

Hampshire County Council Pay Statement

Financial Year 2025/26

1. The purpose of this Pay Statement (“Pay Statement”) is to set out Hampshire County Council’s pay policies relating to its workforce for the financial year 2025/26, including the remuneration of its Chief Officers and that of its lowest paid employees.
2. The responsibility for functions and delegated authority in respect of the determination of the terms and conditions of staff employed by the County Council is detailed in the County Council’s Constitution; in particular, Part 2: Chapter 2.1 and Part 2: Chapter 4, and this Pay Statement is subject to those provisions.
3. With the exception of teaching staff and associated school advisory roles where pay is governed by National consultation groups and apprentices on the National Minimum Wage, pay for all staff, including Chief Officers, is set by the Employment in Hampshire County Council (“EHCC”) Committee with annual pay awards below senior management level being determined by the outcome of the national local government award and customarily applied to senior managers. The EHCC Committee is proportionally constituted and comprises elected County Councillors from the main political parties, and has responsibility for locally determined terms and conditions of employment for staff.
4. For the purposes of this Pay Statement and in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (“Localism Act”), staff employed by the County Council have been separated into two groups:
 - (a) Employees who are not Chief Officers as defined by the Localism Act
 - (b) Chief Officers as defined by the Localism Act
5. An “employee who is not a Chief Officer” refers to all staff, who are not covered within the “Chief Officer” group as outlined below. This includes the “lowest paid employees”. In the context of the County Council other than apprentices the “lowest paid employees” are those employed at grade A on the County Council’s pay framework. This is because grade A is the lowest grade on the County Council’s pay framework. (Teaching staff and associated school advisory roles, whose pay is governed by other National arrangements and apprentices who receive the National Minimum Wage are not included in the group of “employees who are not Chief Officers” for the purposes of this Pay Statement).

6. Section 43(2) of the Localism Act defines Chief Officers for the purposes of the Localism Act. Currently, the following roles within the County Council fall within the definition of “Chief Officers”:
 - (a) Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive)
 - (b) Monitoring Officer
 - (c) Statutory Chief Officers (Director of Corporate Operations as Section 151 Officer, Director of Children’s Services, Director of Adults’ Health and Care, and Director of Public Health)
 - (d) Non-Statutory Chief Officers (Director of Hampshire 2050, Director of Universal Services, and Director of People and Organisation)
 - (e) Deputy Chief Officers (Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors and Heads of Service if reporting directly or are directly accountable to a Statutory or Non-Statutory Chief Officer in respect of all or most of their duties).

Section 1 - Employees who are not Chief Officers as defined by the Localism Act

7. These staff are subject to the County Council’s main pay framework. This was implemented in April 2007 in line with National guidance, with the grade for each role being determined by a consistent job evaluation process. This followed a national requirement for all Local Authorities, and a number of other public sector employers, to review their pay and grading frameworks to ensure fair and consistent practice for different groups of workers with the same employer. As part of this, the County Council determined a local pay framework.
8. There are 11 grades (A-K) in the pay framework, grade A being the lowest and grade K the highest. Each employee will be on one of the 11 grades based on the job evaluation of their role. Each grade consists of 5 steps, with the exception of grades A and B which consist of fewer steps. Employees can progress within the salary range of their grade, having regard to the County Council’s performance management arrangements.
9. All employees are paid within the salary range for their grade. Each “lowest paid employee” is paid within the salary range for grade A. All other employees are paid within the salary range for the grade of their role i.e. B-K. Details of the Council’s salary ranges are published on the County Council’s website, and a copy of those salary ranges currently as at 1 April 2023 is attached at **Annex 1** to this Pay Statement.
10. Employees new to the County Council will normally be appointed to the first step of the salary range for their grade. Where the candidate’s current employment package would make the first step of the salary range unattractive or where the employee already operates at a level commensurate with a higher salary, a different starting salary may be considered by the recruiting manager. This will be within the salary range

for the grade. The candidate's level of skill and experience should be consistent with that of other employees in a similar position on the salary range.

