 must be paid to the Deputy Chair where appointed.**

**Determination 30: Up to two Chairs of committees can be paid. This shall be paid at £5,705.**

**Determination 31: FRAs can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.**

**Determination 32: Members must not receive more than one FRA senior salary.**

**Determination 33: A FRA senior salary is paid inclusive of the FRA basic salary and must reflect significant and sustained responsibility.**

**Determination 34: Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any FRA to which they have been nominated.**

## 9. Payments to Co-opted Members of Principal Councils, National Park Authorities and Fire & Rescue Authorities <sup>6</sup>

- 9.1 The Panel has determined that a daily or half daily fee is appropriate remuneration for the important role undertaken by co-opted members of authorities with voting rights (this includes the co-opted member from a community or town council). The level of payments is equivalent to the current daily rates for chairs and members of the Welsh Government's Band 2 sponsored bodies.
- 9.2 The number of days in any one year for which co-opted members may be paid will reflect the work programme of the relevant committee. Recognising the important role that co-opted members have, payment must be made for travel and preparation time; committee and other types of meetings as well as other activities, including training, as set out in Determinations 36 to 39.
- 9.3 The determinations are set out below and principal councils, NPAs and FRAs must tell co-opted members the name of the appropriate officer who will provide them with the information required for their claims; and make the appropriate officer aware of the range of payments that should be made.

**Determination 35: Principal councils, NPAs and FRAs must pay the following fees to co-opted members who have voting rights (Table 8).**

**Table 8: Fees for co-opted members (with voting rights)**

Chairs of standards, and audit committees	£256 (4 hours and over) £128 (up to 4 hours)
Ordinary members of standards committees who also chair standards committees for community and town councils	£226 daily fee (4 hours and over) £113 (up to 4 hours)
Ordinary members of standards committees; education scrutiny committee; crime and disorder scrutiny committee and audit committee	£198 (4 hours and over) £99 (up to 4 hours)
Community and town councillors sitting on principal council standards committees	£198 (4 hours and over) £99 (up to 4 hours)

**Determination 36: Reasonable time for pre-meeting preparation is to be included in claims made by co-opted members the extent of which can be determined by the appropriate officer in advance of the meeting.**



**Determination 37: Travelling time to and from the place of the meeting is to be included in the claims for payments made by co-opted members (up to the maximum of the daily rate).**

**Determination 38: The appropriate officer within the authority must determine in advance whether a meeting is programmed for a full day and the fee will be paid on the basis of this determination even if the meeting finishes before four hours has elapsed.**

**Determination 39: Fees must be paid for meetings and other activities including other committees and working groups (including task and finish groups), pre-meetings with officers, training and attendance at conferences or any other formal meeting to which co-opted members are requested to attend.**

### **Support for co-opted members**

- 9.4 The Panel's visits to principal councils in 2017 identified some good practice in how the important role of co-opted members was reflected in the communication and support they receive. In the best cases, they received the same range of support as elected members, enabling them to undertake their role fully. However, concerns were raised in several councils where the Panel's determinations were not being fully implemented and there was limited support available for co-opted members.

**Determination 40: Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee or other appropriate committee, must ensure that all voting co-opted members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. Such support should be without cost to the individual member.**

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<sup>6</sup> This section does not apply to co-opted members to community and town councils.

## 10. Reimbursement of Costs of Care

- 10.1 This section applies to all members of principal councils, National Park Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities and to Co-opted members of these authorities. The same provision for Community and Town Councils is set out in section 13.
- 10.2 The purpose of this section is to enable people who have personal support needs and or caring responsibilities to carry out their duties effectively as a member of an authority. The Panel believes that additional costs of care required to carry out approved duties should not deter any individual from becoming and remaining a member of an authority or limit their ability to carry out the role.
- 10.3 Members, including co-opted members should be entitled to reimbursement of their care costs, up to the maximum of £403 per month, for activities that the individual council has designated official business or an approved duty which might include appropriate and reasonable preparation and travelling time. It is a matter for individual authorities to determine specific arrangements to implement this.
- 10.4 The Panel recognises the issues relating to the publication of this legitimate expense. This is reflected in change to the requirements for publication set out in Annex 4. To support current members and to encourage diversity the Panel urges authorities to promote and encourage greater take-up of the reimbursement of costs of care.

**Determination 41: All authorities must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members to enable them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.**

## 11. Sickness Absence for Senior Salary Holders

- 11.1 The Family Absence Regulations (approved by the National Assembly in 2014) are very specific relating to entitlement and only available for elected members of principal councils. Absence for reasons of ill-health is not included.
- 11.2 Instances have been raised with the Panel of senior salary holders on long term sickness and the perceived unfairness in comparison with the arrangements for family absence. In consequence, councils are faced with the dilemma of:
- Operating without the individual member but still paying them the senior salary.
  - Replacing the member who therefore loses the senior salary (but retains the basic salary).
- 11.3 The Panel's Framework provides specific arrangements for long term sickness as set out below:
- a) Long term sickness is defined as certified absences in excess of 4 weeks.
  - b) The maximum length of sickness absence within these proposals is 26 weeks or until the individual's term of office ends, whichever is sooner (but if reappointed any remaining balance of the 26 weeks will be included).
  - c) Within these parameters a senior salary holder on long term sickness can, if the authority decides, continue to receive remuneration for the post held.
  - d) It is a decision of the authority whether to make a substitute appointment, but the substitute will be eligible to be paid the senior salary appropriate to the post.
  - e) If the paid substitution results in the authority exceeding the maximum number of senior salaries payable for that authority, as set out in the Annual Report, an addition will be allowed for the duration of the substitution. (However, this would not apply to Merthyr Tydfil or the Isle of Anglesey councils if it would result in more than 50% of the membership receiving a senior salary. It would also not apply in respect of a council executive member if it would result in the cabinet exceeding 10 posts - the statutory maximum).
  - f) When an authority agrees a paid substitution, the Panel must be informed within 14 days of the decision of the details including the specific post and the estimated length of the substitution. The authorities' Schedule of Remuneration must be amended accordingly.
  - g) It does not apply to elected members of principal councils who are not

senior post holders as they continue to receive basic salary for at least six months irrespective of attendance and any extension beyond this timescale is a matter for the authority.

- 11.4 This arrangement applies to members of principal councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities who are senior salary holders, including Welsh Government appointed members, but does not apply to co-opted members.

Note:

The Family Absence Regulations apply to elected members in cases of maternity, new born, adoption and parental absences from official business. They do not apply to Welsh Government appointed members of National Park Authorities.

## 12. Reimbursement of Travel and Subsistence Costs when on Official Business

- 12.1 This section applies to members of principal councils, National Park Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities and to co-opted members of these authorities. (Similar provision for Community and Town Councils is contained in section 13 as there is a different approach to such members, principally that the provision is permissive.)
- 12.2 Members may claim reimbursement for travel and subsistence (meals and accommodation) costs where these have arisen as a result of undertaking official duties.
- 12.3 Expenses reimbursed to members of principal councils, by their principal council are exempt from Income Tax and employee NICs. Members of National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities may be subject to other arrangements as determined by HMRC.
- 12.4 The Panel is aware that in some instances members with disabilities have been reluctant to claim legitimate travel expenses because of an adverse response following the publication of their travel costs. As an alternative, travel arrangements could be made directly by the authority in such circumstances.
- 12.5 The Panel has determined there will be no change to mileage rates which members are entitled to claim. All authorities may only reimburse travel costs for their members undertaking official business within and or outside the authority's boundaries at the current HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) rates which are:

### Reimbursement of mileage costs

45p per mile	Up to 10,000 miles in a year by car
25p per mile	Over 10,000 miles in a year by car
5p per mile	Per passenger carried on authority business
24p per mile	Motor cycles
20p per mile	Bicycles

- 12.6 Where a member who is on official business is driven by a third party (not a member or officer of that authority), the member can claim mileage at the prescribed rates plus any parking or toll fees provided the authority is satisfied that the member has incurred these costs.

### Reimbursement of other travel costs

- 12.7 All other claims for travel, including travel by taxi if this is the only, or most

appropriate, method of transport, must only be reimbursed on production of receipts showing the actual cost and will be subject to any requirement or further limitation that an authority may determine. Members should always be mindful of choosing the most cost-effective method of travel.

### Reimbursement of subsistence costs

£28 per day	Day allowance for meals, including breakfast, where not provided in the overnight charge
£200 per night	London
£95 per night	Elsewhere
£30 per night	Staying with friends and or family

- 12.8 These rates are in line with Welsh Government rates. Recommended practice is that overnight accommodation should usually be reserved and paid for on behalf of members by the relevant authority, in which case an authority may set its own reasonable limits and the limits which apply when an individual member claims in arrears for overnight accommodation costs do not then apply.
- 12.9 All authorities must continue to reimburse subsistence expenses for their members up to the maximum rates set out above on the basis of receipted claims except for occasions when members stay with friends and/or family.
- 12.10 There may be instances where an authority has determined that travel costs within its boundaries are payable and require a journey to be repeated on consecutive days. Where it is reasonable and cost effective to reimburse overnight accommodation costs, instead of repeated daily mileage costs, then it is permissible to do so.
- 12.11 It is not necessary to allocate the maximum daily rate (£28 per day) between different meals as the maximum daily rate reimbursable covers a 24-hour period and can be claimed for any meal if relevant, provided such a claim is accompanied by receipts.

### Car Parking for Members

Several councils have specific arrangements for their members in respect of car parking. The Panel considers that it is a matter for individual councils to determine arrangements including payments to and from members providing that it is a decision made formally by the council.

## 13. Payments to Members of Community and Town Councils

- 13.1 The Panel recognises a wide variation in geography, scope and scale across the 735 community and town councils in Wales, from small community councils with relatively minimal expenditure and few meetings to large town councils with significant assets and responsibilities.
- 13.2 The Panel has met with over 304 Councillors and Clerks representing 302 community and town councils in 17 meetings it held across Wales. The discussions re-confirmed the widely held view that the roles individual councils undertake varied significantly and in accordance with this wide variation, the responsibilities and accountabilities of councillors must also vary. Councillors managing income or expenditure of £1million and those delivering significant services, including some that might have been delegated from principal councils, are operating in a much more complex environment than a council with an annual budget of less than £30,000.
- 13.3 In the 2018 Annual Report the Panel formed 3 groups of community and town councils to reflect these differences based on the level of income *or* expenditure, whichever is the highest, in the previous financial year. These remain unchanged as set out in Table 9.

**Table 9: Community and Town Council Groupings**

<b>Community and Town Council Group</b>	<b>Income or Expenditure in 2019-2020 of:</b>
A	£200,000 and above
B	£30,000 - £199,999
C	Below £30,000

- 13.4 In order to act and carry out duties as a member of a community or town council all persons are required to make a formal declaration of acceptance of office. Following this declaration, members of community or town councils are then holders of elected office and occupy a role that is part of the Welsh local government structure. It is important to note that a person who follows this path is in a different position to those in other forms of activity, for example such as volunteering or charitable work, typically governed by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.
- 13.5 Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, community and town councils are relevant authorities for the purpose of remuneration.
- 13.6 Consequently, individuals who have accepted office as a member of a community or town council are entitled to receive payments as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. It is the duty of the proper officer of a council (usually the Council Clerk) to arrange for correct payments to be made to all individuals entitled to receive them.

- 13.7 Members should receive monies to which they are properly entitled as a matter of course. There must be no requirement for individuals to 'opt in' to receive payments.
- 13.8 An individual may decline to receive part, or all, of the payments if they so wish. This must be done in writing and is an individual matter. A community or town council member wishing to decline payments must themselves write to their proper officer to do so.
- 13.9 The Panel considers that any member who has personal support needs or caring responsibilities should be enabled to fulfil their role. Therefore, the Panel is mandating reimbursement of cost of care for all members of community and town councils as set out in Determination 48.
- 13.10 In each community and town council the proper officer should ensure there is ready access to proper reimbursements of costs of care to enable those eligible for reimbursement to participate in the democratic process. It is inappropriate for councils or councillors to create a climate, or otherwise pressurise others, in order to prevent persons accessing any monies to which they are entitled that may support them to participate in local democracy.
- 13.11 Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council cannot receive any payment from any community or town council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care. However, this does not preclude them from holding a senior role (Leader, Deputy Leader) without payment.
- 13.12 Table 10 sets out the actions that community and town councils must take annually in respect of each determination that follows.

