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Neath Port Talbot Council

# **Pay Policy Statement**

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This Council is committed to being open and transparent and as Leader I want to ensure that the Council tax payers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council have access to information about how we pay people.

Council services are delivered by people, and most of the people we employ live and work in this County Borough. I want to ensure that Council services are the best they can be, so our pay policy seeks to ensure we can attract, retain and motivate the best employees with the right skills to deliver our services.

This, of course, has to be balanced against the need to ensure value for money for the local Council taxpayer.

The Council is one of the main employers in this area and it is important that the Council can offer good quality employment on reasonable terms and conditions and fair rates of pay. This will have a beneficial impact on the quality of life within the community as well as on the local economy.

**Cllr S Hunt**  
**Leader of Council**

## Introduction

This is Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's (NPT) thirteenth annual Pay Policy Statement. This Statement covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

This Pay Policy Statement provides the framework for decision making on pay and in particular decision making on senior pay. Preparing and publishing this statement is a requirement under the Localism Act 2011. The provisions in the Act do not apply to the staff of local authority schools and therefore teaching staff are not included in the scope of this document.

This Pay Policy Statement has been approved by council on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

## Legislative Framework

The council has the power to appoint staff under Section 112 of the Local Government Act 1972 and complies with all relevant employment legislation in determining the pay and remuneration of its staff.

## Terms and Conditions of Employment

The council employs approximately 6,500 employees. The posts they are employed within are covered by a range of terms and conditions drawn from either:

- National Joint Council for Local Government Services
- Joint National Council for Chief Executives
- Joint National Council for Chief Officers
- Soulbury Committee
- The Joint National Council for Youth and Community Workers
- Teachers (not within the scope of this statement)

The following pay scales are provided as Appendices to this policy:

- **Appendix A** Local Government Services Employee
- **Appendix B** JNC Chief Executive and Chief Officers
- **Appendix C** Soulbury Officers
- **Appendix D** JNC Youth & Community Workers

We publish a breakdown of staff numbers by pay band and gender in the **Annual Equalities in Employment Report**, published separately. Linked to this is the **Gender Pay Gap Report**.

## National Pay Awards

For all employee groups, any nationally agreed pay awards, negotiated at a national level by the local government employers in conjunction with the recognised Trade Unions will be applied. The council will pay these nationally agreed pay awards as and when determined unless full council decides otherwise.

## Job Evaluation

In 2008 the council completed a Job Evaluation exercise in relation to jobs which are governed by the NJC for LGS' terms and conditions of employment. A new pay and grading structure, based on the outcome of the Job Evaluation exercise, was developed in partnership with, and agreed with, our trade unions via a Collective Agreement and introduced in 2008. The pay and grading structure is based on the NJC for LGS' nationally negotiated pay spine as the basis for its pay and grading structure. In order to implement the new LGS pay spine to apply from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, revisions to the pay and grading structure were again agreed via Collective Agreement reached with our trade unions in January 2019 to both implement the new pay spine, and at the same time ensure that arrangements remain equality proofed. These arrangements applied with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

The council seeks to maintain the equality proofed pay and grading structure by subjecting any newly established job or jobs which have significantly changed to a job evaluation assessment. A Joint Job Evaluation Panel, comprising of trained management and trade union representatives continues to meet on a regular basis to consider and determine Grading Appeals.

## Starting salaries

It is the council's policy that all appointments to jobs with the council are made at the minimum of the relevant pay grade, although this can be varied where necessary, e.g. to secure the services of the best available candidate/s.

Heads of Service can authorise a variation of starting salary for all jobs below Head of Service level. The Special Appointments Committee, a committee with delegated authority from Personnel Committee, will determine the starting salary of Heads of Service.

The Welsh Government recommends that in addition to agreeing the parameters for setting the pay of chief officers, full council should be offered the opportunity to vote on large salary packages which are to be offered in respect

of new appointments in accordance with their agreed pay policy statements. The Welsh Ministers consider £100,000 is the right level for that threshold.

For this purpose, salary packages should be consistent with the categories defined for remuneration in the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014. This will include salary, bonuses, fees, allowances routinely payable, any expenses allowance chargeable to UK income tax, the relevant authorities' contribution to the officer's pension and any other benefits in kind to which the officer is entitled as a result of their employment.

In accordance with this:

- Full Council will approve the commencement of the appointment process for all Chief Officer posts which exceed this threshold.
- Council will confirm the maximum salary that would be offered and delegate responsibility for the final determination to the Special Appointments Committee.
- The process then continues with the Special Appointments Committee for all Chief Officer posts above the Strategic Manager pay grade (with the exception of Directors and Chief Executive which remain with Full Council).

## Other pay-related allowances

All other pay-related allowances, e.g. overtime payments, are the subject of national and/or locally negotiated arrangements and subject to Member approval at personnel committee or full council, as appropriate (refer to Decision Making for more information).

The terms and conditions of employment relating to annual leave, hours of work, overtime payment, weekend working arrangements and sick pay for all employee groups (with the exception of teaching staff) are set out in **Appendix E**.

## Travel and Subsistence Payments

The Council's Travel and Subsistence Payment Scheme requires employees to use the most cost effective method of transport for all journeys at all times. To ensure that all business journeys are absolutely necessary, whether inside or outside the County Borough area and that the most cost effective method of travel is used by all employees, the scheme provides a checklist to be completed by employees before the line manager authorises the use of

the employees own vehicle. Rates payable are in line with HMRC mileage allowances. The Scheme is available online or on request from the HR Team.

## Acting Up and Honoraria Payments

There may be occasions when an employee is asked to carry out duties which are additional to those of their substantive post, for a period of time, or to 'act up' into a more senior job within the council, covering the full range of duties of the higher job. In such circumstances an additional payment may be made in line with the council's policy on payment of acting up or honoraria. The schemes, which apply to LGS employees only, have been reviewed, and revised versions approved by Personnel Committee in December 2023. The Schemes are available online or on request from the HR Team.

Personnel committee must approve any acting up or honoraria payments proposed for officers who are not within the scope of the scheme. Where the acting up or honoraria payment would result in the total pay package exceeding £100,000 approval must be sought from full council.

## Market Pay Scheme

Job evaluation has enabled the council to set appropriate pay levels based on internal job size relativities within the council. However, in exceptional circumstances, it may be necessary to take account of the external pay market in order to attract and retain employees with the necessary specific knowledge, skills and experience.

The council has a Market Pay Scheme to ensure that the requirement for any market pay supplements is objectively justified by reference to clear and transparent evidence of relevant market comparators, using appropriate data sources. The Scheme is available online or on request from the HR Team. It is the council's policy that any such additional payments are kept to a minimum and reviewed on a regular basis so that they can be withdrawn where no longer considered necessary.

