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DRAFT PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2020/21

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Fire Authority with a Pay Policy Statement for 2020/21 for approval.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Authority is asked to approve the draft Pay Policy Statement attached at Appendix 1.

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 **Political** – in recent years remuneration has increasingly come under the spotlight. In approving this policy, the Authority will have to be mindful of future changes to ensure flexibility of their approach toward remuneration levels.
- 3.2 **Legislative** – the Authority is now required to produce a Pay Policy Statement in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

4. Background

- 4.1 Since financial year 2013/14 the Localism Act 2011 (s38) has required a relevant local authority to produce an annual pay policy statement. This follows Will Hutton's 2011 Review of Fair Pay in the Public Sector which has been a key driver for the Government's aim for greater transparency and value for money in terms of senior public sector pay.
- 4.2 Having been reviewed and strengthened in line with recommendations made following a Member-Led Review of Pay Policy in January 2014, the attached policy meets the legal requirements and clearly sets out the Authority's position in terms not only of its remuneration for Principal Officers but also other employees, including the lowest paid.

- 4.3 The Service received notification from the National Joint Council that an increase of 2% had been agreed; the increases were implemented in April 2019 (professional support), September (support management band; backdated to April 2019) and September (operational; backdated to July 2019).
- 4.4 Whilst this was welcomed, Members will be aware that negotiations at national level continue to reach a final settlement. Any additional agreements will present the Service with challenges and we are actively looking at options to find the additional finances.
- 4.5 The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017 require the Service to publish information relating to any gender pay gaps. Whilst compliant with this requirement the Service has also commissioned an independent equal pay audit, the findings of which is currently being worked through and may potentially present additional challenges.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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