TITLE: PAY POLICY STATEMENT

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 To present the Council's Pay Policy Statement 2023-24, a requirement under the Localism Act 2011.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that Members approve and adopt the 2023-24 Pay Policy Statement.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to prepare a Pay Policy Statement for each financial year. The Statement must be prepared and approved by the end of March each year.
- 3.2 The Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2023-24 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.3 The statement must include the pay and remuneration for all posts on the Council's establishment designated as 'Chief Officer' in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (see Section 2.4 of the Pay Policy Statement).
- 3.4 The Pay Policy Statement has to include:
 - The level and elements of remuneration for each Chief Officer:
 - The remuneration of the lowest paid employee; and
 - The relationship between the remuneration of Chief Officers and other Officers.
- 3.5 Remuneration in this context is defined widely to include not just pay but also charges, fees, allowances, benefits in kind, increases in enhancements of pension entitlements and other discretionary payments.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSION(S)

4.1 The salaries shown do not include the 2022/23 Pay Award which is still being negotiated by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services and the

trade unions. The salaries will be updated in accordance with the agreed NJC pay award once agreed.

5.0 <u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON</u> IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.2. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required.
- 5.3. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Pay Policy Statement for 2023-24

Background Documents:

Local Government and Housing Act 1989
The Local Government Transparency Code (Feb 2015)
Openness and Accountability in Local Pay: Guidance under the Localism Act 2011