The principles underpinning the Market Pay Scheme are applied to all employee groups within the council. Heads of Service can authorise market pay supplements following a recommendation from the Head of People and Organisational Development. Where it is proposed to apply a market supplement to a Chief Officer post within the council, approval is sought from the council's personnel committee. Should the market supplement result in the total pay package exceeding £100,000 approval must be sought from full council.



## Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

To help people save more for their retirement, the government now requires employers to automatically enrol their workers into a workplace pension scheme. Neath Port Talbot Council participates in the Local Government Pension Scheme. If an employee has a contract of employment for at least 3 months (and is under 75 years of age), they will be automatically enrolled into the LGPS, from the date employment commenced. Opt out provisions apply.

The employee contribution rates, which are defined by statute, currently range between 5.5 per cent and 12.5 per cent of pensionable pay depending on full time equivalent salary levels. The Employer contribution rate is set by Actuaries advising the City and County of Swansea LGPS Pension fund and reviewed on a triennial basis in order to ensure the scheme is appropriately funded.

The employer contribution rate effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 was 22.4% following the latest triennial valuation.

## Other employee benefits

The council believes that it has a responsibility to help support the health, wellbeing and welfare of its employees in order to ensure that they are able to perform at their best. As part of this approach and in common with other large employers the council provides a small number of non-pay benefits such as eye test vouchers for users of display screen equipment at work, childcare vouchers via a salary sacrifice scheme (following the Government's closure of such schemes, this benefit is now only available for those who joined the scheme prior to October 2018) and participation in the Cycle to Work and Car Benefit Schemes. We provide an Employee Assistance Programme and Salary Finance Platform to support the mental health, wellbeing and financial well-being of our employees. We subscribe to Employers for Carers (EFC) and all employees have access to the EFC Carers digital platform, which is packed full of information and guidance and can help having the caring conversation at home or in the workplace.

Employees who are members of the LGPS (see above) have the opportunity to join the Salary Sacrifice Shared Costs Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVC) Scheme, assisting employees who wish to increase pension benefits at retirement by paying additional voluntary contributions into the Local Government AVC Scheme.

## Decision making

In accordance with the constitution of the council, the council's personnel committee has delegated authority for decision-making in relation to staff pensions, staff terms and conditions, i.e. related matters such as job evaluation strategies, national / local pay negotiations, operational conditions of service policies e.g. sickness, Directorate structural / staffing changes, including early retirement / redundancy policies, and industrial disputes.

Under the Local Authorities (Standing Order) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 any decision to determine or vary the remuneration of chief officers, or those to be appointed as chief officers, must be made by full council (please see page 6 [Starting Salaries](#)).

## Collective bargaining arrangements with trade unions

The council recognises the following trade unions:

### **NJC for Local Government Services**

UNISON

GMB

UNITE

### **JNC for Chief Officers**

UNISON

GMB

### **Soulbury Committee**

AEP

PROSPECT

### **JNC for Youth & Community Workers**

UNISON

GMB

### **Teachers**

NAHT

NASUWT

NEU

UCAC

ASCL

Recognition is for the purposes of consultation and negotiation on a collective basis in relation to relevant matters, which are not determined by National Negotiating bodies, which both parties agree are appropriate / beneficial to be determined by agreement. Negotiations are conducted with the aim of reaching agreement and avoiding disputes. Recognition also relates to representation on an individual trade union member basis.

## Senior Pay

### The Chief Executive

The Chief Executive is the senior officer who leads and takes responsibility of the council. The Chief Executive is the statutory appointed Chief Executive Officer pursuant to S56 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The Council is a large and complex organisation with a multi-million pound budget. It has a very wide range of functions and has responsibility for the provision of a wide range of essential services, employing some 6,400 staff.

The role of Chief Executive is a full time and permanent position. The post holder is selected on merit, against objective criteria, following public advertisement. The Chief Executive is appointed by full council.

The Chief Executive works closely with Elected Members to deliver the strategic aims of the council, including the well-being objectives:

- All children get the best start in life
- All communities are thriving and sustainable
- Our local environment, culture and heritage can be enjoyed by future generations
- Local people are skilled and can access high quality, green jobs

The Chief Executive routinely works in the evenings and on weekends as well as the standard Monday to Friday business week. The Chief Executive also heads the 'on call' arrangements particularly to cover emergency planning arrangements.

The current Chief Executive, Ms Frances O'Brien, has been in post since November 2024. Ms. O'Brien has 20 years' experience within local government; prior to her appointment Ms O'Brien was Chief Officer, Communities and Place, at Monmouthshire County Council..

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, the Chief Executive's salary falls within the pay band £145,356 to £159,687 per annum (please see **Appendix B** for more details).

The council has a statutory duty to appoint a Returning Officer for specified Elections and Referenda and has appointed the Council's Chief Executive to this role. The Returning Officer is personally responsible for a wide range of functions in relation to the conduct of Elections and Referenda and is paid for discharging these functions in accordance with prescribed fees.

Details of the Chief Executive's pay, including any additional payments are published in the Statement of Accounts. This document is published separately.

Expenses such as for train, car mileage, overnight accommodation and parking are claimed back in accordance with the council's **Travel and Subsistence Payments Policy**.

The Chief Executive is currently a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The notice period for the role is 6 months.

### Senior Staff

The current definition for senior posts is classed as:

Statutory Chief Officers:

- The Director of Education, Leisure and Lifelong Learning
- The Director of Social Services, Health and Housing
- The Director of Finance who undertakes the role of Section 151 Officer
- The Head of Legal and Democratic Services who undertakes the role of Monitoring Officer
- The Democratic Services Manager\* who undertakes the role of Head of Democratic Services

*\* NB: whilst this post has the status in law as a statutory Chief Officer, pay and conditions are in line with the NJC for Local Government Services pay and conditions of employment.*

Non-statutory Chief Officers - non-statutory posts that report directly to the Chief Executive Officer:

- The Director of Environment and Regeneration
- The Director of Strategy and Corporate Services

Deputy Chief Officers - officers that report directly to statutory or non-statutory Chief Officers:

- The Chief Digital Officer
- The Head of Adult Services
- The Head of Children and Young People Services
- The Head of Early Years, Inclusion and Partnerships
- The Head of Education Development
- The Head of Engineering and Transport
- The Head of Housing and Communities
- The Head of Leisure, Tourism, Heritage and Culture
- The Head of People and Organisational Development
- The Head of Planning and Public Protection
- The Head of Property and Regeneration
- The Head of Streetcare
- The Head of South Wales Trunk Road Agency
- The Head of Support Services and Transformation

## Pay

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, Corporate Director posts attract a salary within the pay band £120,313 to £129,585 per annum (please see **Appendix B** for more details).

