

Advice notes 25 Aug 2026



LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2026/27

This advice note was last updated on 25 August 2026.

The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. We encourage employers to implement this pay award as soon as possible.

Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2026. If an ex-employee requests it, we recommend that employers pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2026 to the employee's last day of employment. The table below lists the new pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract, including SCPs 50 and above. These should be retrospectively applied from 1 April 2026.

Hourly rates have been calculated using the NJC-agreed formula: annual salary divided by 52.143 weeks (which is 365 days divided by 7) divided by 37 hours (the standard working week).

These hourly rates do not now differ from those published by NJC for principal authorities as the calculation bases are in agreement. The NJC resolved to delete SCP 1 with effect from 1 April 2023, and the NJC has resolved to delete SCP 2 with effect from 1 April 2026.

* Hourly rate

	1 April 2025		1 April 2026		Scale ranges
SCP	£ per annum	* £ per hour	£ per annum	* £ per hour	Based on SCP
1	Deleted with effect from 1 April 2023				Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
2	£24,413	£12.65	Deleted with effect from 1 April 2026		Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
3	£24,796	£12.85	£25,614	£13.28	Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
4	£25,185	£13.05	£26,016	£13.48	Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
5	£25,583	£13.26	£26,427	£13.70	Below LC Scale (for staff other than clerks)
5	£25,583	£13.26	£26,427	£13.70	LC1 (below substantive range)
6	£25,989	£13.47	£26,847	£13.92	LC1 (below substantive range)

7	£26,403	£13.69	£27,274	£14.14	LC1 (substantive benchmark range)
8	£26,824	£13.90	£27,709	£14.36	LC1 (substantive benchmark range)
9	£27,254	£14.13	£28,153	£14.59	LC1 (substantive benchmark range)
10	£27,694	£14.35	£28,608	£14.83	LC1 (substantive benchmark range)
11	£28,142	£14.59	£29,071	£15.07	LC1 (substantive benchmark range)
12	£28,598	£14.82	£29,542	£15.31	LC1 (substantive benchmark range)
13	£29,064	£15.06	£30,023	£15.56	LC1 (above substantive range)
14	£29,540	£15.31	£30,515	£15.82	LC1 (above substantive range)
15	£30,024	£15.56	£31,015	£16.08	LC1 (above substantive range)

16	£30,518	£15.82	£31,525	£16.34	LC1 (above substantive range)
17	£31,022	£16.08	£32,046	£16.61	LC1 (above substantive range)
18	£31,537	£16.35	£32,578	£16.89	LC2 (below substantive range)
19	£32,061	£16.62	£33,119	£17.17	LC2 (below substantive range)
20	£32,597	£16.90	£33,673	£17.45	LC2 (below substantive range)
21	£33,143	£17.18	£34,237	£17.75	LC2 (below substantive range)
22	£33,699	£17.47	£34,811	£18.04	LC2 (below substantive range)
23	£34,434	£17.85	£35,570	£18.44	LC2 (below substantive range)
24	£35,412	£18.35	£36,581	£18.96	LC2 (substantive benchmark range)

25	£36,363	£18.85	£37,563	£19.47	LC2 (substantive benchmark range)
26	£37,280	£19.32	£38,510	£19.96	LC2 (substantive benchmark range)
27	£38,220	£19.81	£39,481	£20.46	LC2 (substantive benchmark range)
28	£39,152	£20.29	£40,444	£20.96	LC2 (substantive benchmark range)
29	£39,862	£20.66	£41,177	£21.34	LC2 (above substantive benchmark range)
30	£40,777	£21.14	£42,123	£21.83	LC2 (above substantive benchmark range)
31	£41,771	£21.65	£43,149	£22.37	LC2 (above substantive benchmark range)
32	£42,839	£22.20	£44,253	£22.94	LC2 (above substantive benchmark range)
33	£44,075	£22.85	£45,529	£23.60	LC3 (below substantive range)

34	£45,091	£23.37	£46,579	£24.14	LC3 (below substantive range)
35	£46,142	£23.92	£47,665	£24.71	LC3 (below substantive range)
36	£47,181	£24.46	£48,738	£25.26	LC3 (below substantive range)
37	£48,226	£25.00	£49,817	£25.82	LC3 (substantive benchmark range)
38	£49,282	£25.54	£50,908	£26.39	LC3 (substantive benchmark range)
39	£50,269	£26.06	£51,928	£26.92	LC3 (substantive benchmark range)
40	£51,356	£26.62	£53,051	£27.50	LC3 (substantive benchmark range)
41	£52,413	£27.17	£54,143	£28.06	LC3 (substantive benchmark range)
42	£53,460	£27.71	£55,224	£28.62	LC3 (above substantive benchmark range)

43	£54,495	£28.25	£56,293	£29.18	LC3 (above substantive benchmark range)
44	£55,801	£28.92	£57,642	£29.88	LC3 (above substantive benchmark range)
45	£57,139	£29.62	£59,025	£30.59	LC3 (above substantive benchmark range)
46	£58,523	£30.33	£60,454	£31.33	LC4 (below substantive range)
47	£59,922	£31.06	£61,899	£32.08	LC4 (below substantive range)
48	£61,198	£31.72	£63,218	£32.77	LC4 (below substantive range)
49	£62,852	£32.58	£64,926	£33.65	LC4 (below substantive range)
50	£64,373	£33.37	£66,497	£34.47	LC4 (substantive benchmark range)
51	£65,925	£34.17	£68,101	£35.30	LC4 (substantive benchmark range)

52	£68,053	£35.27	£70,299	£36.44	LC4 (substantive benchmark range)
53	£70,176	£36.37	£72,492	£37.57	LC4 (substantive benchmark range)
54	£72,307	£37.48	£74,693	£38.72	LC4 (substantive benchmark range)
55	£74,454	£38.59	£76,911	£39.86	LC4 (above substantive benchmark range)
56	£76,572	£39.69	£79,099	£41.00	LC4 (above substantive benchmark range)
57	£78,718	£40.80	£81,316	£42.15	LC4 (above substantive benchmark range)
58	£80,821	£41.89	£83,488	£43.27	LC4 (above substantive benchmark range)
59	£82,815	£42.93	£85,548	£44.34	LC4 (above substantive benchmark range)
60	£84,852	£43.98	£87,652	£45.43	LC4 (above substantive benchmark range)

61	£86,939	£45.06	£89,808	£46.55	LC4 (above substantive benchmark range)
62	£89,081	£46.17	£92,021	£47.70	LC4 (above substantive benchmark range)

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