

Equalities Analysis Assessment

1. Proposal Summary Information

EAA Title	Pay Policy Statement 2025 – 26. This Equalities Analysis Assessment was last reviewed on 16 th January 2025.
Please describe your proposal?	Policy
Is it HR Related?	Yes
Corporate Purpose	Full Council Decision

1. What is the Policy looking to achieve? Who will be affected?

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2. What will the impact of your proposal be?

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2. Impact on Groups having a Protected Characteristic

AGE: *A person of a particular age or being within an age group.*

State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral:

Describe the Impact

Neutral.

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Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:

Describe the Mitigating Action

Not applicable.

DISABILITY: *A person has a disability if s/he has a physical, mental or sensory impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities¹.*

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Describe the Impact

Neutral.

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¹ Due regard to meeting the needs of people with disabilities involves taking steps to take account of their disabilities and may involve making reasonable adjustments and prioritizing certain groups of disabled people on the basis that they are particularly affected by the proposal.

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term) and to ensure that agency workers are paid the rLW rate or above as set out in the Pay Policy Statement 2025 – 26.

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Not applicable.

GENDER REASSIGNMENT: *This is the process of transitioning from one sex to another. This includes persons who consider themselves to be trans, transgender and transsexual.*

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Describe the Impact

Neutral.

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RACE: <i>A group of people defined by their colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnic or national origins or race.</i>
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<p>Neutral.</p> <p>The policy sets out the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2025 – 26 in the report and the five supporting appendices and seeks approval of a policy, for 2025 -26, to pay the real Living Wage (rLW) rate which is currently £13.85 per hour or above to direct employees (whether permanent or fixed term) and to ensure that agency workers are paid the rLW rate or above as set out in the Pay Policy Statement 2025 – 26.</p> <p>The policy sets out the requirement to make a specific payment to all employees who earn, through their job evaluated roles, less than the equivalent of the rLW a supplement to bring their hourly earnings equivalent to the rLW.</p> <p>The policy and arrangements will be reviewed on an annual basis as part of the preparation of the Pay Policy Statement for the following year.</p> <p>The proposed policy will apply to all existing and future employees regardless of their Protected Characteristics.</p> <p>The proposed policy contributes to achieving two of the three Council priorities of "Creating Good Jobs" and "Fighting Inequality."</p>
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RELIGION & BELIEF: <i>Religion means any religion. Belief includes religious and philosophical beliefs including lack of belief (for example, Atheism). Generally, a belief should affect a person's life choices or the way you live for it to be included.</i>
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SEX: *Someone being a man or a woman.*

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SEXUAL ORIENTATION: <i>A person's sexual attraction towards his or her own sex, the opposite sex or to both sexes, covering including all LGBTQ+ groups.</i>
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PREGNANCY & MATERNITY: <i>Description: Pregnancy: Being pregnant. Maternity: The period after giving birth - linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth, including as a result of breastfeeding.</i>
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<p>MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: <i>Marriage: A union between a man and a woman. or of the same sex, which is legally recognised in the UK as a marriage</i></p> <p><i>Civil partnership: Civil partners must be treated the same as married couples on a range of legal matters.</i></p>
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3. Human Rights²

4a. Does your proposal impact on Human Rights as defined by the Human Rights Act 1998?

No ☐

(If yes, please describe the effect and any mitigating action you have considered.)

4b. Does your proposal impact on the rights of children as defined by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

No

(If yes, please describe the effect and any mitigating action you have considered.)

4c. Does your proposal impact on the rights of persons with disabilities as defined by the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities?

No

(If yes, please describe the effect and any mitigating action you have considered.)

4. Conclusion

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4a. What evidence, data sources and intelligence did you use to assess the potential impact/effect of your proposal? Please note the systems/processes you used to collect the data that has helped inform your proposal. Please list the file paths and/or relevant web links to the information you have described.

² For further guidance please refer to the Human Rights & URNC Guidance on the Council Equalities [web page](#).

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Please see the report "Pay Policy Statement" and the five supporting appendices considered and approved by Full Council at its meeting on 8th March 2023.

5. Action Planning: *(What are the next steps for the proposal please list i.e. when it comes into effect, when mitigating actions linked to the protected characteristics above will take place, how you will measure impact etc.)*

Action	Outcomes	Success Measures	Timescales/ Milestones	Lead Officer (Contact Details)
Implement the Pay Policy Statement for 2025-26	Provisions of the Pay Policy Statement 2025 - 26 implemented including the payment of the rLW rate or above to direct employees (whether permanent or fixed term) and to ensure agency workers are paid as set out in the Pay Policy Statement 2025 – 26.	As set out in the Outcomes column.	1 st April 2025 to 31 st March 2026.	Andrew Scully, HR Business Partner, and Head of HR Operational Services, ScullyA@ealing.gov.uk and 020-8825-6930.

Additional Comments:

The Pay Policy Statement has to be reviewed annually. The next review will be in December 2025 and a report on the Pay Policy Statement 2026 -27 will be submitted to Full Council in February/March 2026.

6. Sign off: *(All EAA's must be signed off once completed)*

Completing Officer Sign Off:	Service Director Sign Off:	HR related proposal (Signed off by directorate HR officer)
Signed:	Signed:	Signed:
Name (Block Capitals): ANDREW SCULLY	Name (Block Capitals): KIM BROWN	Name (Block Capitals): ANDREW SCULLY
Date: January 2025	Date: January 2025	Date: January 2025

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For EAA's relating to Cabinet decisions: received by Committee Section for publication by (date):

Appendix 1: *Legal obligations under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:*

- As a public authority we must have due regard to the need to:
 - a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- The protected characteristics are: AGE, DISABILITY, GENDER REASSIGNMENT, RACE, RELIGION & BELIEF, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, PREGNANCY & MATERNITY, MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP
- Having due regard to advancing equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not, involves considering the need to:
 - a) Remove or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic
 - b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant characteristic that are different from the needs of the persons who do not share it.
 - c) Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- Having due regard to fostering good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not, involves showing that you are tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.
- Complying with the duties may involve treating some people more favourably than others; but this should not be taken as permitting conduct that would be otherwise prohibited under the Act.