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, the Director of Finance post attracts a salary within the pay band of £97,999 to £107,843 per annum (please see **Appendix B** for more details).

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, Heads of Service posts attract a salary within the pay band of £84,015 to £92,207 per annum (please see **Appendix B** for more details).

Details of senior staff pay are published in the Statement of Accounts.

## Number of senior posts remunerated over £100,000

Six posts attract a remuneration package over £100,000. Remuneration in relation to chief officers for the purposes of pay policy statements (as defined in section 43(3) of the Act) includes:

- salary (for chief officers who are employees) or payment under a contract for services (for chief officers who are self-employed)
- bonuses
- charges, fees and allowances
- benefits in kind
- any increase or enhancement of the chief officer's pension entitlement where that increase is a result of a resolution of the authority
- any amounts payable on the chief officer ceasing to hold office or to be employed by the authority (future severance payments)

In line with the Welsh Government guidance, the council is required to set out this information in bands of £5,000, as follows (effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025):

£100,000 - £105,000 – N/A

£105,000 - £110,000 – one post

£110,000 - £115,000 – N/A

£115,000 - £120,000 – N/A

£120,000 - £125,000 – one post

£125,000 - £130,000 – three posts

£135,000 - £140,000 – N/A

£140,000 - £145,000 – N/A

£145,000 - £150,000 – one post

£150,000 - £155,000 – N/A

£155,000 - £160,000 – N/A

### **Recruitment of Senior Officers**

The council's Policy and Procedures with regard to the recruitment of Chief Officers is contained within the Officer Employment Procedure Rules as set out in the council's constitution available online.

The determination of the remuneration to be offered to any newly appointed Chief Officer will be in accordance with the pay structure and relevant Council policies in place at the time of recruitment. Any salary package in relation to a Chief Officer that exceeds the threshold of £100,000 must be approved beforehand by full council.

### **Additions to Chief Officers' Pay**

The council pays a standard mileage rate of 45 pence per mile to Chief Officers (and all other employees) where the Chief Officer uses his or her private vehicle on Council business. The council also reimburses any other reasonable expenses, incurred by the Chief Officer on behalf of the council whilst on council business, on production of receipts and in accordance with JNC conditions and other local conditions.

The cost of membership by the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors of one professional body is met by the council.

### **Independent Remuneration Panel**

Section 143A of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 refers to the Independent Remuneration Panel in Wales ("the IRP") and sets out their

functions in relation to salaries of heads of paid service. The IRP may make recommendations about any policy in this Pay Policy Statement which relates to the salary of the council's Chief Executive and any proposed change to the salary of the council's Chief Executive. The council, will, as required, consult the IRP in relation to any change to the salary of the Chief Executive which is not commensurate with a change of the salaries of the council's other staff, and will have regard to any recommendation received from the IRP when deciding whether or not to proceed with making the change.

The council is required to identify in this pay policy statement whether any such referral has been made to the IRP, and if so, the nature of the referral, the IRP's decision and the council's response.

An authority which chooses not to follow the advice of the Panel may become subject to a Ministerial direction to reconsider their position. The Act also provides that authorities will be able to reduce (but not increase) the salary payable to their Chief Executive in advance of a recommendation from the IRP, so long as the contract under which the salary is payable does not prevent the authority from changing the salary after receiving a recommendation.

The council has not made a referral to the IRP relating to the salary payable to the Chief Executive.

## Talent management

The council's key tool for talent management and succession planning is through the Succession Planning Toolkit which requires each management team to set out their planned arrangements to develop the workforce of the future. The Performance Appraisal process, as well as placing an emphasis on performance, seeks to put in place individual learning plans, developing the skills necessary not only for current roles, but with a future focus to support career development and succession planning.

The Learning, Training and Development team provide a very wide range of in-house and externally provided training and development options, to support the development of employees at every level in the organisation. The NPT Leadership and Development Pathway outlines opportunities for development from the point of induction. The comprehensive programme draws on ILM qualifications considered the de facto standard in terms of leadership and management qualification, designed in line with National Occupational Standards. In completing any of the qualifications listed from Levels 2 to 5, participants will also achieve a NVQ qualification at the same level. Our programmes include a Level 2 Diploma in Team Leading, aimed at first time supervisors / managers, and limited to those who have been in post for less

than 6 months, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5 Diplomas in Leadership and Management, aimed at first time, more experience first tier, Middle and Senior Managers, and then finally a Level 7 Diploma aimed at those with strategic responsibility.

A newly established Mission I'm Possible Programme launches in March 2025 aimed at aspiring first time managers.

The People and Organisational Development Service established the HR Talent Management Team in 2024, with a focus on the following priorities:

1. **Attracting the best candidates**- we are not sitting back and waiting for talent to come to us, we are taking the lead, maximising our reach on all our social media platforms, linking with schools, colleges, universities, and DWP, and diving into external employability projects to attract the skilled individuals we need.
2. **Developing career pathways** –working with managers to craft clear career pathways with targeted training initiatives, providing a roadmap to success for applicants in business critical roles to reach their full potential.
3. **Building a multi-generational workforce** – developing career pathways for young people, initiatives encouraging people to return to work, and encouraging older applicants to jobs within the Council.
4. **Enhance retention**– finding out why people stay working for the Council is important to us to enhance our employment offer, together with reviewing our exit questionnaire/interview arrangements as we need to understand why people leave so we can develop initiatives to make them want to stay.
5. **Internal career progression** – helping all of our employees reach their full potential, promote our culture of continuous professional development and cultivate the skills and knowledge of our existing employees



## Performance related pay

The council expects high levels of performance from all employees and has implemented a Performance Appraisal Scheme to monitor, evaluate and manage employee performance on an ongoing basis.

No bonus or performance-related pay mechanism applies, although the maximum incremental pay point of the pay grades for the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors are only payable if there is a satisfactory outcome to their respective annual performance appraisal.

The Performance Management Policy and Procedure is available online or on request from the HR Team.

## Support for lower paid staff

The council has committed to continuing discussions with Trade Unions with the objective of introducing the Living Wage on an affordable and sustainable basis when circumstances allow. The lowest spinal column point on the LGS pay spine, SCP 2, currently equates to £12.26 per hour which is just below the Real Living Wage Foundation's national living wage rate of £12.60 per hour.

