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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

24 July 2025

Dear Chief Executive,

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2025

NB: This circular replaces the one dated 23 July 2025 as it contained rounding errors in some of the hourly rates. The correct figures are now shown as underlined italics in the pay spine at Annex 1.

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

Agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from **1 April 2025** (covering the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026). The new pay rates, each increased by 3.20 per cent 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 also be increased by 3.20 per cent, in accordance with Green Book Part 2 Para 5.4¹.

The new rates for allowances, uprated by 3.20 per cent, are set out at **Annex 2**.

The NJC has agreed that from 1 April 2026, Spinal Column Point (SCP) 2 will be permanently deleted from the NJC pay spine.

Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2025

If requested by an ex-employee to do so, we recommend that employers should pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2025 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

¹ 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.

the ex-employee has pre-April 2014 LGPS membership and / or underpin protection) accordingly.

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

Yours faithfully,

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SCP	01-Apr-24		01-Apr-25	
	per annum	per hour	per annum	per hour
1		Deleted w	ef 01 Apr 23	
2	£23,656	£12.26	£24,413	£12.65
3	£24,027	£12.45	£24,796	£12.85
4	£24,404	£12.65	£25,185	£13.05
5	£24,790	£12.85	£25,583	£13.26
6	£25,183	£13.05	£25,989	£13.47
7	£25,584	£13.26	£26,403	£13.69
8	£25,992	£13.47	£26,824	£13.90
9	£26,409	£13.69	£27,254	£14.13
10	£26,835	£13.91	£27,694	<u>£14.35</u>
11	£27,269	£14.13	£28,142	<u>£14.59</u>
12	£27,711	£14.36	£28,598	£14.82
13	£28,163	£14.60	£29,064	<u>£15.06</u>
14	£28,624	£14.84	£29,540	£15.31
15	£29,093	£15.08	£30,024	£15.56
16	£29,572	£15.33	£30,518	£15.82
17	£30,060	£15.58	£31,022	£16.08
18	£30,559	£15.84	£31,537	£16.35
19	£31,067	£16.10	£32,061	£16.62
20	£31,586	£16.37	£32,597	<u>£16.90</u>
21	£32,115	£16.65	£33,143	£17.18
22	£32,654	£16.93	£33,699	£17.47
23	£33,366	£17.29	£34,434	<u>£17.85</u>
24	£34,314	£17.79	£35,412	<u>£18.35</u>
25	£35,235	£18.26	£36,363	<u>£18.85</u>
26	£36,124	£18.72	£37,280	£19.32
27	£37,035	£19.20	£38,220	£19.81
28	£37,938	£19.66	£39,152	£20.29
29	£38,626	£20.02	£39,862	£20.66
30	£39,513	£20.48	£40,777	£21.14
31	£40,476	£20.98	£41,771	£21.65
32	£41,511	£21.52	£42,839	£22.20
33	£42,708	£22.14	£44,075	£22.85
34	£43,693	£22.65	£45,091	£23.37
35	£44,711	£23.17	£46,142	£23.92
36	£45,718	£23.70	£47,181	£24.46
37	£46,731	£24.22	£48,226	£25.00
38	£47,754	£24.75	£49,282	£25.54
39	£48,710	£25.25	£50,269	£26.06
40	£49,764	£25.79	£51,356	£26.62
41	£50,788	£26.32	£52,413	£27.17
42	£51,802	£26.85	£53,460	£27.71
43	£52,805	£27.37	£54,495	£28.25

NB: hourly rate calculated by dividing annual salary by 52.143 weeks (which is 365 days divided by 7) and then divided by 37 hours (the standard working week)

Part 3 Paragraph 2.6(e) Sleeping-in Duty Payment:

1 April 2025

£43.12

RATES OF PROTECTED ALLOWANCES AT 1 APRIL 2025 (FORMER APT&C AGREEMENT (PURPLE BOOK))

Paragraph 28(3) Nursery Staffs in Educational Establishments - Special Educational Needs Allowance

1 April 2025

£1,539

Paragraph 28(14) Laboratory / Workshop Technicians

City and Guilds Science Laboratory Technician's Certificate Allowance:

1 April 2025

£251

City and Guilds Laboratory Technician's Advanced Certificate Allowance:

1 April 2025

£181

Paragraph 32 London Weighting and Fringe Area Allowances £ Per Annum

Inner Fringe Area:

1 April 2025

£1,045

Outer Fringe Area:

1 April 2025

£729

Paragraph 36 Standby Duty Allowance - Social Workers (1)(a)(i) Allowance - Per Session

1 April 2025

£34.71

FORMER MANUAL WORKER AGREEMENT (WHITE BOOK)

Section 1 Paragraph 3 London and Fringe Area Allowances £ Per Annum

Inner Fringe Area:

1 April 2025 £1,045

Outer Fringe Area:

1 April 2025 £729