

NJC PAY SPINE REVIEW UPDATE

Review of the NJC 'Green Book' Pay Spine

As you will be aware, an Agreement was reached between the Trade Union Side and the Employers on a two-year pay deal for 2016-18 across Local Government.

All councils, schools and academies that follow the NJC should have now implemented the agreement.

In addition to the pay agreement, two joint reviews were agreed:

- 1) **Review of term - time working in schools, and**
- 2) **Review of the national joint council pay spine.**

The National Joint Council (NJC) has now started to conduct a review of the NJC pay spine. The GMB is a member of the NJC.

The primary reason for the review of the pay spine is because of the introduction of the National Living Wage.

It is important to state from the outset that a restructured pay spine will not be possible without some additional cost for councils. However, both employer and trade union sides will endeavour to achieve an outcome that is financially viable for employers and fair to employees.

The agreed Terms of Reference for the Pay Spine Review are set out on page 2 of this newsletter.

Next Steps

The Joint Secretaries, of which the GMB is a member, do not underestimate the challenge we face in designing a restructured pay spine that is capable of withstanding annual changes to the National Living Wage rate (without the need for regular fundamental reviews), whilst retaining its current flexibility for local employers to apply local pay and grading structures.

Regular meetings have been scheduled for the foreseeable future and the aim is to conclude the review of the NJC Pay Spine by 30 June 2017.

Both Sides will liaise with experts who have practical and technical experience in the design and use of pay and grading structures and who will advise the Joint Secretaries during the review process.

Throughout the course of the review, the Joint Secretaries will keep their respective constituents updated on developments. However, for obvious reasons, we will not be able to give a '*running commentary*' on our discussions.

Before any final agreement is reached, the proposed restructured pay spine will be subject to full consultation with councils and union members. Your union will keep you updated.

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**NJC PAY SPINE REVIEW
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The NJC needs to meet the challenge of ensuring that a restructured pay spine is capable of withstanding annual changes to the National Living Wage rate, without the need for regular and fundamental reviews of pay structures. The spine is a valuable foundation on which individual councils build the detail of their local grading structures, which, in themselves, need adapting to new forms of service integration and devolution.

To take forward this review, the Joint Secretaries have set up a working group with the following aims:

To ensure the restructured NJC pay spine is capable of:

- Accommodating changes to the National Living Wage rate;
- Adapting to differentials in levels of pay and responsibility;
- Accommodating all local government services roles within scope of the NJC;
- Managing the assimilation of other roles, including health, craft, youth and Soulbury that are transferred to Green Book pay structures;
- Being used locally to recognise contribution and progression.

To ensure the NJC pay spine remains:

- Compliant with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010;
- Consistent with single status principles.

To ensure review outcomes:

- Have firm timescales for completion;
- Take into account the potential impact on pay arrangements in London;
- Are financially viable for employers and fair to employees.

Additional input:

To support the review, the Joint Secretaries will be advised by colleagues who have practical and technical expertise in the design and use of pay and grading structures.

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