In 2019 the council committed to working with Chwarae Teg as part of the Chwarae Teg Fair Play Employer Scheme. Chwarae Teg initially supported the Council by carrying out a Gender Equality Audit of the council's policy and practices, and this has been used to inform the development of a Gender Equality Action Plan. Whilst Chwarae Teg have now sadly closed due to lack of funding, the council continues to deliver the Action Plan which includes specific actions to reduce the Council's Gender Pay Gap as well as actions to support low paid women. This is particularly important, as whilst the Council's overall gender profile is 71% female, 97% of those employed in the Council's lowest pay band, Grade 1, are female. In 2020 / 21 through the Fair Play Employer Scheme we were able to provide career development sessions for low paid employees, to gain skills and confidence, and in 2021 / 2022 we ran reward and recognition workshops for managers to help them engage and motivate employees.

In 2023 / 24 we worked with Chwarae Teg to launch a mentoring scheme, 'NPT Ment2Be' aimed at supporting low paid women in the workplace and the programme is going from strength to strength. The aim of this programme is to offer opportunities to staff who are interested in career progression in areas of the Council that they are not necessarily currently working in – and want to know more, or areas that they are working within, but they are unsure

where to go next in their careers. Whilst the scheme aims to support low paid women, access to the scheme will not be limited to low paid women, and will be an inclusive opportunity available to all employees to access. The Council was delighted to be the recipient of the Women Inspire Fair Play Employer Award for this work in the final ever Chwarae Teg Awards in October 2023.

The Council's Learning Training & Development Team provide confidential support to employees who want to improve their '**Essential Skills**', and can design a bespoke programme for employees which can include 'Calculating with Confidence', Literacy, 'Improve your Spelling', Report Writing, Form Filling, 'Develop your IT Skills', 'Internet and Email' and Communication Skills. Whilst not exclusively aimed at lower paid employees, this support is aimed at supporting employees to gain new confidence in their skills and abilities and in order to help them progress in their careers.

In a similar vein, the internal network of **Digital Partners (DPs)** aims to help employees gain digital confidence and overcome any barriers to getting digitally active in both the workplace and their personal lives. DPs complete the following training package:

- 'Digital Champions Essentials',
- 'Helping your colleagues with digital skills',
- 'Using your role to help customers get online',
- 'Working with people with learning difficulties and / or disabilities'
- 'Visual impairment and technology'
- 'Working with learners who are deaf or hard of hearing'
- 'Working with people with memory loss'
- 'Using the internet to help people live later life'

## Exit Policy

### Early Retirement, Voluntary Redundancy and Compulsory Redundancy

The council's Exit Policy for employees prior to reaching normal retirement age, is set out within its Early Retirement, Voluntary Redundancy and Compulsory Redundancy (ER / VR / CR) Scheme, in accordance with Regulations 5 and 6 of the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) Regulations 2006. Please refer to **Appendix F**.

Please note that a separate scheme operates for those employed on Teacher terms and conditions of employment.

Under the ER / VR / CR Scheme, all Early Retirement and Voluntary Redundancy expressions of interest are subject to a robust business case,

seeking to limit discretionary compensation to an affordable limit, as well as considering the costs of any consequential organisational / pay grade changes.

When calculating the value of a severance package, the following payments should be included:

- salary paid in lieu of notice
- lump sum redundancy / severance payment
- cost to the council of the strain on the pension fund arising from providing early access to an unreduced pension.

Any severance package in respect of early termination of employment that exceeds a threshold of £100,000 must be approved beforehand by full council.

The council has operated a Voluntary Redundancy Scheme during the financial year 2023 / 2024 and details of all employees who exited the council's employment under this Scheme can be found in the annual Statement of Accounts.

### **Re-employment**

Employees who leave the council's employment on the grounds of early retirement (ER) or voluntary redundancy (VR) who are employed on LGS Grades 11, 12 and 13 or equivalent, will not normally be permitted to return to any paid temporary or permanent NPT council employment (which includes schools) or be re-engaged as an agency worker or on a consultancy basis. However, in exceptional circumstances, re-employment may be permitted if the "employing" Head of Service is able to provide a robust business case for doing so which is acceptable to the Director of Finance and Head of People and Organisational Development, in consultation with the relevant trade union/s.

All other employees who leave the council's employment on the grounds of early retirement (ER) or voluntary redundancy (VR) will not be permitted to return to employment with the council for a period of 12 months following their leaving date. However, again, and in exceptional circumstances, earlier re-employment may be permitted if the "employing" Head of Service is able to provide a robust business case for doing so which is acceptable to the Director of Finance and Head of People and Organisational Development, in consultation with the relevant trade union/s.

### **Flexible retirement**

Employees are permitted to take flexible retirement in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme and the council's Flexible Retirement Scheme.

## Off Payroll arrangements

Where the council is unable to recruit to a job under a contract of service, or where there is a need for specialist support for a specific project, the council will, where necessary, consider engaging individuals under a contract for service. These will be sourced through the relevant procurement process under the council's Contract Procedure Rules, ensuring the council is able to demonstrate value for money from competition in securing the relevant service.

Where the contract for service is to provide cover for a vacant post, in addition to ensuring adherence to Contract Procedure Rules, decision making in relation to the appointment will be in line with the council's rules in relation to appointments i.e. council will determine appointments at Director level, Special Appointments Committee will determine appointments at Head of Service level, and Heads of Service or those acting under their authority will determine appointments at Strategic Manager level and below.

With effect from April 2017, the UK Government introduced "Intermediaries Legislation", known as IR35, reforming tax rules for off-payroll working in the public sector and the council has implemented the new rules in line with the legislation.

## Pay relativities in the council

**The lowest paid employee is on £23,656 per annum**, in accordance with the minimum spinal column point (SCP 2) of the NJC pay spine for Local Government Services employees. This excludes apprentices who are engaged on different arrangements with training being the main feature of the arrangement and it also excludes agency staff.

**The highest paid employee is the Chief Executive and the pay band minimum is £145,356 rising to the pay band maximum of £159,687.** The current post holder earns £145,356.

**The median salary in the council is £30,060.**

The pay multiple between the lowest paid (full time equivalent) employee and the Chief Executive is a ratio of 1:6.14 and the pay multiple between the lowest paid employee and average Chief Officer is a ratio of 1:4.26.

