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Local Government Pay Award 2026

The Local Government Association (LGA), acting on behalf of the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services, announced in August that agreement had been reached on the 2026 pay award for local government employees. The settlement provides for a **3.3% increase in pay rates and allowances with effect from 1st April 2026**. The agreed pay award covers the period from 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027; employers are being encouraged to implement the increase as quickly as possible.

Neston Town Council implemented the pay award for all staff in September 2026.

Zoë Dean

Chief Officer

September 2026