### **Payments towards costs and expenses**

- 13.13 The Panel continues to mandate a payment of £150 as a contribution to costs and expenses for members of all community and town councils.
- 13.14 For the avoidance of doubt this determination now includes all councils. Receipts are not required for these payments.

**Determination 42: All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses.**



## Senior roles

- 13.15 The Panel recognises that specific member roles especially within the larger community and town councils, for example a committee chair, will involve greater responsibility. It is also likely that larger councils will have a greater number of committees, reflecting its level of activity. The Panel has therefore determined that councils in Group A must make available a payment for a minimum of one senior role and a maximum of five senior roles of £500 each. Councils in Groups B and C can pay up to five responsibility payments (of up to £500) for specified roles.
- 13.16 In all cases, a Councillor can only have one payment of £500 regardless of how many senior roles they hold within their Council.

**Determination 43: Community and town councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.**

**Determination 44: Community and town councils in Groups B or C can make an annual payment of up to £500 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.**

- 13.17 Where a person is a member of more than one community or town council, they are eligible to receive the £150 and, if appropriate, £500 from each council of which they are a member.

## Reimbursement of travel costs and subsistence costs

- 13.18 The Panel recognises there can be significant travel and subsistence costs associated with the work of community and town council members, especially where the council area is geographically large and/or when engaging in duties outside this area. Each council has an option to pay travel and subsistence costs including travel by taxi if this is the only, or most appropriate, method of transport. Where a council does opt to pay travel and subsistence costs, the following determinations apply.

**Determination 45: Community and town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties.<sup>7</sup> Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as below:**

- 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year.
- 25p per mile over 10,000 miles.
- 5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business.
- 24p per mile for private motor cycles.
- 20p per mile for bicycles.

**Determination 46: If a community or town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims:**

- £28 per 24-hour period allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided.
- £200 – London overnight.
- £95 – elsewhere overnight.
- £30 – staying with friends and/or family overnight.

### **Compensation for financial loss**

13.19 The Panel has retained the facility which councils may pay as compensation to their members where they suffer financial loss when attending approved duties. This figure has been updated in line with the most recent Office for National Statistics Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings - median salary for full time employees in Wales and the Average Actual Weekly Hours of Work for full-time workers (seasonally adjusted). Members must be able to demonstrate that the financial loss has been incurred. Each council has an option to pay compensation for financial loss and where it does the following determination applies.

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<sup>7</sup> Where a member who is on official business is driven by a third party (not a member or officer of that authority), the member can claim mileage at the prescribed rates plus any parking or toll fees provided the authority is satisfied that the member has incurred these costs.

**Determination 47: Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:**

- **Up to £55.50 for each period not exceeding 4 hours**
- **Up to £110.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours**

### **Reimbursement of the costs of care**

- 13.20 The purpose of this is to enable people who have personal support needs and or caring responsibilities to carry out their duties effectively as a member of an authority. The Panel believes that the additional costs of care required to carry out approved duties should not deter people from becoming and remaining a member of an authority or limit their ability to carry out the role.
- 13.21 All members should be entitled to reimbursement of their care costs, up to the maximum of £403 per month, for activities that the individual council has designated official business or an approved duty. This might include, for example, appropriate and reasonable preparation and, or, travelling time. It is a matter for individual councils to determine specific arrangements to implement this.
- 13.22 The Panel recognises the issues relating to the publication of this legitimate expense. This is reflected in the change in the requirement for publication set out in Annex 4. To support current members and to encourage diversity the Panel urges authorities to promote and encourage greater take-up of the reimbursement of costs of care.

**Determination 48: All community and town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members to enable them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.**

### **Civic Head and Deputy Civic Head**

- 13.23 Civic heads are senior posts within community and town councils. In addition to chairing major meetings the civic head is the 'ambassador' representing the council to a variety of institutions and organisations. The Panel requires that members should not have to pay themselves for any cost associated with carrying out these duties. This requirement also applies in respect of deputy civic heads.

- 13.24 The Panel recognises the wide range of provision made for civic heads in respect of transport, secretarial support, charitable giving and clothing – we consider these to be the council’s civic budgets.
- 13.25 Funding decisions in relation to these civic budgets are not matters of personal remuneration for the post holder but relate to the funding required for the tasks and duties to be carried out. Councils remain free to set civic budgets at whatever levels they deem appropriate for the levels of civic leadership they have in place.
- 13.26 For the avoidance of doubt, costs in respect of, for example, transport (physical transport or mileage costs), secretarial support, charitable giving (purchasing tickets, making donations or buying raffle tickets) and clothing are not matters of personal remuneration for the individual holding the senior post. These should be covered by the civic budget.
- 13.27 Recognising that some mayors and chairs of community and town councils and their deputies are very active during their year of office, the Panel has determined that community and town councils can make a payment to the individuals holding these roles.
- 13.28 This is a personal payment to the individual and is entirely separate from covering the costs set out above.
- 13.29 The Panel has determined that the maximum payment to a chair or mayor of a community or town council is £1,500. The maximum payment to a deputy mayor or chair is £500.

**Determination 49: Community and town councils can provide a payment to the mayor or chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.**

**Determination 50: Community and town councils can provide a payment to the deputy mayor or deputy chair of the council up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.**

## Making Payments to members

- 13.30 Table 10 sets out each of the above determinations and if a decision is required by the council in respect of each one.
- 13.31 In respect of the mandated payments where no decision is required by a council, members should receive monies to which they are properly entitled as a matter of course.
- 13.32 Where a decision is required by the council, this should be done at the first meeting following receipt of the Annual Report.
- 13.33 A council can adopt any, or all, of the non-mandated determinations but if it does make such a decision, it must apply to all its members.
- 13.34 When payments take effect from is set out in paragraphs 13.38 to 13.40 below.
- 13.35 On receipt of the draft Annual Report the previous autumn, councils should consider the determinations for the next financial year and use this to inform budget plans.

**Table 10**

<b>Determination Number</b>	<b>Is a decision required by council?</b>
<b>42</b> All community and town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses.	No - the payment of £150 is mandated for every member unless they advise the appropriate officer that they do not want to take it in writing.
<b>43</b> Community and town councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.	Yes – a council must decide how many payments of £500 it will make – to between 1 and 5 members unless they advise the appropriate officer in writing that they do not want to take it.
<b>44</b> Community and town councils in Groups B or C can make an annual payment of up to £500 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.	Yes – it is optional to pay it for up to 5 members and, if it is paid, the amount (up to £500) must be decided.
<b>45</b> Community and town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs	Yes – the payment of travel costs is optional.

for attending approved duties.	
<b>46</b> If a community or town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members.	Yes – the payment of overnight subsistence expenses is optional.
<b>47</b> Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties.	Yes – the payment of financial loss allowance is optional.
<b>48</b> All community and town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month.	No - the payment is mandated for every member if they are eligible to claim, and wish to do so.
<b>49</b> Community and town councils can provide a payment to the mayor or chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500.	Yes – the payment to a Civic Head is optional.
<b>50</b> Community and town councils can provide a payment to the deputy mayor or deputy chair of the council up to a maximum amount of £500.	Yes – the payment to a Deputy Civic Head is optional.
<b>51</b> Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) cannot receive any payment from any community or town council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care.	No - Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) can only receive travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care; if they are eligible to claim, and wish to do so.

13.36 All members are eligible to be paid the £150 as set out in Determination 42 from the start of the financial year; unless they are elected later in the financial year, in which case they are eligible for a pro-rata payment from that date.

13.37 Other amounts payable to members in recognition of specific responsibilities or as a civic head or deputy civic head as set out in Determinations 43,44, 48 and 49 are payable from the date when the member takes up the role during the financial year.

13.38 It is a matter for each council to make, and record, a policy decision in respect of:

- when the payment is actually made to the member;
- how many payments the total amount payable is broken down into;
- and whether and how to recover any payments made to a member who leaves or changes their role during the financial year.

13.39 Payments in respect of Determinations 43, 44, 45 and 46 are payable when the activity they relate to has taken place.

13.40 As stated in paragraph 13.8 any individual member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these payments by giving notice in writing to the proper officer of the council.

**Determination 51: Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) cannot receive any payment from any community or town council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care.**

### **Publicity requirements**

13.41 There is a requirement on community and town councils to publish details of all payments made to individual members in an annual Statement of Payments for each financial year. This information must be published on council noticeboards and or websites (with easy access) and provided to the Panel by email or by post no later than 30 September following the end of the previous financial year. The Panel draws attention to the requirements stipulated at Annex 4. The Panel is concerned that a significant number of councils are still in breach of this requirement.

## 14. Compliance with Panel Requirements

### The Panel's remit under the Measure

- 14.1 Section 153 of the Measure empowers the Panel to require a relevant authority<sup>8</sup> to comply with the requirements imposed on it by an Annual Report of the Panel and further enables the Panel to monitor the compliance of relevant authorities with the Panel's determinations.
- 14.2 A relevant authority must implement the Panel's determinations in this report from the date of its annual meeting or a date specified within the Annual Report.

### Monitoring compliance

- 14.3 The Panel will monitor the compliance with the determinations in this Annual Report by relevant authorities against the following requirements:
- (i) A relevant authority must maintain an annual **Schedule of Member Remuneration** (IRPW Regulations 4 and 5). Guidance at Annex 3 sets out the content which must be included in the Schedule.
  - (ii) A relevant authority must make arrangements for the Schedule's publication within the authority area (IRPW Regulation 46) and send the Schedule to the Panel as soon as practicable and not later than 31 July in the year to which it applies. Annex 4 provides further details of the publicity requirements.
  - (iii) Any amendments to the Schedule made during the year must be conveyed to the Panel as soon as possible after the amendment is made.

**Note: The above requirements do not apply to Community and Town Councils at this time.**

**The following applies to all authorities including Community and Town Councils.**

- (iv) A relevant authority must make arrangements for publication within the authority area of the total sum paid by it in the previous financial year to each member and co-opted member in respect of salary (basic, senior and civic), allowances, fees and reimbursements in a Statement of Payments (in accordance with Annex 4 that sets out the content that must be included in the Publicity Requirements). This must be published as soon as practicable and no later than 30 September following the end of the previous financial year- and must be submitted to the Panel no later than that date.

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<sup>8</sup> Interpretation of "Relevant Authority" provided in the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) Regulations, Part 1, 'Interpretation'.



## 15. Salaries of Heads of Paid Service of Principal Councils and Fire and Rescue Authorities and Chief Officers of Principal Councils

- 15.1 Section 63 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 amended the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 by inserting section 143A. This enables the Panel to take a view on anything in the Pay Policy Statements of these authorities that relates to the salary of the head of paid service (normally the Head of Paid Service or chief fire officer). Section 39 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 2015 further amended the Measure extending this function to include Chief Officers of Principal Councils. However, this function ceases on 31 March 2020.
- 15.2 The Welsh Government issued amended guidance to the Panel which can be found at <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-06/local-government-regulations-guidance-for-the-independent-remuneration-panel.pdf>. This sets the basis on which the Panel will carry out the function contained in the legislation.
- 15.3 The functions of the Panel and the requirements on authorities established by the legislation and the subsequent guidance are:
- a) If a principal council intends to change the salary of the head of paid service or chief officer, or if a fire and rescue authority intends to change the salary of its head of paid service it must consult the Panel unless the change is in keeping with changes applied to other officers of that authority (whether the change is an increase or decrease). ‘Salary’ includes payments under a contract for services as well as payments of salary under an employment contract.
  - b) The authority must have regard to the recommendation(s) of the Panel when reaching its decision.
  - c) The Panel may seek any information that it considers necessary to reach a conclusion and produce a recommendation. The authority is obliged to provide the information sought by the Panel.
  - d) The Panel may publish any recommendation that it makes. It is the intention that, in the interests of transparency, it will normally do so.
  - e) The Panel's recommendation(s) could indicate:
    - approval of the authority's proposal
    - express concerns about the proposal
    - recommend variations to the proposal

As long as these comply with any guidance issued by the Welsh Government.

- 15.4 The Panel also has a general power to review the Pay Policy Statements of

authorities so far as they relate to the heads of paid service.

- 15.5 It is important to note the Panel will not decide the amount an individual head of paid service will receive.
- 15.6 The Panel is very aware that this function is significantly different from its statutory responsibilities in relation to members' remuneration. However, it undertakes this role with clarity and openness, taking into account all the relevant factors in respect of specific individual cases. Authorities are encouraged to consult the Panel at an early stage in their decision making on such matters. This will enable the Panel to respond in a timely manner.