The pay multiple between the median full time equivalent earnings and the council's Chief Executive is a ratio of 1:4.84 where all council employees are taken into account and the same where employees appointed and managed by head teachers/Governing Bodies are excluded from the calculation, as required by the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

The multiple between the median full time equivalent earnings and the average council Chief Officer is 1:3.35 where all council employees are taken into account and the same where employees appointed and managed by head teachers/Governing Bodies are excluded from the calculation, as required by the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

**APPENDIX A**

**Local Government Services Employees Salary Scale w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

<b><u>GRADE 1</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b>-</b>	<b><u>GRADE 8</u></b>	<b><u>26</u></b>	<b><u>36,124</u></b>
	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>23,656</u></b>		<b><u>27</u></b>	<b><u>37,035</u></b>
<b><u>GRADE 2</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>23,656</u></b>		<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>37,938</u></b>
	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>24,027</u></b>		<b><u>29</u></b>	<b><u>38,626</u></b>
<b><u>GRADE 3</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>24,027</u></b>		<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>39,513</u></b>
	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>24,404</u></b>		<b><u>GRADE 9</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>
	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>24,790</u></b>		<b><u>31</u></b>	<b><u>40,476</u></b>
	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>25,183</u></b>		<b><u>32</u></b>	<b><u>41,511</u></b>
<b><u>GRADE 4</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>25,584</u></b>		<b><u>33</u></b>	<b><u>42,708</u></b>
	<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>25,992</u></b>		<b><u>34</u></b>	<b><u>43,693</u></b>
	<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>26,409</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE 10</u></b>	<b><u>34</u></b>	<b><u>43,693</u></b>
	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>26,835</u></b>		<b><u>35</u></b>	<b><u>44,711</u></b>
<b><u>GRADE 5</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>27,269</u></b>			<b><u>36</u></b>
	<b><u>12</u></b>	<b><u>27,711</u></b>	<b><u>37</u></b>		<b><u>46,731</u></b>
	<b><u>14</u></b>	<b><u>28,624</u></b>		<b><u>38</u></b>	<b><u>47,754</u></b>
	<b><u>15</u></b>	<b><u>29,093</u></b>		<b><u>GRADE 11</u></b>	<b><u>38</u></b>
<b><u>GRADE 6</u></b>	<b><u>17</u></b>	<b><u>30,060</u></b>		<b><u>39</u></b>	<b><u>48,710</u></b>
	<b><u>18</u></b>	<b><u>30,559</u></b>		<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>49,764</u></b>
	<b><u>19</u></b>	<b><u>31,067</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE 12</u></b>	<b><u>41</u></b>	<b><u>50,788</u></b>
	<b><u>20</u></b>	<b><u>31,586</u></b>		<b><u>42</u></b>	<b><u>51,802</u></b>
<b><u>GRADE 7</u></b>	<b><u>21</u></b>	<b><u>32,115</u></b>		<b><u>GRADE 13</u></b>	<b><u>43</u></b>
	<b><u>22</u></b>	<b><u>32,654</u></b>		<b><u>44</u></b>	<b><u>53,934</u></b>
	<b><u>22</u></b>	<b><u>32,654</u></b>			<b><u>45</u></b>
	<b><u>23</u></b>	<b><u>33,366</u></b>	<b><u>46</u></b>		<b><u>56,305</u></b>
	<b><u>24</u></b>	<b><u>34,314</u></b>	<b><u>Sleeping-in</u></b>	<b><u>£41.78</u></b>	
	<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>35,235</u></b>			
	<b><u>26</u></b>	<b><u>36,124</u></b>			

**JNC Chief Executive and Chief Officers Pay Grades**Effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>				
<b>Point 1</b>	<b>Point 2</b>	<b>Point 3</b>	<b>Point 4</b>	<b>Point 5*</b>
£145,356	£148,939	£152,522	£156,104	£159,687

\* subject to performance

<b>CORPORATE DIRECTOR</b>				
<b>Point 1</b>	<b>Point 2</b>	<b>Point 3</b>	<b>Point 4</b>	<b>Point 5*</b>
£120,313	£120,891	£123,787	£126,686	£129,585

\* subject to performance

<b>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</b>				
<b>Point 1</b>	<b>Point 2</b>	<b>Point 3</b>	<b>Point 4</b>	<b>Point 5</b>
£97,999	£100,461	£102,922	£105,390	£107,843

<b>HEAD OF SERVICE</b>				
<b>Point 1</b>	<b>Point 2</b>	<b>Point 3</b>	<b>Point 4</b>	<b>Point 5</b>
£84,015	£86,063	£88,108	£90,159	£92,207

<b>STRATEGIC MANAGER</b>				
<b>Point 1</b>	<b>Point 2</b>	<b>Point 3</b>	<b>Point 4</b>	<b>Point 5</b>
£62,349	£63,908	£65,468	£67,025	£68,585

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL****NATIONAL PAY GRADES – SOULBURY****EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS - SCALE A**

<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.23</b>
1.	42,422
2.	44,474
3.	46,525
4.	48,575
5.	50,627
6.	52,678
7.	54,609
8.	56,540
9.	58,348
10.	60,160
11.	61,848
12.	62,540*
13.	63,836*
14.	65,120*

**Notes:**

1. Pay scales to consist of 6 consecutive points, based on the duties and responsibilities attaching to posts and the need to recruit, retain and motivate staff.
2. \*Extension to scale to accommodate structured professional assessment points.

**SENIOR & PRINCIPAL EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS – SCALE B**

<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.23</b>
1.	52,678
2.	54,609
3.	56,540
4.	58,348
5.	60,160



<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.23</b>
6.	61,848*
7.	62,540
8.	63,836
9.	65,120
10.	66,425
11.	67,706
12.	69,010
13.	70,337
14.	71,621
15.	72,966
16.	74,297
17.	75,637**
18.	76,976**
19.	80,055**
20.	83,257**
21.	86,587**

**Notes:**

Salary scales to consist of not more than four consecutive points based on the duties and responsibilities attaching to posts and the need to recruit retain and motivate staff.

\*Normal minimum point for the principal educational psychologist undertaking the full range of duties at this level.

\*\*Extension to range to accommodate discretionary scale points and structured professional assessments

**TRAINEE EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.23</b>
1	
2	29,872
3	31,770
4	33,673
5	35,572
6	37,473

## ASSISTANT EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

SPINE POINT	Pay – with effect from 01.09.23
1	
2	35,228
3	36,531
4	37,828
	39,341

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S / COMMUNITY SERVICE MANAGERS

SPINE POINT	Pay – with effect from 01.09.23
1	41,972
2	43,281
3	44,587
4	45,922*
5	47,278
6	48,601
7	49,953**
8	51,490
9	52,338
10	53,648
11	54,950
12	56,255
13	57,550
14	58,858
15	60,167
16	61,481
17	62,800
18	64,113
19	65,417
20	66,749***
21	68,106***

22	69,496***
23	70,912***
24	72,358***

**Notes:**

The minimum Youth and Community Service Officers' scale is 4 points. Other salary scales to consist of not more than four consecutive points based on duties and responsibilities attaching to posts and the need to recruit retain and motivate staff.

