

Report of the Assistant Chief Fire Officer

Pay Policy Statement

Purpose of report

1. To bring to the attention of the Authority the requirement for the Service to publish its annual Pay Policy Statement for year 2020/2021.
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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Pay Policy Statement and supporting information be approved for publication.

Introduction and Background

2. The Fire Authority is required by section 38(1) of the Localism Act 2011 (openness and accountability in local pay) to prepare and publish annual pay policy statements. These statements articulate an Authority's own policies towards a range of issues relating to the pay of its workforce, particularly its senior staff, Chief Officers and its lowest paid employees. They are required to be approved by the Fire Authority and published on the Authority's website on an annual basis.

Pay Policy

3. The Act requires that authorities include in their pay policy statements, their approach to the publication of and access to information relating to the remuneration of Chief Officers. Remuneration includes salary, expenses, bonuses, performance related pay as well as severance payments.
4. The definition of Chief Officers (as set out in section 43(2)) is not limited to Heads of Paid Service or statutory Chief Officers. It also includes those who report directly to them (non-statutory Chief Officers), and the people who report directly to them. The Act sets out the information that authorities are required to include in their pay policy statements as a minimum.

Conclusion/Summary

5. It is a requirement that the Authority's approach to pay, as set out in the attached Pay Policy Statement, is accessible for citizens and enables local taxpayers to take an informed view of whether local decisions on all aspects of remuneration are fair and make best use of public funds. The Pay Policy Statement is accessible on the Authority's website.

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	There are legal issues referenced in paragraph numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the report.
Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications).	N/A
Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	N/A
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	N/A
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	N/A

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority Pay Policy Statement