11. Employees' performance during the course of the year is reviewed within the County Council's performance management arrangements, and pay progression within the grade is subject to satisfactory performance.
12. Pay awards are considered annually for staff. For those staff up to and including grade G the outcome of the national consultations by the Local Government Employers in negotiation with the Trades Unions is applied. For staff at grade H and above the value of any pay award is determined by the EHCC Committee. Since the implementation of the County Council's pay framework, the EHCC Committee has applied the same percentage award determined nationally. The question of a pay award for staff for 2024/25 has not yet been determined. Should there be a pay award for staff for the year 2024/25, then the table at Annex 1 will be updated accordingly. Similarly, should there be a pay award for staff for the year 2025/26, then the table at Annex 1 will be updated accordingly.
13. There is a Special Recognition Scheme, under which a one-off payment may be awarded to a member of staff as a recognition for a particular piece of work or a substantial achievement above what is expected as part of their ordinary day-to-day work. All Special Recognition Scheme payments are subject to departmental governance arrangements, and where required Chief Officer approval, are not consolidated into base salary and are funded from within existing budgets.
14. Allowances such as relocation assistance or other payments, for example shift working, may be made to staff in connection with their role or the patterns of hours they work in accordance with the County Council's collective agreement ('EHCC 2007') and subsequent amendments thereto, and other governance arrangements.
15. The County Council recognises that employees sometimes incur necessary expenditure in carrying out their responsibilities, for example travel costs. Employees will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred on County Council business in accordance with the County Council's collective agreement ('EHCC 2007') and subsequent amendments.
16. Other than where required in order to carry out specific requirements of a role, for example the provision of accommodation for care workers required to live on site, there will be no benefits in kind payable to employees of the County Council
17. All employees who are not Chief Officers are, as a result of their employment, eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme. The County Council will not consider the purchase of additional pension for employees under the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme

Regulations 2014. However, it will enable employees to use part of any redundancy payment to buy additional pension, where they leave on the grounds of redundancy

18. Redundancy payment arrangements will be based on the County Council's standard redundancy scheme. In support of efficient organisational change and transformation linked to the need for efficiencies and expenditure reduction, the County Council also operates a voluntary redundancy scheme approved by EHCC Committee. The County Council remains committed to enabling workforce reductions through voluntary measures wherever possible and any future voluntary redundancy or other termination measures will be in accordance with approved County Council policies. Details of the standard and voluntary redundancy schemes are attached at Annex 2 to this Pay Statement.
19. Except in exceptional business circumstances, no employee who has left the County Council under the terms of the standard redundancy scheme or any voluntary redundancy scheme or severance arrangement, will be re-employed by the County Council in any capacity for a minimum period of 12 months from the dismissal date. If re-employment is sought within 12 months of the termination date, approval is required from the relevant Chief Officer, Director of Corporate Operations as Section 151 Officer and the Director of People and Organisation. In addition, if the ex-employee was previously employed at grade H and above and/or is seeking re-employment at grade H and above, Chief Executive approval is also required.
20. Except in exceptional business circumstances, no employee who has left the County Council under the terms of the standard redundancy scheme, any voluntary redundancy scheme or severance arrangements, will be re-engaged by the County Council under a contract for services within a minimum period of 12 months of the dismissal date. In this case the authorisation requirements set out at Paragraph 19 of this Pay Statement in respect of re-engagement of ex-employees will apply.

Section 2 - Chief Officers as defined by the Localism Act 2011

21. Chief Officers are paid either within the County Council's main pay framework, or on "spot" remuneration in accordance with the Chief Officer pay framework as agreed by EHCC having taken appropriate advice, as necessary, from Korn Ferry (formerly known as Hay). The remuneration of Chief Officers on appointment has regard to the relative size, breadth and challenge of the role compared to other Chief Officer roles within the County Council, performance and appropriate benchmarking data and follows the same principles operated within the main pay framework. Account is also taken of other relevant available information, including the remuneration of Chief Officers in other similar sized organisations.

22. The Constitution requires that remuneration of Chief Officers on appointment outside the main pay framework requires Chief Executive and EHCC Committee approval. The EHCC Committee will continue to exercise responsibility for all Chief Officer remuneration outside the main pay framework, whether on appointment or otherwise. Chief Officer remuneration payable from 1 April 2025 falls within three categories as outlined below.
23. The Head of Paid Service is paid remuneration of £246,162.
24. Statutory Chief Officers and Non-Statutory Chief Officers are paid remuneration within the range of £ 131,853. - £185,466.
25. Deputy Chief Officers and the Monitoring Officer are paid remuneration within the range £106,918 - £ 150,428.
26. The annual pay review for Chief Officers paid outside the main pay framework is considered by the EHCC Committee each year, alongside recommendations for staff paid between grades H and K in accordance with Paragraph 12 of this Pay Statement. Likewise, to support the annual review of remuneration of these Chief Officers, information may be provided on inflation, earnings growth, and any significant considerations from elsewhere in the public sector.
27. Typically, Chief Officers have received the same percentage pay award as other managers and staff groups within the County Council. In each year since implementation of the new pay framework, EHCC Committee has applied the same percentage award determined nationally for other grades of employees within the County Council. Chief Officers are subject to the same performance management arrangements as detailed for employees who are not Chief Officers. Chief Officers paid outside the main pay framework do not receive incremental pay progression. In years where a pay award is available, performance will be taken into account when determining whether any award will be made. Once details of the Pay Settlement for Chief Officers for the year 2024/25 are known, then Paragraphs 23-25 will be updated accordingly. Similarly, should there be a Pay Award for Chief Officers for the year 2025/26 then paragraphs 23-25 will be updated accordingly.
28. Within the above Chief Officer categories any increase to the remuneration of Chief Officers outside the annual review process, as a matter of course as part of their employment, as long as within the minimum and maximum salary, requires Chief Executive approval as delegated by EHCC.
29. The Special Recognition Scheme referred to at Paragraph 13 of this Pay Statement is however also applicable to Chief Officers. Any proposed Special Recognition Payment in respect of CMT is subject to ratification by EHCC.

