

### Proposed Amendment to Mayors Salary Recommendation.

The salary of the position of the Mayor is far too high for a council structure of Watford. The Mayor's salary must reflect the reality of a non-metropolitan district council, with limited powers, lower budgets to manage, and smaller populations than other comparable authorities. As the table below illustrates that Watford has the most expensive Mayor, as compared to similar authorities. In fact it is well above the other non-metropolitan district.

Therefore I propose that the salary should be reduced by 20% from £65,738 to **£52590.4** a saving of £13,147.6

Local authority	Post	Type	Current mayor	Party	Established	Salary	
Watford Borough Council	Mayor of Watford	Non-metropolitan district	Dorothy Thornhill	Liberal Democrat	2002	£65,738	
Bristol City Council	Mayor of Bristol	Unitary authority	George Ferguson	Independent	2012	£65,738	
Tower Hamlets London Borough Council	Mayor of Tower Hamlets	London borough	Lutfur Rahman	Independent	2010	£65,000	£1 Billion Budget
Salford City Council	Mayor of Salford	Metropolitan borough	Ian Stewart	Labour	2012	£62,694	
North Tyneside Council	Mayor of North Tyneside	Metropolitan borough	Norma Redfearn	Labour	2002	£61,734	
Bedford Borough Council	Mayor of Bedford	Unitary authority	Dave Hodgson	Liberal Democrat	2002	£60,000	
Mansfield District Council	Mayor of Mansfield	Non-metropolitan district	Tony Egginton	Independent	2002	£53,151	
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Mayor of Doncaster	Metropolitan borough	Ros Jones	Labour	2002	£48,480	
Torbay Council	Mayor of Torbay	Unitary authority	Gordon Oliver	Conservative	2005	£25,714	

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