

Tuesday, 19 March 2024

Report of the Leader of the Council

Pay Policy Statement

Exempt Information

None.

Purpose

This report details Tamworth Borough Council's Pay Policy Statement so that statutory guidance set out in S38 of the Localism Act is adhered to. In addition, the Gender Pay Gap report is also included for consideration and approval.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Pay Policy Statement 2023 is formally approved by Full Council for adoption and publication with the Localism Act 2011.

Executive Summary

Under section 112 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the "power to appoint officers on such reasonable terms and conditions as authority thinks fit". The Pay Policy Statement (Appendix 1) sets out the Council's approach to pay in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011.

The purpose of the statement is to provide transparency with regards to the Council's approach to setting the pay of its employees by identifying:

- The methods by which salaries of all Tamworth Borough Council employees are determined,
- The detail and level of remuneration of Tamworth Borough Council's most senior staff i.e. 'Chief Officers', as defined by the relevant legislation,

Once approved by Full Council, this policy statement will come into effect and will be subject to review on a minimum of an annual basis in accordance with the relevant legislation prevailing at that time.

The Equality Act (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017 require Tamworth Borough Council to calculate and publish the pay gap (detailed in Appendix 3) between male and female employees each year. The data is based on the pay situation as of 31st March each year and is published on Tamworth Borough Council's and the Government's website.

Options Considered

N/A

Resource Implications

There are no resource implications with this report. All pay is accounted for within the approved Council budget.

Legal/Risk Implications Background

Section 38 of the Localism Act must be complied with, therefore, so as to minimise the risk this report must be approved by full Council.

Equalities Implications

The Localism Act was subject to consideration in terms of compatibility with the European Convention of Human Rights and contains a statement by the then Secretary of State that the provisions are compatible with equalities legislation. The Pay Policy Statement is now part of a wider transparency and equalities framework alongside gender pay gap reporting requirements.

Environment and Sustainability Implications (including climate change)

Not applicable.

Background Information

The Council has published a pay policy on an annual basis, in line with legislation, since 2012. The first annual Gender Pay Gap report was published in 2018 to meet new legislative requirements.

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List of Background Papers

Pay Policy 2022

Appendices

Appendix 1 Pay Policy Statement 2023

Appendix 2 Salary Scales

Appendix 3 Gender Pay Gap 2023