

APPENDIX A TO ANNUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service

Pay Policy Statement – 2021/22

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this Pay Policy Statement is to set out Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service's (HIWFRS) pay policies relating to its workforce for the financial year 2021/22, including the remuneration of its Chief Officers and lowest paid employees.
- 1.2 Under the terms of the Localism Act 2011, the Pay Policy Statement must be considered at a full meeting of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) and cannot be delegated to any sub-committee.

2. Pay Framework

- 2.1 Pay for all employees of HIWFRS is determined by the Local Government Employers with the Employers' Sides of the National Joint Council for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services, the Middle Managers' Negotiating Body, and the NJC for Brigade Managers of Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services, the HIWFRA locally and representative bodies nationally. Terms and conditions of employment for HIWFRS employees are set nationally with any variations negotiated and agreed locally.
- 2.2 The HIWFRS pay framework for non-operational support staff was implemented in April 2020 in line with national guidance, with the grade for each role being determined by a consistent job evaluation process. Pay awards for non-uniformed support employees are determined by the outcome of Local Government Employers' negotiations with the Trade Unions and are applied from April each year.
- 2.3 The HIWFRS pay framework for operational and Control staff was implemented in December 2003 following a rank-to-role exercise in line with national guidance. Pay awards for uniformed operational employees are determined by the outcome of Local Government Employers' negotiations with the Trade Unions and are applied from July each year.

3. Chief Officer Remuneration

- 3.1 With respect to Chief Officers' pay, this is agreed by the HIWFRA. Taking into account relevant available information, including the salaries of Chief Officers in other comparable Fire and Rescue Services nationally, Chief Officer pay awards are based on NJC recommendations, together with an evaluation of their performance in role as determined locally with the HIWFRA. To support the annual review, information may be provided on inflation, earnings growth and any significant considerations from elsewhere in the public sector. The details of HIWFRS' Chief Officers pay is outlined in Appendix A.
- 3.2 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, such as the Deputy Chief Fire Officer. Roles that form HIWFRS' Executive Group receive remuneration based on direct percentage proportions of the Chief Officer's pay and hence any agreed Chief Officer pay award (as described above) will be reflected in the remuneration of these employees. Therefore, these roles within the Executive Group are covered by the Pay Policy Statement and details of their pay is also outlined in Appendix A.
- 3.3 Chief Officer pay may be varied during a financial year (eg, if the incumbent post holder were to leave and a replacement be recruited). Any changes to remuneration (whether increases or decreases), in this situation, (or for any other legitimate reason) must be approved by the HIWFRA. The effects of any changes cascading from any change to other existing Executive Group employees would also require review and HIWFRA approval at that time.

4. Remuneration of the lowest paid employee

- 4.1 HIWFRS define the "lowest paid employee" as that post holder receiving the lowest (FTE) annual salary. This definition has been chosen as the most representative and equitable method for comparison with Chief Officer remuneration.
- 4.2 The lowest salary paid by HIWFRS is to employees at Grade A of the HIWFRS pay framework. The salary at this grade is £17,842pa equivalent to £9.25 per hour. This is above the the National Living Wage (NLW) of £8.91 per hour which was introduced from 1 April 2016 for workers aged 23 and over. However, there are currently no employees on Grade A. Therefore, the starting salary of the lowest paid employee within HIWFRS is those at Grade B who receive £18,562pa equivalent to £9.62 per hour.

5. Average remuneration of employees

- 5.1 The median average salary of an HIWFRS Green Book FTE post is £29,693. This includes all Green Book posts but excludes incident command unit employees whose earnings vary considerably based on levels of operational activity and the volume of incidents to which they respond.
- 5.2 The median average salary of an HIWFRS Grey Book FTE post is £35,473. This includes all operational posts and Control but excludes retained firefighters whose earnings vary considerably based on levels of operational activity and the volume of incidents to which they respond.

6. Relationship between remuneration of Chief Officers and lowest paid employees

- 6.1 The remuneration of the Chief Officer represents a multiple of 8.7 of the salary at Grade B which is the lowest paid employees' salary. The relationship to the average Green Book staff salary is a multiple of 5.5 and to the average Grey Book staff salary it is a multiple of 4.6. HIWFRS relies on the transparency and equality of application of job evaluation processes to achieve equitable pay rates for all roles. As such, there is no specific policy to set or achieve a particular pay multiple in relation to Chief Officer remuneration compared to the pay levels of other staff.

7. Policies relating to remuneration (including pensions)

- 7.1 There are no special arrangements for Chief Officers in relation to pensions. All staff have the option to join the pension scheme relevant to their role and benefits under each scheme are based on contributions, final salary and length of time in the scheme.
- 7.2 Operational employees joining HIWFRS are eligible to join the New Firefighters Pension Scheme (NFPS). Existing operational employees, including Chief Officers, may be members of the previously available Firefighters Pensions Scheme (FPS) or the NFPS. Non-operational employees are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) as are some more senior operational employees who have taken re-employment after retiring from the FPS.
- 7.3 HIWFRS does not routinely award any employees or Chief Officers with additional payments based on their performance or pay any bonuses.
- 7.4 No special payments are made to employees or Chief Officers on leaving HIWFRS.
- 7.5 The management of redundancy in HIWFRS is detailed in the Redundancy Procedure.
- 7.6 HIWFRS does not permit the automatic re-engagement of staff after retirement.

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Salary details of Executive Group roles in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service

Role	Salary
Chief Fire Officer	£164,752
Director of Policy, Planning and Assurance (Deputy Chief Fire Officer)	£131,802
Director of Operations (Assistant Chief Fire Officer)	£123,552
Director of Corporate Services	£98,849