

Cabinet



Forest Heath
District Council

Title of Report:	West Suffolk Joint Pay Policy Statement 2015/2016	
Report No:	CAB/FH/15/024	
Report to and dates:	Cabinet	2 June 2015
	Council	15 July 2015
Portfolio holder:	To be confirmed at the Annual Council meeting on 27 May 2015	
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Purpose of report:	<p>Section 38/11 of the Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to produce a Pay Policy Statement annually.</p> <p>A Joint Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 has been produced, reflecting the shared workforce, and the single Pay and Reward Strategy now in place for the two West Suffolk Councils.</p> <p>The Joint Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 being recommended for adoption by both Councils is attached at Appendix 1. This incorporates the outcomes of the 2013 collective agreement which established a modern reward framework for our integrated workforce.</p>	
Recommendation:	It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that subject to the approval of full Council, the West Suffolk Joint Pay Policy Statement for 2015/2016 contained in Appendix 1 to Report No: CAB/FH/15/024, be approved.	
Key Decision:	<p><i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i></p> <p>Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i></p> <p><i>The decisions made as a result of this report will usually be published within 48 hours and cannot be actioned until five clear working days of the publication of the decision have elapsed. This item is included on the Decisions Plan.</i></p>		

Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whilst there is no requirement to consult on this statement, it has been shared with Unison 		
Alternative option(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		
Implications:			
Are there any financial implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any staffing implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any ICT implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any equality implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
Legal Risk of non-compliance	Low	Formal approval by Cabinet 2015	Low
Transparency/reputational risk	Low	Formal approval as above, annual reviews, and transparency through website	Low
Ward(s) affected:		N/A	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		N/A	
Documents attached:		Appendix 1: West Suffolk Joint Pay Policy Statement 2015/2016	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation(s)

- 1.1 The Act and supporting guidance provides details of matters that must be included in this statutory pay policy, but, also, emphasises that each local authority has the autonomy to take its own decisions on pay and pay policies. The Pay Policy Statement must be approved formally by Full Council each year. The statement can be amended in year, must be published on the Council's website and must be complied with when setting the terms and conditions of Chief Officers.
- 1.2 This Pay Policy Statement includes a policy on:-
 - (a) the level and elements of remuneration for Chief Officers (senior staff);
 - (b) the remuneration of the lowest paid employees;
 - (c) the relationship between the remuneration of the highest and lowest paid employees; and
 - (d) other specific aspects of Chief Officer remuneration, fees and charges and other discretionary payments.
- 1.3 This Pay Policy Statement is a joint statement with Forest Heath District Council, which covers our integrated workforce and Leadership Team.
- 1.4 The Code of Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency provides guidance on good practice in this area. The Council's approach to data transparency is to establish the Council as an open and transparent Council that, in time, not only embraces the principles of the Code, but, publishes all information that is likely to be of benefit to the communities and economy of our area.
- 1.5 Data can already be access through the "open data" link on our website. The Pay Policy Statement is published in that section annually.