\* normal minimum point for senior youth and community officers undertaking the full range of duties at this level

\*\* normal minimum point for principal youth and community service officer undertaking the full range of duties at this level

\*\*\* extension to range to accommodate discretionary scale points and structured professional assessments.

**EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROFESSIONALS (EIPs)**

<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.23</b>
1	40,540
2	41,920
3	43,224
4	44,545
5	45,857
6	47,170
7	48,550
8	49,878*
9	51,425
10	52,805
11	54,166
12	55,484
13	56,976**
14	58,308
15	59,777
16	61,106
17	62,440

<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.23</b>
18	63,748
19	65,097
20	65,794***
21	67,133
22	68,301
23	69,586
24	70,739
25	71,971
26	73,173
27	74,403
28	75,650
29	76,899
30	78,146
31	79,382
32	80,637
33	81,894
34	83,180
35	84,465
36	85,784
37	87,083
38	88,396
39	89,691
40	90,985
41	92,285
42	93,585
43	94,883
44	96,189
45	97,490
46	98,794
47	100,102

<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.23</b>
48	101,399
49	102,700
50	104,004
51	108,164****
52	112,491****

**Notes:** Salary scales to consist of not more than four consecutive points, based on the duties and responsibilities attaching to posts and the need to recruit and motivate staff.

- \* normal minimum point for EIP undertaking the full range of duties at this level
- \*\* normal minimum point for senior EIP undertaking the full range of duties at this level
- \*\*\* normal minimum point for leading EIP undertaking the full range of duties at this level
- \*\*\*\* extension to range to accommodate structured professional assessments.

**NATIONAL PAY GRADES – JNC YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORKERS**

<b>YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER RANGE</b>	
<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.24</b>
5	£24,786
6	£25,115
7	£25,411
8	£26,089
9	£26,954
10	£27,631
11	£28,724
12	£29,791
13	£30,896
14	£32,040
15	£32,818
16	£33,631
17	£34,431

<b>PROFESSIONAL RANGE</b>	
<b>SPINE POINT</b>	<b>Pay – with effect from 01.09.24</b>
13	£30,896
14	£32,040
15	£32,818
16	£33,631
17	£34,431
18	£35,236
19	£36,035
20	£36,837
21	£37,737
22	£38,757
23	£39,751
24	£40,749
25	£41,755
26	£42,760
27	£43,765
28	£44,783
29	£45,792
30	£46,803
31	£47,485
32	£48,606

## All Employee Groups - Main Conditions of Service

<b>ANNUAL LEAVE</b> (pro rata for part time employees)	
❖ Chief Executive ❖ Chief Officers	34 days pa (includes one day allocated at Christmas)
❖ Local Government Services	33 days after 5 years service; 26 days pa initially (includes one day allocated at Christmas)
❖ Soulbury	32 days after 5 years service; 25 days pa initially (includes one day allocated at Christmas)
❖ Youth & Community Workers	35 days after 5 years service; 30 days pa initially (includes one day allocated at Christmas)
<b>HOURS OF WORK</b>	
❖ Chief Executive ❖ Chief Officers	Minimum of 37 hours per week, together with additional evening, weekend and bank holiday working as required
❖ Local Government Services ❖ Soulbury ❖ Youth & Community Workers	Standard working week is 37 hours
<b>OVERTIME PAYMENTS</b>	
❖ Chief Executive	



❖ Chief Officers	None payable
❖ Soulbury	
❖ Local Government Services	Time plus 30% for weekdays and weekends; double time on Bank Holidays, except Christmas Day which is triple time
❖ Youth and Community Workers	Time plus 30% for weekdays and weekends; double time on Bank Holidays
<b>WEEKEND WORKING PAYMENTS</b>	
❖ Chief Executive	
❖ Chief Officers	
❖ Soulbury	None payable
❖ Youth & Community Workers	
❖ Local Government Services	Time plus 30%
<b>SICK PAY SCHEME</b>	
❖ Chief Executive	
❖ Chief Officers	
❖ Local Government Services	
❖ Soulbury	
❖ Youth & Community Workers	1 month's full pay at commencement of employment, increasing year on year, after 5 years service, to up to 6 months at full pay, followed by up to 6 months at half pay

# ER/VR/CR Scheme



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## 1. SCOPE

This Scheme is applicable to all NPT Council employees, excluding Teachers.

## 2. VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY (VR)

The Council may, from time to time, in accordance with the needs of the service and within a specified period, invite expressions of interest in voluntary redundancy (VR) as part of its Workforce Strategy to reduce employee costs. It is unlikely that all volunteers will be allowed to leave the Council's employment under this Scheme as the Council will have an ongoing need to retain employees with the necessary skills and competencies to both deliver and transform a range of services.

The Council will consider "bumped" redundancies, where appropriate. In these circumstances, employees may apply for voluntary redundancy, thereby making available their post for employees with transferable skills whose job has or will become redundant and who do not wish to leave the employment of the Council. Such "bumping" of a redundancy will be considered across service areas, with appropriate funding arrangements being agreed by the Heads of Service or Head teachers involved.

All VR expressions of interest will be considered at management's sole discretion, based on a robust business case (including the cost of any consequential organisational/pay grade changes). All VR expressions of interest will need to be authorised by the relevant Head of Service and Directorate Management Team.

The Council's grievance procedure will not apply in the case of VR, but the Head of People and Organisational Development has an advisory and monitoring role in this respect.

## 3. EARLY RETIREMENT (ER)

Applications for Early Retirement (ER), where a job loss does not take place, will be granted in exceptional circumstances only, and on the basis of "in the interests of efficiency of the service" (due to the range of alternative, and usually more cost-effective, measures available to manage capability issues). All such ER decisions will be subject to a robust business case (including the cost of any consequential organisational/pay grade changes) being approved by the relevant Head of Service and Directorate Management Team, or Head teacher and School Governing Body, as appropriate.

The Council's grievance procedure will not apply in the case of ER, but the Head of People and Organisational Development has an advisory and monitoring role in this respect.

#### 4. FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT

The Council's Flexible Retirement Policy will remain available to eligible employees alongside this ER/VR/CR Scheme.

#### 5. COMPULSORY REDUNDANCY (CR)

It is the Council's policy to prevent compulsory redundancies from arising to the greatest extent possible. However, where unavoidable, selection for compulsory redundancy (CR) will take place in accordance with relevant management of change and associated employment policies.