### Pay Policy Statements

Paragraph 3.7 of the guidance to the Panel from the Welsh Government states that “The legislation does not restrict the Panel to a reactive role”. It allows the Panel to use its power to make recommendations relating to provisions within local authorities Pay Policy Statements.

### Changes to the salaries of chief officers of principal councils – Panel decisions 2019

Letters issued to the Local Authorities notifying them of the Panel decision can be found on the Panel’s website <https://gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales>

Name of Local Authority	Proposal	Panel decision
Carmarthenshire County Council	Recruitment to the post of Head of Paid Service	Approved
Pembrokeshire County Council	Remuneration of a Chief Officer – Head of Procurement Services	Approved
Swansea Council	Arrangements for an interim Head of Paid Service	Approved
Isle of Anglesey County Council	Review of Senior Management arrangements in Anglesey County Council	Approved
Conwy County Borough Council	Review of Pay and Grading Structure – Chief Officers, Conwy County Borough Council	Approved
Denbighshire County Council	Review of Senior Leadership Structure - Head of Finance and the Head of Communication and Housing	Approved
Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Chief Officer	Approved
Bridgend County Council	Head of Finance	Approved
Pembrokeshire County	Head of Performance and	Approved

Council	Community	
Pembrokeshire County Council	Head of Finance and Business Services	Approved
Caerphilly	Head of Paid Service	Approved

## Annex 1: The Panel's Determinations for 2020/21

Principal Councils	
1.	Basic salary in 2020/21 for elected members of principal councils shall be £14,218 with effect from 1 April 2020.
2.	Senior salary levels in 2020/21 for members of principal councils shall be as set out in Table 5 with effect from 1 April 2020.
3.	Where paid, a civic head must be paid a Band 3 salary of £22,918 and, where paid, a deputy civic head must be paid a Band 5 salary of £17,918 with effect from 1 April 2020.
4.	Where appointed and if remunerated, a presiding member must be paid a Band 3 senior salary of £22,918.
5.	The post of deputy presiding member will not be remunerated.
6.	<p>a) An elected member must not be remunerated for more than one senior post within their authority.</p> <p>b) An elected member must not be paid a senior salary and a civic salary.</p> <p>c) All senior and civic salaries are paid inclusive of basic salary.</p> <p>d) If a council chooses to have more than one remunerated deputy leader, the difference between the senior salary for the deputy leader and other executive members should be divided by the number of deputy leaders and added to the senior salary for other executive members in order to calculate the senior salary payable to each deputy leader.</p>
7.	Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA or FRA to which they have been appointed. They remain eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care from the NPA or FRA.
8.	Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 salary cannot receive any payment from a Community or Town Council of which they are a member. They remain eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care from the Community or Town Council.
9.	Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee, must ensure that all its elected members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. All elected members should be provided with adequate telephone, email and internet facilities giving electronic access to appropriate information.

10.	Such support should be without cost to the individual member. Deductions must not be made from members' salaries by the respective authority as a contribution towards the cost of support which the authority has decided necessary for the effectiveness and or efficiency of members.
<b>Specific or Additional Senior Salaries</b>	
11.	Principal Councils can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.
<b>Local Government Pension Scheme</b>	
12.	The entitlement to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) shall apply to all eligible elected members of principal councils.
<b>Family Absence</b>	
13.	An elected member is entitled to retain a basic salary when taking family absence under the regulations irrespective of the attendance record immediately preceding the commencement of the family absence.
14.	When a senior salary holder is eligible for family absence, they will continue to receive the salary for the duration of the absence.
15.	It is a matter for the authority to decide whether or not to make a substitute appointment. The elected member substituting for a senior salary holder taking family absence will be eligible to be paid a senior salary, if the authority so decides.
16.	If the paid substitution results in the authority exceeding the maximum number of senior salaries which relates to it, as set out in the Panel's Annual Report, an addition to the maximum will be allowed for the duration of the substitution. However, this will not apply to the Isle of Anglesey or Merthyr Tydfil Councils if it would result in the number of senior salaries exceeding fifty percent of the Council membership. Specific approval of Welsh Ministers is required in such circumstances.
17.	When a Council agrees a paid substitution for family absence the Panel must be informed within 14 days of the date of the decision, of the details including the particular post and the duration of the substitution.
18.	The Council's schedule of remuneration must be amended to reflect the implication of the family absence.
<b>National Park Authorities</b>	
19.	The basic salary for NPA ordinary members shall be £4,010 with effect from 1 April 2020.
20.	The senior salary of the Chair of a NPA shall be £12,710 with effect from 1 April 2020.

21.	A NPA senior salary of £7,710 must be paid to a Deputy Chair where appointed.
22.	Up to two Committee Chairs can be paid a salary of £7,710.
23.	NPAs can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.
24.	Members must not receive more than one NPA senior salary.
25.	A NPA senior salary is paid inclusive of the NPA basic salary.
26.	Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA to which they have been appointed.
<b>Fire and Rescue Authorities</b>	
27.	The basic salary for FRA ordinary members shall be £2,005.
28.	The senior salary of the chair of a FRA shall be £10,705.
29.	A FRA senior salary of £5,705 must be paid to the Deputy Chair where appointed.
30.	Up to two Chairs of Committees can be paid. This shall be paid at £5,705.
31.	FRAs can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.
32.	Members must not receive more than one FRA senior salary.
33.	A FRA senior salary is paid inclusive of the FRA basic salary and must reflect significant and sustained responsibility.
34.	Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any FRA to which they have been nominated.
<b>Co-opted Members</b>	
35.	Principal councils, NPAs and FRAs must pay the fees to co-opted members (who have voting rights) as set out in Table 8.
36.	Reasonable time for pre meeting preparation is to be included in claims made by co-opted members the extent of which can be determined by the appropriate officer in advance of the meeting.
37.	Travelling time to and from the place of the meeting is to be included in the claims for payments made by co-opted members (up to the maximum of the daily rate).

38.	The appropriate officer within the authority must determine in advance whether a meeting is programmed for a full day and the fee will be paid on the basis of this determination even if the meeting finishes before four hours has elapsed.
39.	Fees must be paid for meetings and other activities including other committees and working groups (including task and finish groups), pre-meetings with officers, training and attendance at conferences or any other formal meeting to which co-opted members are requested to attend.
40.	Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee or other appropriate committee, must ensure that all voting co-opted members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. Such support should be without cost to the individual member.
<b>Reimbursement of Costs of Care</b>	
41.	All authorities must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members in order for them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.
<b>Community and Town Councils</b>	
42.	All Community and Town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses.
43.	Community and Town councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.
44.	Community and Town councils in Groups B or C can make an annual payment of £500 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.
45.	Community and Town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. <sup>9</sup> Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year.</li> <li>• 25p per mile over 10,000 miles.</li> <li>• 5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business.</li> <li>• 24p per mile for private motor cycles.</li> <li>• 20p per mile for bicycles.</li> </ul>

46.	<p>If a Community or Town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £28 per 24-hour period allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided.</li> <li>• £200 – London overnight.</li> <li>• £95 – elsewhere overnight.</li> <li>• £30 – staying with friends and or family overnight.</li> </ul>
47.	<p>Community and Town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to £55.50 for each period not exceeding 4 hours.</li> <li>• Up to £110.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.</li> </ul>
48.	<p>All Community and Town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members to enable them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.</p>
49.	<p>Community and Town councils can provide a payment to the mayor or chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.</p>
50.	<p>Community and Town councils can provide a payment to the deputy mayor or deputy chair of the council up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.</p>
51.	<p>Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) cannot receive any payment from any community or town council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care.</p>

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<sup>9</sup> Where a member who is on official business is driven by a third party (not a member or officer of that authority), the member can claim mileage at the prescribed rates plus any parking or toll fees provided the authority is satisfied that the member has incurred these costs.



## **Annex 2: Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) Regulations:**

- a) for the remuneration of members and co-opted members of relevant authorities**
- b) for functions relating to the salaries of Heads of Paid Service of Principal Councils and Fire and Rescue Authorities**
- c) Chief officers of Principal Councils**

### **Introduction**

Part 8 (sections 141 to 160) and schedules 2 and 3 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (*the Measure*) set out the arrangements for the payments and pensions for members of relevant authorities and the functions and responsibilities of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the Panel).

Sections 62 to 67 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 amends sections 142, 143, 144, 147, 148 and 151 of the Measure and confers additional powers on the Panel.

The powers contained in part 8 and schedules 2 and 3 of the Measure (as amended) have replaced the following Statutory Instruments:

- The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members of County and County Borough Councils and National Park Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2002 (No. 1895 (W.196)).
- The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members of Fire Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2004 (No. 2555 (W.227)).
- The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (No.1086 (W.115)).

The Measure also has replaced the sections of the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government Act 2000 relating to payments to councillors in Wales.

Allowances for members of community and town councils are set out in Part 5 of these Regulations. The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regulations 2003 (No. 895(W.115)) were revoked from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

### **Part 1**

#### **General**

1. a. The short title of these Regulations is: "IRPW Regulations".

- b. The IRPW Regulations came into force on 1 April 2012. The implementation date for each of the relevant authorities is set out in the Annual Report or Supplementary Report of the Panel.
- c. Authorities are required to produce a schedule of payments to members and co-opted members no later than the 31 July each year, for submission to the Panel and publication (see paragraph 46).

## Interpretation

### 2. In the IRPW Regulations:

- “The 1972 Act” means the Local Government Act 1972.
- “The 2000 Act” means the Local Government Act 2000.
- “The 2013 Act” means the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.
- “Allowance” means the actual or maximum amount which may be reimbursed to members and co-opted members of a relevant authority for expenses necessarily incurred when carrying out the official business of the relevant authority.
- “Annual report” means a report produced by the Panel in accordance with section 145 of the Measure.
- “Approved duty” in relation to community and town councils has the meaning as set out in Part 5 of these Regulations.
- “Attendance Allowance” in relation to community or town councils has the meaning set out in Part 5 of these Regulations.
- “Authority” means a relevant authority in Wales as defined in Section 144(2) of the Measure, and includes a local authority (county or county borough council), a national park authority and a Welsh fire and rescue authority, a community or town council.
- “Basic Salary” has the same meaning as set out in paragraph 6 of these Regulations, and may be qualified as “LA Basic Salary” to refer to the basic salary of a member of a principal council; “NPA Basic Salary” to refer to the basic salary of a member of a national park authority; and “FRA Basic Salary” to refer to the basic salary of a member of a Welsh fire and rescue authority.
- “Chief Officer” of a principal authority has the meaning as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
- “Civic Head” is the person elected by the council to carry out the functions of the chair of that council and is designated as mayor or chair.
- “Committee” includes a sub-committee.
- “Community or town council” means in relation to Part 8 of the Measure, a community council as defined in section 33 of the Local Government Act 1972 or a town council in accord with section 245B of the same Act.

- “Consultation draft” means the draft of an Annual or Supplementary report under Section 146 (7) or 147(8) of the Measure, representations on which must be taken into account by the Panel.
- “Constituent authority” – for national park authorities this is a local authority falling within the area of a national park authority; for Welsh fire and rescue authorities it is a local authority falling within the area of a fire and rescue authority.
- “Controlling group” means a political group in a local authority where any of its members form part of the executive.
- “Co-opted Member” has the meaning contained in section 144 (5) of the Measure, that is those with the right to vote on matters within the purview of the committee on which they serve.
- “Co-opted Member fee” has the same meaning as set out in paragraph 19 of these Regulations.
- “Costs of Care” has the same meaning as set out in paragraph 21 of these Regulations.
- “Democratic Services Committee” means the local authority committee established under section 11 of the Measure.
- “Deputy Civic Head” is a person elected by the council to deputise for the mayor or chair of that council.
- “Executive” means the executive of an authority in a form as specified in sections 11(2) to (5) of the 2000 Act, as amended by section 34 of the Measure.
- “Executive arrangements” has the meaning given by section 10(1) of the 2000 Act.
- “Family absence” as defined in Section 142 (2) (b) of the Measure has the meaning given to it by Part 2 of the Measure, and contained in the Regulations relating thereto.
- “Financial Loss Allowance in relation to community or town councils has the meaning as set out in Part 5 of the Regulations.
- “Fire and rescue authority” means an authority constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies.
- “Head of paid service” means as designated under section 4(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee means a committee or sub committee set up by two or more principal councils under the Local Authority (Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees) (Wales) Regulations 2013.
- “Largest opposition group” means a political group other than a controlling group which has a greater number of members than any other political group in the authority.

