

Report to:	Council
Lead Cabinet Member:	Cllr John Williams
Lead Officer:	Jeff Membery

Pay Policy Statement

Executive Summary

1. The localism Act 2011 requires that the Council have a pay policy statement to increase accountability, transparency, and fairness in the setting on local pay and overall reward strategy.

Recommendations

2. The Council consider and approve the updated Pay Policy Statement as required by the Localism Act 2011.

Reasons for Recommendations

3. The pay policy statement, as drafted for South Cambridgeshire District Council, fulfils the requirement as defined in the Localism Act 2011

Details

4. The Localism Act 2011 requires English local authorities to produce a statutory pay policy statement for each financial year. The pay policy statement must be approved by a resolution of Full Council and include a comparison of remuneration between colleagues.
5. The Act defines remuneration widely, to include pay, charges, fees, allowances, benefits in kind, pension and termination payments.
6. The Councils strategy must balance securing and retaining high quality employees whilst maintaining pay equality and avoiding excessive pay rates. The authority should be satisfied that its policy is workable, reasonable and affordable.
7. The previous pay policy statement in 2023 was approved and this has been updated with the latest salary scales and organisational job titles.
8. The report also includes the latest Gender Pay Gap figures, which are required to be published under the Equality Act 2010. This year's figures differ from the national trend as the gap here is in favour of females, due to our male dominated large operational workforce and female senior leadership.
9. The statutory timetable means that the pay policy statement has to be submitted to Council before the Employment and Staffing Committee on this occasion.

Options

1. None

Implications

10. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered:-

Financial

11. Salaries referred to within the statement are within budget

Legal

12. The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to have a Pay Policy Statement.

Equality and Diversity

13. The Council pay grades and evaluation method meets the requirement of the Equality Act 2010

Consultation responses

14. The Council recognises trade unions whom it consults on matters of annual pay agreement and whom agreed the Single Status Agreement.

Alignment with Council Priority Areas

A modern and caring Council

15. The pay policy statement promotes transparency, accountability and fairness in the setting of local pay.

Appendices

Appendix A: Pay Policy Statement 2024

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