#### 6. SCHEME PAYMENTS, COSTS AND FUNDING (ER/VR/CR)

##### **VR and CR Payments**

Subject to **the total cost to the Council of early release of pension and/or severance payment being limited to the equivalent of 52 weeks' pay** for the employee concerned (see Note 1), the following provisions will apply in cases of Voluntary Redundancy (VR) and Compulsory Redundancy (CR):

**early release of pension** for "qualifying" employees (see Note 2);

lump sum **statutory redundancy payment** (see Note 3), using the 30 week Statutory Redundancy table (Appendix A);

Lump sum **discretionary compensation payment**, using the Council's 45 week table (Appendix B), (reduced by the statutory redundancy payment referred to above).

Where the total cost of early access to pension and the cost of statutory redundancy payments equates to more than 52 weeks' pay, the payback period may be extended "up to 104 weeks", **but subject to only early access to pension plus statutory redundancy pay being applicable (i.e. no discretionary severance payment)**

##### **ER Payments**

Subject to **the total cost to the Council of early release of pension being limited to the equivalent of 52 weeks' pay** (see Note 1), the following will apply in cases of Early Retirement (ER): Early release of pension for "qualifying" employees (see Note 2).

##### **ER, VR and CR Funding**

Early retirement, statutory redundancy and discretionary compensation payment costs will all be met by the employing Directorate, with the exception of school Governing Bodies where the costs will be met from a separately identified element of schools' delegated budgets.

Any severance package in respect of early termination of employment that exceeds a threshold of £100,000 must be approved beforehand by Full Council.

## 7. POST EMPLOYMENT NOTICE PAY (PENP)

With effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the HMRC has changed the way employers must deal with termination payments.

The changes introduce the concept of post–employment notice pay (PENP), which represents the amount of basic pay the employee will not receive because their employment was terminated without full notice being given. PENP is calculated by applying a formula for the total amount of the payment, or benefits paid in connection with the termination of employment. This element of the payment will be subject to tax and National Insurance Contributions (NICs). Any remaining balance of the termination payment, which is not a PENP may be included within the overall £30,000 exemption for tax purposes and is free from NICs.

What this means for employees considering taking VR is if the contractual notice is worked, then no tax and national insurance would be deducted from the VR payment. However, if the contractual notice period is not worked then tax and national insurance would be deducted from the VR payment, at an amount depending on the termination date and the date the VR acceptance is signed.

This change applies to payments, or benefits received on, or after, 6 April 2018 in circumstances where the employment also ended on, or after, 6 April 2018.

Further guidance is available by visiting:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-rules-for-taxation-of-termination-payments>

## 7. OTHER ER/VR/CR PROVISIONS

In cases of **compulsory redundancy (CR)**, there will be a presumption that employees will continue to be employed during the statutory notice period, particularly as this will maximise the prospects of potential redeployment. Employees in this situation must arrange to take any outstanding annual leave during the notice period but, if not practicable and certified accordingly by the relevant Head of Service, an employee will be paid for any untaken annual leave which remains outstanding on expiry of the notice period. Any annual leave entitlement exceeded will be recovered from pay. Exceptionally, pay in lieu of notice, which is subject to tax and National Insurance, may be granted.

Employees leaving the Council's employment on the grounds of **ER or VR** will do so on the basis of a **mutually agreed termination date, with no notice period being applicable on either side** and with **no extra payment being made** for any outstanding holidays, time off in lieu or flexi leave.

Employees who leave the Council's employment on the grounds of early retirement (ER) or voluntary redundancy (VR) who are employed on LGS Grades 11, 12 and 13 or equivalent, will not normally not be permitted to return to any paid temporary or permanent NPT Council employment (which includes schools) or be re-engaged as an agency worker or on a consultancy basis. However, in exceptional circumstances, re-employment may be permitted if the "employing" Head of Service is able to provide a robust business case for doing so which is acceptable to the Chief Finance Officer and Head of People and Organisational Development, in consultation with the relevant trade union/s.

All other employees who leave the Council's employment on the grounds of early retirement (ER) or voluntary redundancy (VR) will not be permitted to return to employment with the Council for a period of 12 months following their leaving date. However, in exceptional circumstances, earlier re-employment may be permitted if the "employing" Head of Service is able to provide a robust business case for doing so which is acceptable to the Chief Finance Officer and Head of People and Organisational Development, in consultation with the relevant trade union/s.

## 8. NOTES

**Note 1:** All employees who are made redundant are entitled to a statutory redundancy payment (see Note 3 below).

"Qualifying" employees are also entitled to early release of pension if their employment is terminated on the grounds of redundancy (or in the interest of efficiency of the service). Statutory redundancy payments may be enhanced through the payment of discretionary compensation payments and will be calculated having regard to the total cost of:

- (a) early release of pension,
- (b) statutory redundancy payments and
- (c) discretionary compensation payments not exceeding - in total – the equivalent of 52 weeks' pay for the employee concerned.

For example, where an employee's entitlement under the 45 week table takes the total cost above the value of his/her annual pay, the number of weeks of redundancy and/or discretionary compensation payments and/or the weekly pay calculator rate will be adjusted downwards as necessary.

The definition of a "week's pay" will be in accordance with statutory provisions for redundancy pay calculation purposes.

In summary, this will be the gross amount payable for a week's work in accordance with the employee's contract of employment as applicable on the "calculation date", which will be the pay period immediately preceding the first day of his/her notice period. If an employee's remuneration is variable, a 12 weekly average will be calculated. Sections 220 to 229 and Section 234 of ERA 1996 further define the calculation of a "week's pay".

**Note 2: "Qualifying"** generally means aged 55 years, or over, with 3 months' membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). The definition of "qualifying" is covered by LGPS Regulations and may change as a result of future legislative changes.

**Note 3:** To use the statutory redundancy table in Appendix A, firstly look up the employee's age and number of years' continuous service with the Council (& its predecessor authorities). Where the two intersect on the table, this is the number of weeks' pay which becomes payable. The "week's pay" to be used to calculate the lump sum statutory redundancy payment will be in accordance with statutory provisions (maximum of £508 per week with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018).