- “Local authority” means a county or county borough council.
- “Member” means in respect of a local authority or a community or town council a person who has been elected to serve as a councillor for that authority; for a national park authority means a member appointed by a constituent authority and also a person appointed by Welsh Ministers; for Welsh fire and rescue authorities means a member appointed by a constituent authority.
- “National Park Authority” means a national park authority established under section 63 of the Environment Act 1995.
- “Official business” has the meaning contained in Section 142 (10) of the Measure in relation to the payment of allowances for care, travel and subsistence as reimbursement of expenses necessarily incurred by members and co-opted members of a relevant authority (excluding community and town councils) when:
  - a. Attending a meeting of the authority or any committee of the authority or any body to which the authority makes appointments or nominations or of any committee of such a body.
  - b. Attending a meeting of any association of authorities of which the authority is a member.
  - c. Attending a meeting the holding of which is authorised by the authority or by a committee of the authority or by a joint committee of the authority and one or more other authorities.
  - d. Attending any training or development event approved by the authority or its executive.
  - e. A duty undertaken for the purpose of or in connection with the discharge of the functions of an executive within the meaning of Part 2 of the 2000 Act, as amended.
  - f. A duty undertaken in pursuance of a standing order which requires a member or members to be present when tender documents are opened.
  - g. A duty undertaken in connection with the discharge of any function of the authority to inspect or authorise the inspection of premises.
  - h. A duty undertaken by members of principal councils in connection with constituency or ward responsibilities which arise from the discharge of local authority functions.
  - i. Any other duty approved by the authority, or any duty of class so approved, undertaken for the purpose of, or in connection with, the discharge of the functions of the authority or any of its committees.
- “Other political group” means a political group other than a controlling group or the largest opposition group (if any) which comprises not less than ten per cent of the members of that authority.

- “Overview and Scrutiny Committee” means a committee of the authority which has the powers set out in sections 21(2) and (3) of the 2000 Act, as amended by Part 6 of the Measure.
- “Panel” means the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales as set out in section 141(1) and schedule 2 of the Measure.
- “Pay policy statement” means a statement produced by a relevant authority under section 38 of the Localism Act 2011.
- “Presiding Member” means a member of a principal council who has been designated by that council to carry out functions in relation to the chairing of its meetings and proceedings.
- “Principal council” means a county or county borough council.
- “Proper officer” has the same meaning as in section 270(3) of the 1972 Act.
- “Public body” means a body as defined in section 67(b) of the 2013 Act.
- “Qualifying provision” means a provision that makes a variation to a previous decision of the Panel. (Section 65 (c) of the 2013 Act).
- “Qualifying relevant authority” is an authority within the meaning of section 63 of the 2013 Act, required to produce a pay policy statement.
- “Relevant authority” is set out in Section 144(2) of the Measure (as amended) and in section 64 of the 2013 Act and, for the purposes of these Regulations, includes a local authority/principal council, a community or town council, a national park authority and a Welsh fire and rescue authority.
- “Relevant matters” are as defined in Section 142(2) of the Measure.
- “Schedule” means a list setting out the authority’s decisions in respect of payments to be made during the year (as relating to that authority) to all members and co-opted members of that authority.
- “Senior Salary” has the same meaning as set out in paragraph 11 of these Regulations and may be qualified as “Local Authority/Principal council Senior Salary” to refer to the senior salary of a member of a principal council; “National Park Senior Salary” to refer to the senior salary of a member of a national park authority; or “Fire and Rescue authority Senior Salary” to refer to the senior salary of a member of a Fire and Rescue authority.
- “Sickness absence” means the arrangements as set out in the Annual Report.
- “Supplementary report” has the meaning contained in section 146(4 to 8) of the Measure.
- “Travelling and subsistence allowance” has the same meaning as set out in paragraph 25 of these Regulations.
- “Year” has the following meanings:

“financial year” – the period of twelve months ending 31 March;

“calendar year” – the period of twelve months ending 31 December;

“municipal year” – the year commencing on the date of the annual meeting of the local authority and ending the day before the annual meeting of the following year; for national park authorities and Welsh fire and rescue authorities it is the period of up to twelve months following the annual meeting of the authority.

## **Part 2: Schedule of member or co-opted member remuneration**

### **Commencement of term of office**

3. The term of office of:

- A member of a local authority or community or town council begins 4 days following the election subject to making the declaration of acceptance of that office under section 83(1) of the 1972 Act.
- A councillor member of a national park authority begins on the date on which that member is appointed as such by a constituent authority and the term of office of a Welsh Government appointed member begins on the date of that appointment. The term of office of the chair and deputy chair of the national park authority begins on the date of election by that authority to that office.
- A councillor member of a Welsh fire and rescue authority begins on the date on which that member is appointed as such by a constituent authority and the term of office of the chair and deputy chair of the fire and rescue authority begins on the date of election by that authority to that office.
- A co-opted member of a relevant authority begins on the date of appointment by the relevant authority.

### **Schedule of member remuneration (the Schedule) (does not apply to community or town councils – see Part 5)**

4. An authority must produce annually, a schedule of payments it intends to make to its members and co-opted members. The amount of those payments must accord with the Panel’s determinations made for that year in its Annual or Supplementary Reports. The Schedule must be produced no later than four weeks following the annual meeting of the authority.

### **Amendment to the Schedule**

5. An authority may amend the Schedule at any time during the year (as relating to the authority) provided that such amendments accord with the Panel’s determinations for that year.

## **Basic salary**

6. An authority must provide for the payment of a basic salary, as determined by the Panel in its Annual or Supplementary Reports, to each of its members. The amount of the salary must be the same for each member. For principal councils only, this salary remains payable during a period of family absence.
7. A member may not receive more than one basic salary from a relevant authority, but a member of one relevant authority may receive a further basic salary by being appointed as a member of another relevant authority (except in the case as indicated in paragraph 16).
8. The amount of the basic salary will be set in accordance with Section 142(3) of the Measure and will be one of the following:
  - The amount the authority must pay to a member of the authority.
  - The maximum amount that the authority may pay to a member of the authority.
9. Where the term of office of a member begins or ends other than at the beginning or end of the year (as relating to the authority), the entitlement of that member is to such proportion of the basic salary as the number of days during which the member's term of office subsists during that year bears to the number of days in that year.
10. Where a member is suspended or partially suspended from being a member of an authority (Part 3 of the 2000 Act refers) the part of the basic salary payable to that member in respect of the responsibilities or duties from which that member is suspended or partially suspended must be withheld by the authority (Section 155(1) of the Measure).

## **Senior salary**

11. Subject to paragraphs 12 to 18 an authority can make payments of a senior salary to members that it has given specific responsibilities. Such payments must accord with the Panel's determination for the year (as relating to the authority) that the payments are made and must be set out in the Schedule of that authority. For principal councils only, a senior salary will remain payable during the family absence of the office holder.
12. The Panel will prescribe in its Annual or Supplementary Reports the following:
  - The categories of members eligible for the payment of a senior salary which may not be the same for all authorities or categories of authorities.
  - The discretion available to authorities in relation to the payment of senior salaries which may not be the same for all authorities or categories of authorities.
13. The amount of the senior salaries payable will be in accordance with section 142(3) of the Measure and specify:

- The amount that a relevant authority must pay to a member of the authority.
  - The maximum amount that a relevant authority may pay to a member of the authority.
14. The Senior Salary will comprise an amalgam of the basic salary and an additional amount for the relevant specific responsibility determined by the Panel in its Annual or Supplementary Reports. This may not be the same for all authorities or categories of authorities.
  15. The Panel in its Annual or Supplementary Reports will determine either the maximum proportion of its membership or the total number of members that an authority can pay as senior salaries. The percentage may not exceed fifty percent without the express approval of Welsh Ministers (Section 142(5) of the Measure). For principal councils only, the maximum proportion or number may be exceeded to include payment of a senior salary to an additional member who is appointed to provide temporary cover for the family absence of a senior salary office holder (subject to the 50% limit).
  - 15(a). For principal councils, Fire and Rescue Authorities and National Park Authorities the maximum proportion or number may be exceeded to include the payment of a senior salary to an additional member who is appointed to provide temporary cover for the sickness absence of a senior salary holder as determined in the Annual Report or a Supplementary Report.
  - 15(b). Payments to chairs of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees or Sub Committees are additional to the maximum proportion of its membership that an authority can pay as senior salaries subject to the overall maximum of fifty percent as contained in Section 142(5) of the Measure. The Panel will determine the amounts of such payments in an Annual or Supplementary Report.
  16. An authority must not pay more than one senior salary to any member. A principal council member in receipt of a senior salary as leader or executive member of a local authority (determined as full-time by the Panel) may not receive a second salary as a member appointed to serve on a national park authority or a Welsh fire and rescue authority.
  - 16(a). Paragraph 16 does not apply to payments made to a chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub Committee who is in receipt of a senior salary for a role that is not classified as full time equivalent. It continues to apply to leaders or members of the executive.
  17. Where a member does not have, throughout the year specific responsibilities that allow entitlement to a senior salary, that member's payment is to be such proportion of the salary as the number of days during which that member has such special responsibility bears to the number of days in that year.
  18. Where a member is suspended or partially suspended from being a member of the authority (Part 3 of the 2000 Act refers) the authority must not make



payments of the member's senior salary for the duration of the suspension (Section 155(1) of the Measure). If the partial suspension relates only to the specific responsibility element of the payment, the member may retain the basic salary.

### **Co-opted member payment**

19. A relevant authority must provide for the payment of a fee to a co-opted member as determined by the Panel in its Annual or Supplementary Reports. In relation to this regulation 'co-opted member' means a member as determined in Section 144(5) of the Measure and set out in paragraph 2 of these Regulations.
20. Where a co-opted member is suspended or partially suspended from an authority (Part 3 of the 2000 Act refers) the authority must not make payment of a co-opted member fee for the duration of the suspension (Section 155(1) of the Measure).

### **Allowances**

#### **Costs of Care**

21. Authorities must provide for the payment to members and co-opted members of an authority the reimbursement in respect of such expenses of arranging the care of children or dependants or for the individual member as are necessarily incurred in carrying out official business as a member or co-opted member of that authority. Payments under this paragraph must not be made:
  - In respect of any child over the age of fifteen years or dependant unless the member/co-opted member satisfies the authority that the child or dependant required supervision which has caused the member to incur expenses that were necessary in respect of the care of that child or dependant in the carrying out of the duties of a member or co-opted member.
  - To more than one member/co-opted member of the authority in relation to the care of the same child or dependant.
  - Of more than one reimbursement for care to a member or co-opted member of the authority who is unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the authority that the member/co-opted member has to make separate arrangements for the care of different children or dependants.
22. The maximum amount of the cost of care payable by an authority is to be determined by the Panel in its Annual or Supplementary Reports.
23. Where a member/co-opted member is suspended or partially suspended from being a member or co-opted member of the authority (Part 3 of the 2000 Act refers) the part of the reimbursement of the cost of care payable to that member/co-opted member in receipt of the responsibilities or duties from

which that member or co-opted member is suspended or partially suspended must be withheld by the authority (Section 155(1) of the Measure).

24. An authority's Schedule must stipulate the maximum amount of the reimbursement of costs of care payable each month and its arrangements for making claims, taking full account of the Panel's determinations in this respect.

### **Travel and subsistence allowances**

25. Subject to paragraphs 26 and 27 below a member or co-opted member is entitled to receive payments from the authority by way of travelling and subsistence allowances at rates determined by the Panel in its Annual or Supplementary Reports. Such allowances are in respect of expenditure incurred by a member or co-opted member in the performance of the official business within or outside the boundary of the authority.

### **(Paragraphs 26 & 27 apply only to principal councils)**

26. Payment of a subsistence allowance to a local authority member for the performance of official business within the boundaries of a county or county borough where s/he is a member should only be made when the authority is satisfied that it can be justified on economic grounds. This does not apply in respect of co-opted members of a local authority who live outside that authority.
27. A local authority may make provision, subject to any limitations it thinks fit, for members to claim mileage expenses for official business in connection with constituency or ward responsibilities where they arise out of the discharge of the functions of the county or county borough.
28. Where a member or co-opted member is suspended or partially suspended from being a member or co-opted member of the authority (Part 3 of the 2000 Act refers), travelling and subsistence allowances payable to that member/co-opted member in respect of the responsibilities or duties from which that member is suspended or partially suspended must be withheld by the authority (Section 155(1) of the Measure).

