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# Report

Subject : Long Service Awards

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#### Introduction:

A draft Long Service Awards policy, incorporating the previous Retirement Awards policy, was submitted to the meeting of JCF on 8 January 2008. The Retirement Awards policy has been deleted as it does not comply with age discrimination regulations and the Long Service Awards have been increased to compensate for this. At the meeting on 8 January 2008 Members indicated concern at the level of award and asked for information regarding the monetary award made by the other Wiltshire authorities.

## 1. Levels of Long Service Awards in Wiltshire Authorities:

| Authority                             | Length of Service           | Amount  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Kennett                               | 20 and 30 years             | £400 at each anniversary                        |
| West Wiltshire                        | Retirement after 20+ years* | £4 per year of service                          |
| North Wiltshire                       | 20 years                    | £10 per year                                    |
| Wiltshire County Council              | 25 years                    | £150 (= £6 per year)                            |
| Salisbury District Council (proposed) | 25, 30 and 40 years         | £10 per year of service up to a maximum of £400 |

<sup>\*</sup>Offering a reward on retirement risks challenges of age discrimination.

### 2. Conclusions:

- Salisbury District Council 's service awards are more generous than any other Wiltshire authority except Kennet who are extremely generous.
- Although North Wiltshire also gives £10 per year they only make one award at 20 years service.

#### 3. Recommendations:

It is recommended that for clarity JCF recommends to Cabinet that the previous Retirement Awards policy has been deleted and replaced by the new Long Service Awards policy.

In addition JCF is required to decide whether to recommend that

- the long service award is increased or
- that it remains the same.