## STATUTORY REDUNDANCY TABLE

Age	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	1	1½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	1	1½	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	1	1½	2	2½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	1	1½	2	2½	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	1	1½	2	2½	3	3½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	2	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	2	3	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	2	3	4	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	2	3	4	5	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	9	9½	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	2	3	4	5	6	7	7½	8	8½	9	9½	10	10½	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8½	9	9½	10	10½	11	11½	-	-	-	-	-
31	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9½	10	10½	11	11½	12	12½	-	-	-	-
32	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10½	11	11½	12	12½	13	13½	-	-	-
33	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11½	12	12½	13	13½	14	14½	-	-
34	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12½	13	13½	14	14½	15	15½	-
35	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	13½	14	14½	15	15½	16	16½
36	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	14½	15	15½	16	16½	17
37	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	15½	16	16½	17	17½
38	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16½	17	17½	18
39	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	17½	18	18½
40	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	18½	19
41	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	19½
42	2½	3½	4½	5½	6½	7½	8½	9½	10½	11½	12½	13½	14½	15½	16½	17½	18½	19½	20½
43	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
44	3	4½	5½	6½	7½	8½	9½	10½	11½	12½	13½	14½	15½	16½	17½	18½	19½	20½	21½
45	3	4½	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
46	3	4½	6	7½	8½	9½	10½	11½	12½	13½	14½	15½	16½	17½	18½	19½	20½	21½	22½
47	3	4½	6	7½	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	11½	12½	13½	14½	15½	16½	17½	18½	19½	20½	21½	22½	23½
49	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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51	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
52	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	17½	18½	19½	20½	21½	22½	23½	24½	25½
53	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
54	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19½	20½	21½	22½	23½	24½	25½	26½
55	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19½	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
56	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19½	21	22½	23½	24½	25½	26½	27½
57	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19½	21	22½	24	25	26	27	28
58	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19½	21	22½	24	25½	26½	27½	28½
59	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19½	21	22½	24	25½	27	28	29
60	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19½	21	22½	24	25½	27	28½	29½
61+	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15	16½	18	19½	21	22½	24	25½	27	28½	30

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# Business Case – Voluntary Redundancy

Human Resources



APPENDIX C

## TO BE COMPLETED BY MANAGEMENT

### BUSINESS CASE – VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY

#### Part A – Introduction

1. All decisions concerning voluntary redundancy are subject to a business case being approved by the “employing” Head of Service. The Head of People and Organisational Development has an advisory and monitoring role.
2. Once Parts B-E have been completed, this form should be forwarded to your designated HR Officer.
3. All requests for Pensions estimates must be sent to the City & County of Swansea Pension Section by HR/Payroll, not by the individual or his/her line manager

#### Part B – Employee Details

Full Name	
Job Title and Workplace	
Directorate	
National Insurance Number	
Post Reference Number	
Payroll Number	
Date of Birth	
Proposed Leaving Date	

#### Part C – Further Required Information

Please explain how it is proposed that the service area concerned will operate in future if this employee (and any other(s)) leaves the Council’s employment in accordance with this Scheme.  
Full supporting details to be attached.

<b>If this business case is supported, will the person qualify for the early payment of their pension benefits? (see Note 2 of Transitional VR Scheme)</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
<b>Leaving Reason</b> Please tick the relevant box below to confirm which Leaving Reason this employee's employment will be terminated on:-				
<b>VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
<b>VR – WITH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
<b>VR – BUMPED REDUNDANCY</b> (Please state which post/grade on structure is being deleted):	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
<b>VR – BUMPED REDUNDANCY WITH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT</b> (Please state which post/grade on structure is being deleted)	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
<b>Part D - Declaration</b>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have not made, and will not make, an agreement with this employee concerning re-employment by the Council in any paid capacity.</li> <li>2. My support for this application is not as a result of any capability or disciplinary issues or concerns in relation to this employee</li> <li>3. There are no outstanding concerns or formal processes regarding this employee's ability to attend work on a regular basis;</li> <li>4. The savings which will accrue from implementation of this business case cannot be achieved in a different way through the non-filling of vacancies, or known leavers, and no suitable alternative employment is available within the Council for this employee;</li> <li>5. This business case is supported by the relevant Directorate Management Team, as appropriate, and has been recorded accordingly.</li> </ol>				
<b>Signed</b>  <b>Head of Service</b>		<b>Date</b>		
<b>If you cannot give this declaration, please state the reason below:</b>				

Part E – Fixed Term or Temporary Employees			
Is the employee engaged on a temporary or fixed term contract?	Yes		No
If yes, please give start and end dates and state whether grant-funded.	Start Date:		End Date:
Part F - Value of 52 weeks' pay – HR to complete from database			
Value of 52 weeks' pay is	£		
Part G – Costs for Voluntary Redundancy – HR to complete from database			
Cost Centre Code			
Cost of Early Release of Pension	£		
Statutory Redundancy Payment	£		
Discretionary Compensation payment (reduced by (2) above)	£		
Total Cost	£		
<p>The total cost under (G) must not exceed the cost under (F).</p> <p>If (G) exceeds (F) the Discretionary Compensation payment must be reduced.</p>			
<p>****where the total cost of early access to pension and the cost of statutory redundancy payments equates to more than 52 weeks' pay, the payback period may be extended "up to 104 weeks", but subject to only early access to pension plus statutory redundancy pay being applicable (i.e. no discretionary severance payment) If the lump sum Discretionary Compensation payment becomes zero, and (G) is still larger than (F), the weekly rate will be reduced until (G) = (F) subject to the £508 per week provision not being contravened.</p> <p>If this condition still cannot be met, the application for voluntary redundancy will be refused.</p>			
Part I – Business Case Approval			
Head of Service (or Director, where a Head of Service is the subject of this approval)			
Approved			Not Approved
Signed		Date	

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKLIST FOR HR</b>	
<b>Employee expresses an interest in voluntary redundancy</b>	
<b>Head of Service has agreed that the post can be “lost”</b>	
<b>HR Officer updates VR database and sends request to Payroll</b>	
<b>Payroll Officer emails request/s for estimates of benefits to Pension Section (if over 55)</b>	
<b>Estimate of Benefits received from Pension Section</b>	
<b>Copy of Estimate given to employee (and Line Manager if necessary). Retain one copy on file.</b>	
<b>Outcome discussed with employee and he/she confirms they wish to leave on grounds of VR</b>	
<b>Business Case to be completed by HR and Head of Service, for signature</b>	
<b>Head of Service returns Business Case signed and HR Officer issues letter offering VR</b>	
<b>HR Officer to remind Line Manager to make suitable arrangements about the employee’s leaving date, outstanding annual leave etc.</b>	
<b>HR Officer to “terminate” employee on Vision</b>	
<b>HR Officer to send memo to Pensions and Payroll regarding termination. Include a copy of the offer letter. Pensions to process termination.</b>	
<b>Copy of all documents retained on iDocs</b>	
<b>HR Officer to complete Post Details Form with Post Reference, Number of Hours and JEID and discuss with Workforce Information Team to ensure correct post is being disestablished/bumped redundancy/restructure</b>	