



Policy statement

Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority (the Authority) recognises that its employees are a vital factor in the efficient and effective operation of the Service. In this respect the Authority is committed to ensuring employees are valued and rewarded for their contribution to the Authority.

The Authority is committed to establishing the right working arrangements and conditions of employment for all its employees, and understands the benefits of the employment package in promoting and encouraging employee engagement, which in turn improves organisational performance.

The Authority is committed to effectively supporting day to day service delivery, transforming the Authority into a value for money, outcome driven and high performing organisation through, amongst other interventions, appropriate reward and recognition mechanisms.

The Authority is committed to ensuring that its reward and recognition practices are conducted in a fair, open and transparent manner that is effective, efficient and responsive, promoting good practice with all its reward and recognition needs.

Statement of principles:

The Authority aims to:

- Be fair, transparent and accountable in what employees are paid for and why, and to be consistent, systematic and clear in applying reward practices for all employees.
- Adhere to affordability; ensuring all decisions on pay represents value for money for the taxpayer.
- Reward and recognise employees for their knowledge, skills and contribution in the roles they are performing.
- Adopt practices which will focus on enabling the recruitment, engagement and retention of the right calibre of people at all levels to deliver its corporate priorities.
- Provide effective financial management of the total pay bill in order to inform all of its reward practices and approaches in making the most effective use of resources.
- Have appropriate mechanisms in place to review terms and conditions of service.
- Meet legislative requirements; ensuring remuneration practices comply with all legal obligations.