## **Part 3: Further provisions**

### **Pensions**

29. Under Section 143 of the Measure, the Panel may make determinations in respect of pension arrangements for local authority members in its Annual or Supplementary Reports. Such determinations may:
  - Describe the description of members for whom a local authority will be required to pay a pension.

- Describe the relevant matters in respect of which a local authority will be required to pay a pension.
- Make different decisions for different principal councils.

### **Allowances to support the function of a local authority member**

30. A local authority must provide for the requirements of a member to undertake their role and responsibilities more effectively. The way in which this support should be provided is determined by the Panel in its Annual or Supplementary Reports.

### **Payment of expenses for official and courtesy visits**

31. The arrangements contained in Section 176 of the Local Government Act 1972 will continue to apply but no payment may be made to a person under that arrangement when a payment has been made to that person pursuant to any payment made under these Regulations.

### **Arrangements in relation to family absence**

32. Part 2 of the Measure sets out the rights of local authority members in relation to family absence. The Panel will set out its determinations and the administrative arrangements in relation to the payment of salaries and allowances by principal councils in this respect in its Annual or Supplementary Reports.

### **Sickness Absence**

- 32(a) Arrangements in respect of the long term sickness absence of senior salary holders of principal authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities and National Park Authorities will be as set out in the Panel's Annual Report or Supplementary Report.

## **Part 4: Salaries, allowances or fees**

### **Repayment of salaries, allowances or fees**

33. An authority can require that such part of a salary, allowance or fee be repaid where payment has already been made in respect of any period during which the member or co-opted member concerned:
- is suspended or partially suspended from that member's/co-opted member's duties or responsibilities in accordance with Part 3 of the 2000 Act or Regulations made under that Act.
  - ceases to be a member or co-opted member of the authority.

- or in any way is not entitled to receive a salary, allowance or fee in respect of that period.

### **Forgoing salaries, allowances or fees**

34. Under Section 154 of the Measure, any member or co-opted member may by notice in writing to the proper officer of the authority elect to forgo any part of their entitlement to a salary, allowance or fee under the determination of the Panel for that particular year (as relating to the authority).

## **Part 5: Specific provisions relating to community and town councils (“the council”)**

### **Interpretation**

35. For the purposes of this Part the term member means both an elected member and a co-opted member.

### **Allowances**

36. Allowances:
- a) The Annual Report or a Supplementary Report determines the arrangements and amount of an annual payment to members in respect of costs incurred in carrying out the role of a member and if appropriate take account of the variation in size or financial circumstances of different councils.
  - b) The council can if it so decides make payments to members in respect of costs of travel for attending approved duties within or outside the area of the council. The amounts claimable will be set out in the Annual or Supplementary Report of the Panel.
  - c) The council can if it so decides reimburse subsistence expenses to its members when attending approved duties within or outside the area of the council. The arrangements for reimbursement will be set out in the Annual or Supplementary Report of the Panel.
  - d) The council can if it so decides pay compensation for Financial Loss to its members where such loss has occurred for attending approved duties within or outside the area of the council. The Allowances will be set out in the Annual or Supplementary Report of the Panel.
  - e) The council can if it so decides pay an allowance to the chair or mayor and deputy chair or mayor of the council for the purposes of undertaking the role of that office. The allowance will be set out in the Annual or Supplementary Report of the Panel.
  - f) The Annual Report or a Supplementary Report determines the arrangements to pay a responsibility allowance to members of a council and if appropriate take account of the variation in size or financial circumstances of different councils.

- g) The council must reimburse the costs of care to a member if claimed, as determined in the Annual Report of the Panel.
37. A member may elect to forgo any part of an entitlement to an allowance under these Regulations by giving notice in writing to the proper officer of the council.
38. A member making a claim for compensation for Financial Loss must sign a statement that the member has not made and will not make any other claim in respect of the matter to which the claim relates.
39. “Approved Duty” under this Part means
- i. Attendance at a meeting of the council or of any committee or sub-committee of the council or of any other body to which the council makes appointments or nominations or of any committee or sub-committee of such a body.
  - ii. Attendance at any other meeting the holding of which is authorised by the council or a committee or sub-committee of the council, or a joint committee of the council and one or more councils, or a sub-committee of such a joint committee provided that at least two members of the council have been invited and where the council is divided into political groupings at least two such groups have been invited.
  - iii. Attendance at a meeting of any association of councils of which the council is a member.
  - iv. Attendance at any training or development event approved by the council.
  - v. Any other duty approved by the council or duty of a class approved by the council for the discharge of its functions or any of its committees or sub-committees.

## **Part 6: Miscellaneous**

### **Arrangements for payments**

40. The Schedule of an authority must set out the arrangements for the payment of salaries, allowances and fees to all members and co-opted members of that authority. Such payments may be made at such times and at such intervals as determined by the authority.

### **Claims**

41. An authority must specify a time limit from the date on which an entitlement to travelling or subsistence allowance arises during which a claim for those allowances must be made by the person to whom they are payable. However, this does not prevent an authority from making a payment where the allowance is not claimed within the period specified.

42. Any claim for payment of travelling or subsistence allowance in accordance with these Regulations (excluding claims for travel by private motor vehicle) shall be accompanied by appropriate receipts proving actual expenses.

### **Avoidance of duplication**

43. A claim for a payment of travelling allowance or subsistence allowance must include, or be accompanied by, a statement signed by the member or co-opted member that the member/co-opted member has not made and will not make any other claim in respect of the matter to which the claim relates.

### **Records of salaries, allowances and fees**

44. An authority must keep a record of the payments made in accordance with these Regulations. Such record must:
- Specify the name of the recipient and the amount and nature of each payment.
  - Be available, at all reasonable times, for inspection (without charge) by any local government elector (within the meaning of section 270(1) of the 1972 Act) for the area of the authority.
  - Allow a person who is entitled to inspect the record to make a copy of any part of it upon payment of such reasonable fee as the authority may require.

### **Publicity requirements**

(The required content of publicity requirements is contained in an annex to the Annual Report)

45. An authority must, as soon as practicable after determining its Schedule of Remuneration for the year under these Regulations and any Report of the Panel and not later than 31 July of the year to which the Schedule refers, make arrangements for the Schedule's publication within the authority's area. **(This section does not apply to community and town councils).**
46. As soon as practicable and no later than 30 September following the end of the financial year **all relevant authorities** must make arrangements for the publication within the authority's area:
- the total sum paid by it to each member/co-opted member in respect of basic salary, senior salary, co-opted member fee, travel and subsistence allowances.
  - the total expenditure on reimbursement of cost of care.
47. In the same timescale and in the same manner, a local authority must make arrangements for the publication of any further remuneration received by a member nominated or appointed to another relevant authority. **(This section applies only to principal councils).**

### **Publicising the reports of the Panel**

48. Under Section 146(7) (a) and (b) of the Measure, the Panel will send a consultation draft of its Annual Report or Supplementary Report to all relevant authorities for circulation to authority members and co-opted members, so that representations can be made by members/co-opted members to the Panel, normally in a period of eight weeks.
49. The Panel will determine in its Annual or Supplementary Reports the arrangements publicising its Reports in accordance with Section 151 and 152 of the Measure.

### **Monitoring compliance with the Panel's determinations**

50. Section 153 of the Measure determines that relevant authorities must comply with the requirements imposed by the Panel in its Annual Reports. It also empowers the Panel to monitor the payments made by relevant authorities and for it to require the provision of information that it specifies. The requirements under this section will be set out in the Annual Report of the Panel.

## **Annex 3: Schedule of Member Remuneration**

1. Principal councils, national park authorities (NPAs) and Welsh fire and rescue authorities (FRAs) (but not community and town councils) must maintain an annual Schedule of Member Remuneration (the 'Schedule') which is in accord with the Panel's determinations on member salary and co-opted member payments and which must contain the following information:

In respect of a principal council:

- a. Named members who are to receive only the basic salary and the amount to be paid.
- b. Named members who are to receive a Band 1 and Band 2 senior salary, the office and portfolio held and the amount to be paid.
- c. Named members who are to receive a Band 3, Band 4 and Band 5 senior salary, the office and portfolio held and the amount to be paid.
- d. Named members who are to receive a civic salary and the amount to be paid.
- e. Named members who are to receive the co-opted member fee and whether chair or ordinary member and the amount to be paid.
- f. Named members who are to receive a senior salary as a chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub Committee and the amount to be paid.
- g. Named members in receipt of a specific or additional senior salary approved by the Panel and the amount to be paid.

In respect of National Park and Fire and Rescue Authorities:

- a. Named members who are to receive a basic salary and the amount to be paid.
  - b. Named member who is to receive a senior salary as a chair of the authority and the amount to be paid.
  - c. Named members who are to receive a senior salary as deputy chair of the authority or a committee chair and the amount to be paid.
  - d. Named members who are to receive the co-opted member fee and whether a chair or ordinary member and the amounts to be paid.
2. Amendments made to the Schedule during the municipal year must be communicated to the Panel as soon as it is practicable.
  3. Principal councils must confirm in their annual Schedule that the maximum limit of senior salaries set for the council has not been exceeded.



4. Principal councils, NPAs and FRAs must include a statement of allowable expenses and the duties for which they may be claimed for care, travel and subsistence in their annual Schedule which is in accord with the Panel's determinations.
5. The Schedule must set out the arrangements for the payment of salaries, allowances and fees to all members and co-opted members of the relevant authority (IRPW Regulation 35); arrangements for making claims for care, travel and subsistence expenses (IRPW Regulations 24 and 36-37); arrangements for the avoidance of duplication (IRPW Regulation 38) and arrangements for re-payment of salaries, allowances and fees (IRPW Regulation 33). This schedule must also include the duties for which members and co-opted members are able to claim travel, subsistence and reimbursement of care costs.
6. Principal councils must declare in the Schedule whether:
  - A statement of the basic responsibility of a councillor is in place.
  - Role descriptors of senior salary office holders are in place.
  - Records are kept of councillor attendance.
7. Principal councils, NPAs and FRAs must make arrangements for the publication of the Schedule of Member Remuneration as soon as practicable after its determination and no later than 31 July of the year to which it applies. The Schedule should be published in a manner that provides ready access for members of the public.
8. The **Schedule** must also be sent to the Panel Secretariat to be received by 31 July.

## Annex 4: Publication of Remuneration – the Panel’s Requirements

In accordance with Section 151 of the Measure the Panel requires that:

1. Relevant authorities must publish a Statement of Payments made to its members for each financial year. This information must be published in a form and location that is easily accessible to members of the public no later than 30 September following the end of the previous financial year and in the same timescale also provided to the Panel. The following information must be provided:
  - a. The amount of basic salary, senior salary, civic salary and co-opted member fee paid to each named member/co-opted member of the relevant authority, including where the member had chosen to forego all or part of the salary, or fee for the municipal year in question. Where a senior salary has been paid, the title of the senior office held is to be provided.
  - b. The payments made by community and town councils to named members as:
    - Payments in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc.
    - Responsibility payments
    - Allowances made to a mayor/chair and deputy mayor/deputy chair
    - Compensation for Financial Loss
    - Costs incurred in respect of travel and subsistence
    - Reimbursement of the costs of care (see paragraph f below)
  - c. All travel and subsistence expenses, reimbursement of the costs of care (see paragraph f below) and other payments received by each named member and co-opted member of the relevant authority, with each category identified separately.
  - d. The amount of any further payments received by any named member nominated to, or appointed by, another relevant authority or other public body as defined by Section 67 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, namely:
    - a local health board
    - a police and crime Panel
    - a relevant authority
    - a body designated as a public body in an order made by the Welsh Ministers.
  - e. Names of members who did not receive basic or senior salary because they were suspended for all or part of the annual period to which the Schedule applies.

f. In respect of the publication of the reimbursement of the costs of care, the Panel has decided that relevant authorities should only publish the total amount reimbursed during the year. It is a matter for each authority to determine its response to any Freedom of Information requests it receives. However, it is not intended that details of individual claims should be disclosed.

2. Nil returns are required to be published and provided to the Panel by 30 September.

## Annex 5: Summary of new and updated determinations contained in this report

The numbers of most of the determinations contained within this report have changed from previous reports.

To assist authorities, this table sets out the determinations in this report which are entirely new or have been updated.

