

Hyndburn Borough Council

Pay Policy – 2026/27

1. Purpose of the Policy

- To maintain a transparent approach to the setting of the pay of the Council's employees.
- To comply with the requirements of the Localism Act, Section 38 – Pay Accountability.

1.1 The Policy details:

- The methods by which salaries of all employees are determined;
- The details of the remuneration of the Council's most senior employees, i.e. Chief Officers; and
- The relationship between the salary of the Council's Chief Officers and other employees.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Localism Act 2011 (Chapter 8 - Pay Accountability) requires every local authority to set out its position on a range of issues relating to the remuneration of its employees.
- 2.2 The policy will reflect, where appropriate, relevant aspects of existing Human Resources policies, such as the Council's agreements on job evaluation and the redundancy policy.
- 2.3 The policy must be approved by a meeting of full Council in open forum, by the end of March each year, and then be published on its website.

3. Legislation relevant to Pay and Remuneration

- 3.1 In determining the pay and remuneration of its employees, the Council will comply with all relevant employment legislation. This includes the Equality Act 2010 and the Part Time Employment (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000. The Council will take reasonable steps to ensure that there is no pay discrimination within its pay structures and that pay differentials can be quantified through the application of its Job Evaluation Scheme.
- 3.2 The Council operates the GLPC (Greater London Provincial Council) job evaluation scheme, for its posts, up to and including Chief Officers, for whom there is a specific version of this scheme. The posts of Chief Executive and Executive Directors have been evaluated in consultation with North West Employers Organisation.

4. Pay Structure

- 4.1 The Council complies with the nationally negotiated spinal column points for all posts, with the exception being those senior level posts referred to within the policy. The salary grades that the Council applies are at [Appendix 1](#).
- 4.2 Salary increases are set nationally, through collective bargaining between the national employers and trade unions.

4.3 Pay and grading is based on the job evaluation exercise implemented in 2007. All newly created posts and posts that have varied are subject to evaluation against the job evaluation scheme.

5. Definitions

5.1 The Localism Act refers to the position of Chief Officer and states that this refers to: the Head of Paid Service; Statutory Chief Officers; non-statutory Chief Officer posts and their direct reports (Deputy Chief Officers). It should be noted that this definition is very broad, and takes account of Metropolitan and County Councils as well as District Councils.

5.2 It is considered that the posts that the term Chief Officer applies to at Hyndburn Borough Council, in relation to the Localism Act, are (at the time of writing):

- the Chief Executive;
- the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services), who is the Council's Deputy CEO, Monitoring Officer, and Returning Officer;
- the Executive Director (Resources), who is the Section 151 Officer; and
- the Executive Director (Environment)

5.3 Our annual Statement of Accounts also includes senior officers with a salary over £50,000, within the threshold for disclosure under the Accounts and Audit requirements.

5.4 Remuneration is defined as the pay and rewards an individual receives. Details are produced in the audited Statement of Accounts on an annual basis. The latest published Statement of Accounts is on the Council's website¹.

6. Chief Executive / Director Remuneration

6.1 There are three director level posts reporting to the Chief Executive. The responsibilities of these senior officers are shown on the Council's organisational structure charts, which are published on the Council's website².

6.3 Details of remuneration are contained in the annual Statement of Accounts.

6.4 Salary packages and severance payments over £100,000 will be brought to a meeting of full Council to be voted on. Components of severance packages, where applicable, may include salary paid in lieu, redundancy compensation, pension entitlements, holiday pay and any bonuses, fees or allowances paid.

6.5 The other terms and conditions of service relating to the post of Chief Executive are in accordance with the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Executives of Local Authorities.

7. Recruitment of Chief Executive and Chief Officers

7.1 Under Section 112 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the "power to appoint officers on such reasonable terms and conditions as the authority thinks fit".

7.2 Where there is a requirement to recruit to the post of Chief Executive or Chief Officer, Section H of the Council's Constitution will apply.

¹ <https://www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/download-package/statement-of-accounts/>

² <https://www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/download-package/organisational-structure-chart/>

8. Salary upon Appointment

- 8.1 All new appointments to a post of Chief Executive or Chief Officer will be made within the minimum and maximum spinal column points of the grade.

9. Performance-related Pay

- 9.1 The Localism Act requires Councils to provide details of any performance-related pay for its Chief Officers. Hyndburn Borough Council does not have any such arrangements.

