

Human Resources Committee Terms of Reference

General

The purpose of the Human Resources Committee is to:

- determine, monitor, review and amend staffing policies and practices to secure the best use and development of the council's staff, including the power to deal with all matters relating to staff terms and conditions.
- acts as the Council's Remuneration Committee for Chief Officers pay.

Membership, Chair and Quorum

Number of Members	11
Substitute Members Permitted	Yes
Political Balance Rules apply	Yes
Appointments/Removals from Office	By resolution of full Council
Restrictions on Membership	None
Restrictions on Chair/Vice- Chair	None
Quorum	5 members
Number of ordinary meetings per Council Year	At least 3 per year

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Note: The term 'Chief Officers' as used in this delegation reflects the legislative definition. It applies to all officers within the Council's Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

1.2 In exercising the functions outlined above, and in accordance with the Council's approved Pay Policy Statement, the Committee:

- decides whether national pay awards for SLT Officers are applied locally and where it is agreed that these awards will be paid these will be reflected in the next annual review of the Pay Policy Statement
- reviews on at least an annual basis the pay and grading structure of the Council (including SLT officers grades and salaries) and makes recommendations for any changes considered necessary to Council by way of a revised Pay Policy Statement .

1.3 The Committee also has responsibility for employee relations on behalf of the Council. Specifically it will meet as a forum for consultation 3 times a year with representatives of the trades unions and senior officers as set out below. The Committee will then formally consider recommendations arising from these consultative meetings and make decisions or recommendations to Council as necessary. Functions of this meeting:

- (a) To act as a forum for consultation to secure co-operation between the Council and its employees and between the different services of the Council.
- (b) To discuss the conditions of service, hours of employment, remuneration, training and health, safety and welfare at work of employees of the Council within the terms of overall Council HR Policies and Procedures and make recommendations as necessary.
- (c) To take or recommend such action as it may be deemed necessary or desirable to prevent differences and misunderstandings between the Council and its employees, provided that no question of individual discipline, remuneration, promotion or efficiency shall be within the purview of the joint meeting.
- (d) To consider any proposed legislation affecting employees of the Council.
- (e) To encourage, consider and recommend improvements to the organisation, and the study of methods of administration including recruitment and training with a view to improving the efficiency of the service.
- (f) To consider any matter which may be referred to it by a standing Committee of the Council, the Central Safety Committee or alternatively a matter which it may be requested to deal with jointly by the Joint Secretaries.