<b>Principal Councils</b>	
Determination 1: This Determination has been updated	Basic salary in 2020/21 for elected members of principal councils shall be £14,218 with effect from 1 April 2020.
Determination 2: The amounts payable under this Determination have been updated	Senior salary levels in 2020/21 for members of principal councils shall be as set out in Table 5 with effect from 1 April 2020.
Determination 3: This Determination has been updated	Where paid, a civic head must be paid a Band 3 salary of £22,918 and where paid a deputy civic head must be paid a Band 5 salary of £17,918 with effect from 1 April 2020.
Determination 4: This Determination has been updated	Where appointed and if remunerated, a presiding member must be paid a Band 3 senior salary of £22,918.
Determination 7: This Determination has been updated	Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA or FRA to which they have been appointed. They remain eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care from the NPA or FRA.
Determination 8: This Determination has been updated	Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 salary cannot receive any payment from a Community or Town Council of which they are a member. They remain eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care from the Community or Town Council.
<b>National Park Authorities</b>	
Determination 19: This Determination has been updated	The basic salary for NPA ordinary members shall be £4,010 with effect from 1 April 2020.
Determination 20: This Determination has been updated	The senior salary of the Chair of a NPA shall be £12,710 with effect from 1 April 2020.
Determination 21: This Determination has been updated	A NPA senior salary of £7,710 must be paid to a Deputy Chair where appointed.
Determination 22: This is a new Determination	Up to two Committee Chairs can be paid a salary of £7,710.
<b>Fire and Rescue Authorities</b>	
Determination 27: This Determination has been updated	The basic salary for FRA ordinary members shall be £2,005.
Determination 28: This Determination has been updated	The senior salary of the Chair of a FRA shall be £10,705.

Determination 29: This Determination has been updated	A FRA senior salary of £5,705 must be paid to the Deputy Chair where appointed.
Determination 30: This is a new Determination	Up to two Chairs of Committees can be paid. This shall be paid at £5,705.
<b>Community and Town Councils</b>	
Determination 47: This Determination has been updated	Community and town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:  - Up to £55.00 for each period not exceeding 4 hours.  - Up to £110.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.

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## Appendix 2

### The Panel's Determinations for 2020/21

#### Principal Councils

1. Basic salary in 2020/21 for elected members of principal councils shall be £14,218 with effect from 1 April 2020.
2. Senior salary levels in 2020/21 for members of principal councils shall be as set out in Table 5 with effect from 1 April 2020.
3. Where paid, a civic head must be paid a Band 3 salary of £22,918 and, where paid, a deputy civic head must be paid a Band 5 salary of £17,918 with effect from 1 April 2020.
4. Where appointed and if remunerated, a presiding member must be paid a Band 3 senior salary of £22,918.
5. The post of deputy presiding member will not be remunerated.
6. a) An elected member must not be remunerated for more than one senior post within their authority.  
  
b) An elected member must not be paid a senior salary and a civic salary.  
  
c) All senior and civic salaries are paid inclusive of basic salary.  
  
d) If a council chooses to have more than one remunerated deputy leader, the difference between the senior salary for the deputy leader and other executive members should be divided by the number of deputy leaders and added to the senior salary for other executive members in order to calculate the senior salary payable to each deputy leader.
7. Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA or FRA to which they have been appointed. They remain eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care from the NPA or FRA.
8. Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 salary cannot receive any payment from a Community or Town Council of which they are a member. They remain eligible to claim travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care from the Community or Town Council.
9. Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee, must ensure that all its elected members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. All elected members should be provided with adequate telephone, email and internet facilities giving electronic access to appropriate information.

10. Such support should be without cost to the individual member. Deductions must not be made from members' salaries by the respective authority as a contribution towards the cost of support which the authority has decided necessary for the effectiveness and or efficiency of members.

### **Specific or Additional Senior Salaries**

11. Principal Councils can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.

### **Local Government Pension Scheme**

12. The entitlement to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) shall apply to all eligible elected members of principal councils.

### **Family Absence**

13. An elected member is entitled to retain a basic salary when taking family absence under the regulations irrespective of the attendance record immediately preceding the commencement of the family absence.
14. When a senior salary holder is eligible for family absence, they will continue to receive the salary for the duration of the absence.
15. It is a matter for the authority to decide whether or not to make a substitute appointment. The elected member substituting for a senior salary holder taking family absence will be eligible to be paid a senior salary, if the authority so decides.
16. If the paid substitution results in the authority exceeding the maximum number of senior salaries which relates to it, as set out in the Panel's Annual Report, an addition to the maximum will be allowed for the duration of the substitution. However, this will not apply to the Isle of Anglesey or Merthyr Tydfil Councils if it would result in the number of senior salaries exceeding fifty percent of the Council membership. Specific approval of Welsh Ministers is required in such circumstances.
17. When a Council agrees a paid substitution for family absence the Panel must be informed within 14 days of the date of the decision, of the details including the particular post and the duration of the substitution.
18. The Council's schedule of remuneration must be amended to reflect the implication of the family absence.

### **National Park Authorities**

19. The basic salary for NPA ordinary members shall be £4,010 with effect from 1 April 2020.



20. The senior salary of the Chair of a NPA shall be £12,710 with effect from 1 April 2020.
21. A NPA senior salary of £7,710 must be paid to a Deputy Chair where appointed.
22. Up to two Committee Chairs can be paid a salary of £7,710.
23. NPAs can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.
24. Members must not receive more than one NPA senior salary.
25. A NPA senior salary is paid inclusive of the NPA basic salary.
26. Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA to which they have been appointed.

### **Fire and Rescue Authorities**

27. The basic salary for FRA ordinary members shall be £2,005.
28. The senior salary of the chair of a FRA shall be £10,705.
29. A FRA senior salary of £5,705 must be paid to the Deputy Chair where appointed.
30. Up to two Chairs of Committees can be paid. This shall be paid at £5,705.
31. FRAs can apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.
32. Members must not receive more than one FRA senior salary.
33. A FRA senior salary is paid inclusive of the FRA basic salary and must reflect significant and sustained responsibility.
34. Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any FRA to which they have been nominated.

### **Co-opted Members**

35. Principal councils, NPAs and FRAs must pay the fees to co-opted members (who have voting rights) as set out in Table 8.
36. Reasonable time for pre meeting preparation is to be included in claims made by co-opted members the extent of which can be determined by the appropriate officer in advance of the meeting.

37. Travelling time to and from the place of the meeting is to be included in the claims for payments made by co-opted members (up to the maximum of the daily rate).
38. The appropriate officer within the authority must determine in advance whether a meeting is programmed for a full day and the fee will be paid on the basis of this determination even if the meeting finishes before four hours has elapsed.
39. Fees must be paid for meetings and other activities including other committees and working groups (including task and finish groups), pre-meetings with officers, training and attendance at conferences or any other formal meeting to which co-opted members are requested to attend.
40. Each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee or other appropriate committee, must ensure that all voting co-opted members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. Such support should be without cost to the individual member.

### **Reimbursement of Costs of Care**

41. All authorities must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members in order for them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.

### **Community and Town Councils**

42. All Community and Town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses.
43. Community and Town councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.
44. Community and Town councils in Groups B or C can make an annual payment of £500 each to up to 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.
45. Community and Town councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. (See footnote below) Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as below:
  - 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year.
  - 25p per mile over 10,000 miles.
  - 5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business.
  - 24p per mile for private motor cycles.

- 20p per mile for bicycles.
46. If a Community or Town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims:
- £28 per 24-hour period allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided.
  - £200 – London overnight.
  - £95 – elsewhere overnight.
  - £30 – staying with friends and or family overnight.
47. Community and Town councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:
- Up to £55.50 for each period not exceeding 4 hours.
  - Up to £110.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.
48. All Community and Town councils must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement must be for the additional costs incurred by members to enable them to carry out their approved duties. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.
49. Community and Town councils can provide a payment to the mayor or chair of the council up to a maximum of £1,500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.
50. Community and Town councils can provide a payment to the deputy mayor or deputy chair of the council up to a maximum of £500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.
51. Members in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary from a principal council (that is Leader, Deputy Leader or Executive Member) cannot receive any payment from any community or town council, other than travel and subsistence expenses and reimbursement of costs of care.

Note: Where a member who is on official business is driven by a third party (not a member or officer of that authority), the member can claim mileage at the prescribed rates plus any parking or toll fees provided the authority is satisfied that the member has incurred these costs.

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# Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

## Draft Supplementary Report

The Principles relating to the Reimbursement  
of Costs of Care

February 2020

Mae'r ddogfen yma hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg.  
This document is also available in Welsh.

## **Draft Supplementary Report**

### **The Principles in respect of the Reimbursement of Costs of Care (RoCoC)**

#### **Introduction**

The Panel's core principles have been a fundamental feature of its work since it was established and are contained in each Annual Report. These include:

#### **Remuneration**

1.3 The Framework provides for payment to members of relevant authorities who carry a responsibility for serving their communities. The level of payment should not act as a barrier to taking up or continuing in post. There should be no requirement that resources necessary to enable the discharge of duties are funded from the payment. The Framework provides additional payments for those who are given greater levels of responsibility.

#### **Diversity**

1.4 Democracy is strengthened when the membership of relevant authorities adequately reflects the demographic and cultural make-up of the communities such authorities serve. The Panel will always take in to account the contribution its Framework can make in encouraging the participation of those who are significantly under-represented at local authority level.

The provision of financial support for members with care responsibilities or personal needs is an important factor in improving and sustaining the diversity of membership. It is essential that there is clarity in the availability of and the access to this support. We therefore propose to supplement our core principles with additions specifically relating to the costs of care. This draft Supplementary Report sets out our proposals for consultation.

#### **The purpose is:**

To enable all members and co-opted members of relevant authorities to carry out their duties effectively

#### **The Relevant Authorities are:**

22 Local Authorities, 735 Town and Community Councils, 3 National Park and 3 Fire and Rescue Authorities

The Minimum Authorities should do		How this could be done
1 Be clear who it is for	<p>1.1 Members with primary caring responsibilities for a child or adult and or personal support needs where these are not covered by statutory or other provision.</p> <p>1.2 For personal support. This might also include a short term or recent condition not covered by the Equality Act 2010, access to work, Personal Payments, insurance or other provision.</p>	Democratic Services Committees and or Staff to review members' needs annually and when circumstances change
2 Raise Awareness	2.1 Ensure potential candidates, candidates and current members are aware that RoCoC is available to them should their current or future circumstances require.	Ensure clear and easily found information is available on website and in election and appointment materials, at Shadowing and at induction and in the members' "handbook". Signpost to IRPW <a href="#">Payments to Councillors</a> leaflets.
3 Promote a Positive Culture	3.1 Ensure all members understand the reason for RoCoC and support and encourage others to claim where needed.	Encouragement within and across all parties of Relevant Authorities to support members to claim. Agree not to advertise or make public individual decisions not to claim.
4 Set out the approved duties for which RoCoC can be claimed	<p>4.1 <b>Meetings</b> – formal (those called by the Authority) and those necessary to members' work (to deal with constituency but not party issues) and personal development (training, and appraisals.)</p> <p>4.2 <b>Travel</b> – in connection with meetings.</p> <p>4.3 <b>Preparation</b> – reading and administration are part of a member's role. Some meetings and committees require large amounts of reading, analysis or drafting before or after a meeting.</p> <p>4.4 Senior salary holders with additional duties may have higher costs.</p>	Approved duties are usually a matter of fact. Interpretation of the IRPW Regulations are set out in the Annual Report.  "Any other duty approved by the authority, or any duty of class so approved, undertaken for the purpose of, or in connection with, the discharge of the functions of the authority or any of its committees."

<p>5 Be flexible about the types of care that can be claimed</p>	<p>5.1 Members should not be “out of pocket”</p> <p>5.2 Models of care and needs vary</p> <p>5.3 Members may use a combination of several care options</p> <p>5.4 Patterns of care may alter over the civic and academic year</p> <p>5.5 Not all care is based on hourly (or part hourly) rates</p> <p>5.6 Where a whole session must be paid for, this must be reimbursed even where the care need is only for part of a session</p> <p>5.7 Members may need to:</p> <p>5.7.1 book and pay for sessions in advance</p> <p>5.7.2 commit to a block contract: week, month or term</p> <p>5.7.3 pay for sessions cancelled at short notice</p> <p>5.8 Where care need straddles two sessions both should be reimbursed</p>	
<p>6 Have a simple claim process</p>	<p>6.1 Members should know how to claim.</p> <p>6.2 The claim process should be clear, proportionate and auditable.</p>	<p>Check claim at members’ appraisals and regular review</p> <p>Flexibility to accept paperless invoices</p> <p>On line form</p> <p>Same or similar form to travel costs claim</p>
<p>7 Comply with IRPW Publication rules</p>	<p>7.1 The IRPW Framework states:</p> <p>“In respect of the publication of the reimbursement of the costs of care, the Panel has decided that relevant authorities should only publish the total amount reimbursed during the year. It is a matter for each authority to determine its response to any Freedom of Information requests it receives. However, it is not intended that details of individual claims should be disclosed.”</p>	



# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MEMBERS' SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION

This Scheme is made under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. With regard to Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) Regulations which apply to payments made to members and co-opted members of local authorities.