30. No other charges, fees or allowances or remuneration are payable to Chief Officers in connection with their responsibilities. No fees for election duties are included in Chief Officer remuneration, nor are any additional fees payable for such responsibilities.
31. Chief Officers may where applicable receive allowances, such as relocation assistance in accordance with the County Council's collective agreement (EHCC 2007), and subsequent amendments thereto, and other governance arrangements.
32. The County Council recognises that Chief Officers sometimes incur necessary expenditure in carrying out their responsibilities e.g. travel costs. Chief Officers will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred on County Council business in accordance with the County Council's collective agreement (EHCC 2007) and subsequent amendments.
33. There are no benefits in kind, such as private health insurance, payable to Chief Officers.
34. Chief Officers, as a result of their employment, are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme in the same way as other employees. The County Council will not consider the purchase of additional pension for employees under the provisions of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. However, it will enable employees to use part of any redundancy payment to buy additional pension, where they leave on the grounds of redundancy
35. Chief Officers are subject to the same redundancy payment and severance arrangements as other staff as outlined in Paragraph 18 of this Pay Statement.
36. Chief Officers, who have left the County Council under the terms of the standard redundancy scheme, any voluntary redundancy scheme or severance arrangements are subject to the same policy on re-engagement by the County Council outlined at Paragraph 19 of this Pay Statement as other employees.
37. Except in exceptional business circumstances, no Chief Officer who has left the County Council under the terms of the standard redundancy scheme, any voluntary redundancy scheme or severance arrangement, will be re-engaged by the County Council under a contract for services within a minimum period of 12 months of the termination date. In this case the authorisation requirements set out at Paragraph 20 of this Pay Statement in respect of re-engagement of ex-employees will apply. No Chief Officer, as defined at Paragraphs 23-25 of this Payment Statement, will be employed by the County Council on terms and conditions which allow such an officer to be an employee of the County Council whilst operating in practice as a limited company for taxation reasons.

38. Details of Chief Officer remuneration have been published annually since 2010 as an extract from the County Council's Statement of Accounts and according to accountancy standards, as soon after the end of the relevant financial year as is reasonably practical. At that time the County Council will also update the publication of its pay multiple, that is the ratio between the highest paid employee and the median average earnings across the organisation, based on base pay. Gender Pay Gap reporting information will also be published as part of the County Council's Open Data in accordance with statutory requirements.

Pay Statement Annex 1

Hampshire County Council's Pay Framework

Salary Ranges – from April 2024

	Step	Grades	
		A	B
Salary Range	3	20,442	21,133
	2	20,322	20,812
	1	20,258	20,812

	Step	Grades								
		C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Salary Range	5	22,215	26,401	32,026	40,464	49,520	57,405	67,253	84,097	97,053
	4	21,969	25,692	31,152	39,346	48,136	55,792	65,347	81,702	94,282
	3	21,577	25,095	30,301	38,255	46,789	54,222	63,500	79,379	91,592
	2	21,389	24,314	29,703	37,195	45,480	52,699	61,706	77,120	88,978
	1	21,190	23,703	28,934	36,167	44,215	51,220	59,966	74,931	86,443

Pay Statement Annex 2

Hampshire County Council

Standard and Voluntary Redundancy Schemes

Payments Based on Actual Weekly Pay

Current Age Groupings	Standard Redundancy Scheme (Weeks per year of service)	Years of Service	Voluntary Redundancy Scheme (Single Payment)
Service accrued up to and inc. 21	0.5	Service accrued – less than 2	0
Service accrued between 22-40	1.0	Service accrued – 2+	20
Service accrued age 41 and above	1.5		
Max Number of Weeks	30		