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To:

Chief Executives in England, Wales and N Ireland (to be shared with Finance Director and HR Director) Regional Employer Organisations Members of the National Joint Council

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Dear Chief Executive.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2024**

Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible.

Agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2024 (covering the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025). The new pay rates, each increased by £1,290 per annum, are attached at Annex 1.

All locally determined pay points above the maximum of the pay spine but graded below deputy chief officer, should be increased by 2.50 per cent, in accordance with Green Book Part 2 Para 5.41.

The new rates for allowances, uprated by 2.50 per cent, are set out at **Annex 2**.

## Joint work

It has been agreed that there will be joint discussions on how the NJC can capture gender, ethnicity and disability pay gap information that will be of most benefit to the sector.

## Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2024

If requested by an ex-employee to do so, we recommend that employers should pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2024 to the employee's last day of employment.

When salary arrears are paid to ex-employees who were in the LGPS, the employer must inform its local LGPS fund. Employers will need to amend the CARE and final pay figures (if the ex-employee has pre-April 2014 LGPS membership) accordingly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Green Book Part 2 Para 5.4 provides that posts paid above the maximum of the pay spine but graded below deputy chief officer are within scope of the NJC. The pay levels for such posts are determined locally, but once fixed are increased in line with agreements reached by the NJC.

Further detail is provided in <u>section 15 of the HR guide</u> and the <u>Backdated Pay Award FAQs</u>, which are available on the <u>employer resources section</u> of <u>www.lgpsregs.org</u>.

Yours faithfully,

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