### 1. Basic Salary

- 1.1 A Basic Salary shall be paid to each elected Member of the Authority not in receipt of a Senior Salary or Civic Salary as set out in **Schedule 1**.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Regulations, the rate of the Basic Salary shall be reviewed annually as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
- 1.3 Where the term of office of a Member begins or ends other than at the beginning or end of a year, his/her entitlement to the Basic Salary will be pro-rata.
- 1.4 No more than one Basic Salary is payable to a Member of the Authority.

### 2. Senior Salaries & Civic Salaries

- 2.1 Members occupying specific posts shall be paid a Senior Salary as set out in **Schedule 1**.
- 2.2 In accordance with the Regulations, the rates of Senior Salaries and Civic Salaries shall be reviewed annually as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
- 2.3 Only one Senior Salary or Civic Salary is payable to a Member of the Authority.
- 2.4 A Member of the Authority cannot be paid a Senior Salary and a Civic Salary.
- 2.5 All Senior and Civic Salaries are paid inclusive of Basic Salary.
- 2.6 A Senior Salary may not be paid to more than fifty percent of the Members of the Authority, except to include a temporary Senior Salary office holder providing temporary cover for the family absence of the appointed office holder.
- 2.7 A Member of the Authority in receipt of a Senior Salary **cannot** receive a salary from any National Park Authority (NPA) or Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) for which he/she has been nominated.
- 2.8 Where the term of Senior Salary or Civic Salary of a Member begins or ends other than at the beginning or end of a year, his/her entitlement to the Salary will be pro-rata.

### 3. Election to Forgo Entitlement to Allowance

- 3.1 A Member may, by notice in writing delivered to the Director – Operational and Partnership Services & Monitoring Officer, elect to forgo any part of his/her entitlement to any salary, allowance or fee payable under this Scheme from the date set out in the notice.

### 4. Suspension of a Member

- 4.1 Where a Member of the Authority is suspended or partially suspended from his or her responsibilities or duties as a Member of the Authority in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (Conduct of Members), or regulations made under the Act, the part of

the Basic Salary payable to him/her in respect of that period for which he or she is suspended will be withheld by the Authority (Section 155 (1) of the Measure.

- 4.2 Where a Member in receipt of a Senior Salary is suspended or partially suspended from being a Member of the Authority in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (Conduct of Members), or regulations made under the Act, the Authority must not make payments of the Member's Senior Salary for the duration of the suspension (Section 155 (1) of the Measure). If the partial suspension relates only to the specific responsibility element of the payment, the member may retain the Basic Salary.

## **5. Repayment of salaries, allowances or fees**

- 5.1 Where payment of any salary, allowance or fee has been made to a Member of the Authority or Co-opted Member in respect of any period during which the Member concerned:

- (a) is suspended or partially suspended from that Member's/Co-opted Member's duties or responsibilities in accordance with Part 3 of the 2000 Act or regulations made under that Act;
- (b) ceases to be a Member of the Authority or Co-opted Member; or
- (c) is in any other way not entitled to receive a salary, allowance or fee in respect of that period,

the Authority will require that such part of the allowance as relates to any such period be repaid.

## **6. Payments**

- 6.1 Payments of all allowances will be made by the Chief Finance Officer by direct bank credit in instalments of one-twelfth of the Member's annual entitlement on the 18th of each month.
- 6.2 Where payment has resulted in a Member receiving more than his/her entitlement to salaries, allowances or fees the Authority will require that such part that is overpayment be repaid.
- 6.3 All payments are subject to the appropriate tax and National Insurance deductions.

## **7. Dependents – Costs of Care**

- 7.1 Reimbursement for the cost of Care shall be made to a Member or Co-opted Member, who has caring responsibility for dependent children or adults, provided the Member incurs expenses in the provision of such care whilst undertaking 'approved' council duties.
- 7.2 Costs of Care applies in respect of children who are aged 15 or under and other persons for whom the Member or Co-opted Member can show that care is required. If a Member or Co-opted Member has more than one dependent the Member may claim more than one allowance, provided the Member can demonstrate a need to make separate arrangements for care.
- 7.3 Eligible Members may claim Care costs for actual and receipted costs up to a maximum amount not exceeding that determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in **Schedule 1**. All claims for Care Costs should be made in writing to Democratic Services detailing times, dates and reasons for claim. Receipts are required for both informal and formal care arrangements.

## **8. Personal- Costs of Care**

- 8.1 Reimbursement for the cost of Personal Care shall be paid to a Member or Co-opted Member, who has personal assistance costs, provided the Member incurs expenses in respect of personal assistance whilst undertaking 'approved' council duties.
- 8.2 Eligible Members may claim Personal Care costs for actual and receipted costs up to a maximum amount not exceeding that determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in **Schedule 1**. All claims for Care costs should be made in writing to Democratic Services detailing times, dates and reasons for claim. Receipts are required for both informal and formal care arrangements.

## **9. Family Absence**

- 9.1 Members are entitled under the provisions of the Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013 to a period of family absence, during which if they satisfy the prescribed conditions they are entitled to be absent from authority meetings.
- 9.2 When taking family absence Members are entitled to retain a basic salary irrespective of their attendance record immediately preceding the commencement of the family absence.
- 9.3 Should a senior salary holder be eligible for family absence they will be able to continue to receive their senior salary for the duration of the absence.
- 9.4 If the authority agrees that it is necessary to make a substitute appointment to cover the family absence of a senior salary holder the Member substituting will be eligible if the authority so decides to be paid a senior salary.
- 9.5 If the paid substitution results in the authority exceeding its maximum number of senior salaries, an addition to the maximum will be allowed for the duration of the substitution.

## **10. Sickness Absence**

- 10.2 A senior salary holder on long term sickness can if the authority determines continue to receive remuneration for the post held subject to the following provisions.
- 10.2 Long term sickness absence is defined as certified absences in excess of 4 weeks.
- 10.3 The maximum length of sickness absence is 26 weeks or until the individual's term of office ends, whichever is sooner (if reappointed any remaining balance of the 26 weeks will be included)
- 10.4 The Authority can if it so decides make a substitute appointment to cover the absence and the substitute will be eligible to be paid the senior salary appropriate to the post
- 10.5 If the paid substitution results in the authority exceeding the maximum number of senior salaries payable, an addition will be allowed for the duration of the substitution.
- 10.6 If the Authority agrees to make a substitution the IRP must be informed within 14 days of the decision of the details, including the name of the post and the estimated length of the substitution. The authority's Schedule of Remuneration must be amended accordingly.
- 10.7 Sickness absence does not apply to elected members who are not senior post holders.

## **11. Co-optees' payments**

- 11.1 A Co-optees' daily fee (with a provision for half day payments) shall be paid to Co-optees, provided they are statutory Co-optees with voting rights.

- 11.2 Co-optees' payments will be capped at a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year for each committee to which an individual may be co-opted.
- 11.3 Payments will take into consideration travelling time to and from the place of the meeting, reasonable time for pre meeting preparation and length of meeting (up to the maximum of the daily rate).
- 11.4 The Monitoring Officer is designated as the "appropriate officer" and will determine preparation time, travelling time and length of meeting, the fee will be paid on the basis of this determination.
- 11.5 The Monitoring Officer can determine in advance whether a meeting is programmed for a full day and the fee will be paid on the basis of this determination even if the meeting finishes before four hours has elapsed.
- 11.6 A half day meeting is defined as up to 4 hours.
- 11.7 A full day meeting is defined as over 4 hours.
- 11.8 The daily and half day fee for the Chairpersons of the Standards Committee and Audit Committee, as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel, is set out in **Schedule 1**.
- 11.9 The daily and half day fee for other statutory Co-optees with voting rights, as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel, is set out in **Schedule 1**.

## **12. Travel and Subsistence Allowances**

### **12.1 General Principles**

- 12.2 Members, Co-opted Members and Members of Educational Appeals Panels may claim travelling expenses when travelling on the Authority's business for 'approved duties' as set out in **Schedule 2**. Where Members travel on the Authority's business they are expected to travel by the most cost effective means. In assessing cost effectiveness regard will be given to journey time. A Member who does not travel by the most cost effective means may have his/her claim abated by an appropriate amount.
- 12.3 Where possible Members should share transport.
- 12.4 The distance claimed for mileage should be the shortest reasonable journey by road from the point of departure to the point at which the duty is performed, and similarly from the duty point to the place of return.
- 12.5 The rates of Members' Travel and Subsistence Allowances are set out in **Schedule 3** and are subject to annual review by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.
- 12.6 Where a Member is suspended or partially suspended from his or her responsibilities or duties as a Member of the Authority in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (Conduct of Members), or regulations made under the Act, any travel and subsistence allowances payable to him/her in respect of that period for which he or she is suspended or partially suspended must be withheld by the Authority.
- 12.7 "Approved duties" as set out in **Schedule 2** does not include constituency responsibilities.

## **13. Travel by Private Vehicle**

- 13.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has determined that the maximum travel rates payable should be the rates set out by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs for the use of private cars, motor cycles and pedal cycles plus any passenger supplement.
- 13.2 The mileage rates for private vehicles as determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales are set out in **Schedule 3**.
- 13.3 Where a Member makes use of his/her private vehicle for approved duty purposes, the vehicle must be insured for business use. Proof of appropriate insurance must be provided to the Authority on request.
- 13.4 Mileage allowances can only be paid where claims are accompanied by VAT fuel receipts. The receipt date must be prior to the time/date of the journey for which allowances are being claimed.

## **14. Travel by Public Transport**

### **14.1 Rail/Coach Travel**

Democratic Services will purchase requisite rail and coach tickets for Members in advance of journeys. Unless otherwise authorised rail tickets will be second-class. In the unlikely event that a Member needs to purchase a ticket directly, payment will be reimbursed upon production of the used ticket and/or a receipt.

### **14.2 Taxi Fares**

Taxi fares will only be reimbursed where their use has been authorised for cases of urgency or where no public transport is reasonably available. Re-imburement will be upon receipt only.

### **14.3 Air Fare**

Travel by air is permissible if it is the most cost effective means of transport. Authorisation of the Assistant Chief Executive Legal & Regulatory Services & Monitoring Officer is required and tickets will be purchased by Democratic Services.

### **14.4 Travel Abroad**

Travel abroad on the Authority's business will only be permitted where authorised by the Assistant Chief Executive Legal & Regulatory Services & Monitoring Officer. Democratic Services will arrange travel and accommodation.

### **14.5 Other Travel Expenses**

Members will be entitled to reimbursement of toll fees, parking fees, overnight garaging and other necessary travel associated expenses. Re-imburement will be upon receipt only.

## **15. Overnight Accommodation**

- 15.1 Overnight stays will only be permitted where the Authority's business extends to two days or more, or the venue is at such a distance that early morning or late night travel would be unreasonable. All overnight stays must receive prior authorisation from the Director of Operational and Partnership Services & Monitoring Officer.

15.2 Overnight accommodation will be booked by Democratic Services. Wherever possible the overnight accommodation will be pre-paid or invoiced. Where this is not possible a cheque payable to the establishment will be provided to the Member prior to travel.

15.3 Direct booking of overnight accommodation by a Member will only be permitted in the event of an emergency. Reimbursement will only be made upon the production of a receipt and will be at a level deemed reasonable and not in excess of the rates set out in **Schedule 3**.

## **16 Subsistence Allowance**

16.1 The day subsistence rate to meet the costs of meals and refreshments in connection with approved duties (including breakfast when not provided as part of overnight accommodation) is set out in **Schedule 3**. The maximum daily rate covers a 24 hour period and can be claimed for any meal that is relevant, providing such a claim is supported by receipt(s)

16.2 No provision is made for subsistence claims within the County Borough.

## **17. Claims and Payments**

17.1 A claim for travel and subsistence allowances must be made in writing within two months of the end of the calendar month in which entitlement to allowances arises and must be accompanied by the relevant receipts.