10. Relationship between Chief Executive Pay and other Employees

- 10.1 Based on pay rates in place at the time of publishing this Pay Policy, the relationship between the salaries of the Chief Executive and the median salary and the lowest paid salary are:

Post	Benchmark Salary	Ratio
Chief Executive salary	median salary	1:4.5
Chief Executive salary	lowest salary	1:5.6

11. Lowest Paid Employees

- 11.1 The Council complies with the National Joint Council – Pay and Conditions of Service. The minimum salary the Council pays is in accordance with the Foundation Living Wage, which at present is based on an hourly rate of £13.45 (see [Appendix 1](#)). The positions that this applies to are Cleaners, and some Apprentice posts.
- 11.2 Progression through grades occurs through the payment of an additional annual increment on 1 April each year.
- 11.3 Part-time posts are paid the same salary, but on a pro-rata basis.

12. Gender Pay Gap

- 12.1 Employers in Great Britain with more than 250 staff are required by the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017 to publish the following:
- Gender pay gap (mean and median averages);
 - Gender bonus gap (mean and median averages);
 - Proportion of men and women receiving bonuses; and
 - Proportion of men and women in each quartile of the organisation's pay structure.
- 12.2 The Council publishes this information on its website at <https://www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/download-package/gender-pay-gap-statement/>.
- 12.3 We are committed to the principle of equal pay for all our employees, and our job evaluation system means we can be confident as reasonably possible that men and women are paid equally for doing equivalent jobs.

13. Termination Payments

- 13.1 The Council's Redundancy Policy applies equally to all permanent employees regardless of their grade. A redundancy payment will be paid to an employee when their post is made redundant and there are no suitable redeployment opportunities.
- 12.2 For all permanent employees where there is the option for early retirement, the Council's Policy on Discretionary Compensation will apply where appropriate.

13. Employer Pension Contribution

- 13.1 The Council contributes to the Local Government Pension Scheme, for all its employees equally, 0.00% of an employee's salary (from 1/4/26) This rate of contribution is set by Actuaries advising the Lancashire Pension Fund and is reviewed on a triennial basis.

14. Employee Pension Contribution

- 14.1 Employees in the Local Government Pension Scheme pay at present the annual contributions shown in the table below, based upon their salary.

Band	Actual pensionable pay	Employee contribution rate
1	Up to £17,800	5.5%
2	£17,801 to £28,000	5.8%
3	£27,801 to £45,600	6.5%
4	£45,601 to £57,700	6.8%
5	£57,701 to £81,000	8.5%
6	£81,001 to £114,800	9.9%
7	£114,801 to £135,300	10.5%
8	£135,301 to £203,000	11.4%
9	£203,001 or more	12.5%

15. Publication of the Policy

- 15.1 The Policy will be published on the Council's Website, by April 2026, following its approval by the Council.

16. Review of Pay Policy

- 16.1 The Policy will be subject to annual review and must be approved by the Council prior to 31 March each year. If there is a need to amend the Policy between reviews, then any such amendments will be considered by the Cabinet, prior to approval by the Council.

Appendix 1: Pay and Grading 1 April 2025 (2026 pay award not agreed at time of Policy)

NJC grades

Grade and salary range		SCP	Salary (£)	Hourly Rate (£)
		1	<i>Deleted wef 1/4/23</i>	
		2	<i>Deleted wef 1/4/26</i>	
Scale 1 (3-4)		3	24796	12.85
	Scale 2 (4-5)	4	25185	13.05
		5	25583	13.26
		<i>Living Wage</i>	25,950	13.45
Scale 3a (6)		6	25989	13.47
	Scale 3b (7)	7	26403	13.69
Scale 4 (8-12)		8	26824	13.90
		9	27254	14.13
		10	27694	14.35
		11	28142	14.59
		12	28598	14.82
Scale 5 (13-18)		13	29064	15.06
		14	29540	15.31
		15	30024	15.56
		16	30518	15.82
		17	31022	16.08
		18	31537	16.35
Scale 6 (19-23)		19	32061	16.62
		20	32597	16.90
		21	33143	17.18
		22	33699	17.47
		23	34434	17.85
Scale 7 (24-26)		24	35412	18.35
		25	36363	18.85
		26	37280	19.32
Scale 8 (27-29)		27	38220	19.81
	Scale 9 (28-31)	28	39152	20.29
		29	39862	20.66
		30	40777	21.14
		31	41771	21.65

Scale 10 (31-34)		32	42839	22.20
	Scale 11 (33-36)	33	44075	22.85
34		45091	23.37	
35		46142	23.92	
36		47181	24.46	
37		48226	25.00	
Scale 12 (37-40)		38	49282	25.54
		39	50269	26.06
		40	51356	26.62
		<i>Not used</i>	41	52413
	Service Manager 1 (42-45)	42	53460	27.71
		43	54495	28.25
		44	55557	28.80
		45	56619	29.35

JNC grades

CHIEF OFFICERS (1)	JNC16	66146
	JNC17	67721
	JNC18	69265
	JNC19	70830
	JNC20	72395
CHIEF OFFICERS (2)	JNC21	60748
	JNC22	62187
	JNC23	63602
	JNC24	65041
	JNC25	66480