

## Torrige District Council

### Pay Policy Statement – as at March 2024

#### Purpose and Scope of the Policy

1. Section 38 (1) of the Localism Act 2011 requires English and Welsh local authorities to produce a statutory pay policy statement for 2012/13 and for each financial year after that.
2. In the context of managing scarce public resources, the Council seeks to balance the need to set pay levels that are adequate to secure and retain high-quality employees dedicated to the service of the public, with a need to ensure that pay is not unnecessarily generous or otherwise excessive. The Council also recognises that individuals have contractual and other rights that cannot be altered unilaterally by the Council.
3. Over recent years the Council has modernised its pay and reward arrangements through the implementation of single status and by setting the pay of its most senior officers with the benefit of external advice. In addition, the pay of senior officers has been published on the Council's web site.
4. This pay policy statement applies to those officers whose terms and conditions reflect those determined by the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officers of Local Authorities. For the purposes of this policy the Council's Chief Officers are the:
  - Chief Executive
  - Head of Legal and Governance
  - Head of Communities and Place
  - Finance Manager & s151 officer
5. The Hutton Report (on public sector pay, published in 2011) outlined that the most appropriate metric for pay dispersion is the multiple of Chief Executive to median earnings. It suggests that tracking this multiple will ensure public service organisations are accountable for the relationship between the pay of their executives and the wider workforce. Through this pay policy statement, the Council will track this multiple annually and will also publish the following information (please see the Appendix):
  - The level and elements of remuneration for each of the posts identified in paragraph 4 above;
  - Other specific aspects of remuneration associated with these posts.
  - The remuneration of the lowest paid employees;
  - The multiple of Chief Executive Service salary to median
  - The multiple of Chief Executive salary to the average or mean earnings, which is another metric for pay dispersion.

#### Specific Policy Aspects

6. When setting or revising salaries for these posts:
  - The Council will make comparisons with similar organisations, with an aim to paying at or around the median comparable salary level.
  - The Council will take independent pay advice from South West Councils.
  - The Council will have due regard to balance the need to ensure value for money with the need for the Council to recruit and retain high quality senior officers in the context of national, regional and local labour markets and the particular circumstances or challenges faced at that time. This may include any market supplement.
7. Consistent with the relevant national terms and conditions, Chief Officers are required to devote their whole time service to the work of the Council (which may for this purpose also include other organisations where there is responsibility for such activities) and cannot engage in business or take up other paid employment without the

express permission of the Council. In addition, and although these officers are employed for a notional 37 hours per week, they are expected to work such additional hours as may be reasonably required, without additional recompense or time off in lieu.

8. Any termination payments to Chief Officers on ceasing office will, in the event of redundancy, comply with the Council's policy for managing change. Any other payments on termination of employment will accord with the arrangements set out in the Council's constitution and scheme of delegation.
9. Additional payments are made by Central Government to officers carrying out additional duties at elections. These payments are not within the scope of this policy.

#### **Monitoring**

10. Through this policy the pay multiple of the Chief Executive will be monitored annually. Should the multiplier between the annual salary paid to a full time employee (excluding any apprentices) on the lowest spinal column point and the annual salary paid to the Chief Executive be greater than 10, this will be reported by the Leader of the Council to Full Council for consideration.
11. Annual monitoring of this policy will take place in relation to each forthcoming financial year. As at 31 March 2024 the pay multiple will be 5.3

#### **Outcomes**

12. In determining this policy the Council will ensure that the process for setting pay at a senior level is transparent. This policy will be reviewed annually to track the relationship of Chief Officer pay with the rest of the workforce. Other reviews may take place as determined appropriate from time to time.

#### **Policy/Strategy Consultation**

13. This policy has been agreed by Full Council.

#### **Equality Impact Considerations**

14. The principles of equal pay are integral to this policy. The Council ensures equal pay through a transparent job evaluation process for the majority of posts and by having regard to external advice when setting the pay of its most senior officers, as identified in this policy.

## Appendix

The levels and elements of remuneration for each Chief Officer are:

<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Remuneration</b>
Chief Executive	118,569
Head of Legal & Governance	79,941
Head of Communities and Place	79,941
Finance Manager & s151 officer	65,024

The full time rate of pay for the lowest paid employee is as follows (not including apprentices):

<b>Post Title</b>	<b>Remuneration</b>
Cleaner	22,366

The multiplier of the remuneration of the Chief Executive and other officers based upon taxable earnings:

<b>Post Title</b>	
Annual Median Pay of all employees, if they were employed full time	26,421
Pay multiple of Chief executive to Median salary, if they were employed full time	4.48
Pay multiple of Chief Executive to lowest paid employee, if they were employed full time	5.3
Pay multiple of Chief Executive to mean salary if everyone was employed full time	3.99

The pay multiple is calculated by comparing the pay of the Chief Executive with the average (or mean) and median basic pay levels.