17.2 Allowances will be paid by the Chief Finance Officer by direct bank credit.

## **18. Pensions**

18.1 The Authority shall enable its Members who are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

## **19. Compliance**

19.1 In accordance with the Regulations, the Authority must comply with the requirements of the Panel in respect of the monitoring and publication of payments made to members and co-opted members as set out in **Schedule 4**.

**Members are reminded that expense claims are subject to both internal and external audit.**

**SCHEDULE 1**

**SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION 2020-21**

	<b>MEMBERS ENTITLED TO BASIC SALARY</b>	<b>ANNUAL AMOUNT OF BASIC SALARY</b>
	All non senior/civic salary holders: 39 Members	£14,218

	<b>SENIOR SALARIES ENTITLEMENTS</b>		<b>ANNUAL AMOUNT OF SENIOR SALARY</b>
	<b>ROLE</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	
1.	Leader		£49,450
2.	Deputy Leader		£34,950
3.	Cabinet Member for Social Services and Early Help		£30,450
4.	Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration		£30,450
5.	Cabinet Member for Future Generations		£30,450
6.	Cabinet Member for Communities		£30,450
7.	Cabinet Member	Not used	£30,450
8.	Chairperson Overview and Scrutiny Subject Committee		£22,918
9.	Chairperson Overview and Scrutiny Subject Committee		£22,918
10.	Chairperson Overview and Scrutiny Subject Committee		£22,918
11.	Chairperson of Development Control Committee		£22,918
12.	Chairperson of Licensing Committee		£22,918
13.	Chairperson of Audit Committee		£22,918
14.	Chairperson of the Appeals Panel		£22,918
15.	Leader Of The Largest Opposition Group		£22,918
16.	Leader of an opposition group with at least 10% of the membership of the Council		£17,918
17.	Not currently used		
18.	Not currently used		
A maximum of 18 Senior salaries for Bridgend County Borough Council may be paid			

ENTITLEMENT TO CIVIC SALARIES		ANNUAL AMOUNT OF CIVIC SALARY
ROLE	MEMBER	
Civic Head (Mayor)		£22,918
Deputy Civic Head (Deputy Mayor)		£17,918

ENTITLEMENT AS STATUTORY CO-OPTees		AMOUNT OF CO-OPTees ALLOWANCES
ROLE	MEMBER	
Chairperson Of Standards Committee	Mr C Jones, OBE	£256 Daily Fee £128 ½ Day Fee
Chairperson of Audit Committee	N/A	£256 Daily Fee £128 ½ Day Fee
Statutory Co-optees - Standards Committee, Scrutiny Committee – subject 1, Audit Committee, Crime and Disorder OVSC	<u>Standards:</u> Mr P Clarke Ms J Kiely Mr J Baker Town Councillor G Walter Town Councillor - Vacant  <u>Scrutiny</u> Mr W Bond – Parent Governor (Special Schools) Mr K Pascoe – Parent Governor Representative (Secondary Schools) Mr Ciaron Jackson - Parent Governor Representative (Primary Schools)  Rev. Cannon Edward J Evans – Church Representative (Church in Wales) Mr T Cahalarnne – Church Representative (Roman Catholic Church) <u>Audit</u> Ms J Williams	£198 Daily Fee £99 ½ Day Fee
Statutory Co-optees -ordinary members of Standards Committee who also chair Standards Committees for Community Councils	Not Applicable	£226 Daily Fee £113 ½ Day Fee



<b>MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COSTS OF CARE (Dependents/Personal Assistance)</b>	
All Members	Up to a maximum of £403 per month

## SCHEDULE 2

### Approved duties: -

- attendance at a meeting of the Authority or of any committee of the Authority or of any body to which the Authority makes appointments or nominations or of any committee of such a body;
- attendance at a meeting of any association of authorities of which the Authority is a member;
- attendance at any other meeting the holding of which is authorised by the Authority or by a committee of the Authority or by a joint committee of the Authority and one or more other Authorities;
- a duty undertaken for the purpose of or in connection with the discharge of the functions of Cabinet;
- a duty undertaken in pursuance of a standing order which requires a Member or Members to be present when tender documents are opened;
- a duty undertaken in connection with the discharge of any function of the Authority which empowers or requires the Authority to inspect or authorise the inspection of premises;
- attendance at any training or developmental event approved by the Authority or its Cabinet;
- the following duties which have been approved by Council:
  - Approved conferences;
  - Rota visits to Social Services establishments;
  - Meetings with Senior Officers;
  - Attendance at Civic Offices to welcome school visits provided the school is within the Member's ward.

Where a local authority association or other outside body has its own scheme for the payment of allowances, the Member should claim his/her travelling and subsistence from the other body and not from the Authority.

## SCHEDULE 3

### Mileage Rates 2017-18

All sizes of private motor vehicle Up to 10,000 miles Over 10,000 miles	45 pence per mile 25 pence per mile
Private Motor Cycles Pedal Cycles	24 pence per mile 20 pence per mile
Passenger supplement	05 pence per mile

## **Subsistence Allowance 2018/19**

The day subsistence rate is up to a maximum of £28 and covers a 24 hour period and can be claimed for any meal if relevant provided such a claim is supported by receipts.

Re-imbusement of alcoholic drinks is not permitted.

## **Overnight Stay**

The maximum allowances for an overnight stay are £200 for London and £95 for elsewhere. A maximum of £30 is available for an overnight stay with friends or relatives whilst on approved duty.

## **SCHEDULE 4**

### **Compliance**

- The authority will arrange for the publication on the council's website the total sum paid by it to each member and co-opted member in respect of salary, allowances, fees and reimbursements not later than 30 September following the close of the year to which it relates. In the interests of transparency this will include remuneration from all public service appointments held by elected members.
- The authority will publish on the council's website a statement of the basic responsibility of a councillor and role descriptors for senior salary office holders, which clearly identify the duties expected.
- The authority will publish on the council's website the annual schedule of Member Remuneration not later than 31 July of the year to which the schedule refers.
- The authority will send a copy of the schedule to the Remuneration Panel not later than 31 July of the year to which the schedule refers.
- The authority will maintain records of member/co-opted members attendance at meetings of council, cabinet and committees and other approved duties for which a member/co-opted member submits a claim for reimbursement.
- The authority will arrange for the publication on the council's website of annual reports prepared by members.
- When the authority agrees a paid substitution for family absence it will notify the Remuneration Panel within 14 days of the date of the decision of the details including the particular post and the duration of the substitution.

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## BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

11 MARCH 2020

#### REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

##### INFORMATION REPORT FOR NOTING

#### 1. Purpose of Report .

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Information Report for noting which has been published since its last scheduled meeting.

#### 2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priority/priorities:

- Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

#### 3. Background.

- 3.1 At a previous meeting of Council, it was resolved to approve a revised procedure for the presentation to Council of Information Reports for noting.

#### 4. Current situation / proposal.

##### 4.1 Information Report

The following information report has been published since the last meeting of Council:-

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
Related Party Transactions 2019-20 & Statement of Accounts	5 March 2020

##### 4.2 Availability of Documents

This document has been circulated to Elected Members electronically via Email and placed on the BCBC website, and is also available from the date of publication.

#### 5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 This procedure has been adopted within the procedure rules of the Constitution.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no negative equality implications arising from this report.

## **7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications**

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## **8. Financial Implications.**

8.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

## **9. Recommendation.**

9.1 That Council acknowledges the publication of the document listed in this report.

**K Watson**  
**Chief Officer - Legal, HR and Regulatory Services**  
**March 2020**

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**Background documents:** Attachment to report as referred to in Paragraph 4.1

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**11 MARCH 2020**

**REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF FINANCE**

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS 2019-20 & STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the requirement for Members to formally declare any related party transactions for the financial year 2019-20 by completing the declaration attached at **Appendix A** by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities**

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate priority:-
- Smarter use of resources – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The preparation of the Statement of Accounts is a requirement of the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2014 as amended and its content is defined by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA's) 'Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom' 2019-20 (the Code).
- 3.2 The Code 2019-20 states that "Authorities shall identify related party relationships and transactions, identify outstanding balances between the authority and its related parties, and identify the circumstances in which disclosures are required". Any related party transactions must then be disclosed within the Statement of Accounts.

**4. Current situation / proposal**

- 4.1 The requirement to declare related party transactions is not new within the Statement of Accounts. The Wales Audit Office (WAO) scrutinise these returns closely as part of their audit of the Statement of Accounts and have recommended that:

"The Council should:

- formally remind all councillors of the importance of completing and submitting their annual related-party return by the deadline set by the Finance Department; and
- ensure that any outstanding related party returns are always pursued promptly."

4.2 This report is therefore to remind Elected Members of the requirement to complete the declaration attached at **Appendix A** with reference to the guidance attached at **Appendix B** by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

## **5. Effect upon Policy Framework& Procedure Rules**

5.1 There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and the Procedure Rules.

## **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no equality implications in respect of this report.

## **7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications**

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. As the report is for information only, it is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

## **9. Recommendation**

9.1 That Council notes the requirement for Members to formally declare any related party transactions for the financial year 2019-20 and the return deadline of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**Gill Lewis**  
**Interim Head of Finance**  
**04 March 2020**

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## **Background documents**

None





**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS**  
**2019-20 DECLARATION OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

I declare that I or a close family member are an owner, Director, senior manager or a major shareholder of the following organisations:

Name of organisation	Own position in organisation	Family member position in organisation
<i>Eg: AN Other Consulting Services</i>		<i>Director</i>

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)



2. Any personal transactions with the Council (exclude any Council salaries and expenses)		Self	Family Member (please specify)
<u>Nature of transaction</u>	<u>Value</u>		

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete.

Signed:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* PLEASE RETURN SCANNED COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORMS VIA EMAIL TO \*\***

EMAIL: [Eilish.Thomas@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:Eilish.Thomas@bridgend.gov.uk) / [Jillian.Bailey@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:Jillian.Bailey@bridgend.gov.uk)

Hard copy: Jill Bailey/Eilish Thomas, Resources, Wing 4, Ravenscourt, Bridgend, CF31 4AP



## Bridgend County Borough Council Related Party Transactions Guidance Note

### Requirement for Members to declare Related Party Transactions 2019/20

#### Background

1. The Council is required to provide information within its Statutory Annual Accounts of arrangements and/or transactions where Members (and senior officers) **or close members of their families** have a significant influence over organisations that the Council has a relationship with, be that the giving of grant funding, provision of services or an ability to manage the operations and/or financial activities of that organisation; OR that organisation is able to influence or control activities of the Council.
2. **A relationship** with an entity would occur where you or a close member of your family:
  - Has control or joint control over the organisation
  - Has significant influence over the organisation; or
  - Is a member of the key management personnel of the organisation or a parent of the organisation
3. **Close members of the family** of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with that organisation and include:
  - Your children and spouse or domestic partner
  - Children of your spouse or domestic partner
  - Dependents of you, your spouse or domestic partner
4. **The information disclosed** must be auditable and you must provide written confirmation of whether at any time during the period **1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020**:
  - You and/or a close family member **met any of the circumstances set out at paragraph 2 above; and/or**
  - You and/or a close family member had any financial transactions (excluding salary or work-based expenses paid by the Council) with the Council

#### Examples:

Examples of arrangements which may require disclosure include:

- You own a company or have a major shareholding\* in a company;
- Any close members of your family who own a company or have a major shareholding in a company;
- You or a close member of your family is a member of the senior management of a company/organisation;
- You or a close member of your family hold a position of influence within an organisation;
- You or a close member of your family receive income from the Council that is not based on salary, allowances or expenses.

**ANY arrangements with a company you are a Director of or own must be disclosed even if there have been no financial transactions for that company during the year (either with or outside of Bridgend CBC)**

\*No specific limit has been given for what constitutes a major shareholding therefore any such roles must be declared.



## Bridgend County Borough Council Related Party Transactions Guidance Note

### **What you need to do**

**ALL Members and Chief Officers** (including all temporary arrangements in place during the year), are required to sign a declaration which discloses any related party relationships held and also identify any transactions that occurred during the financial year from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**.

**\*\* If you are unsure it is better to disclose it and Finance will assess whether it needs to be included in the Statement of Accounts \*\***

### **Any queries?**

If you feel unable to complete the declaration or have any doubts about any aspect of what is required, please contact:

**Eilish Thomas, Finance Manager, Financial Control and Closing Team, (Ext. 3359)**

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