

## Politically Restricted Posts (PoRPs)

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, changed the approach to identifying posts which are politically restricted as originally outlined in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, by removing the duty to maintain a list of posts earning above a nominated salary.

With effect from 12 January 2010 politically restricted posts fall into two broad categories: specified posts and sensitive posts. The following is from the 2009 Act.

### 1. Specified posts

Legal Definition	Wigan Council Equivalent As at date below
The Head of the Paid Service	Chief Executive
The statutory chief officers, (including the director of children's services and director of adult social services in England, and the chief education officer and director of social services in Wales, the director of public health, the chief officer of a fire brigade, the chief finance officer.	Director - Resources & Contracts (Deputy CE) Director – Adult Social Care and Health Director - Children's Services Director - Customer and Culture Director – Digital ICT and Integration Director - Economy and Skills Director - Environment Director - Public Health Director - Strategy and Innovation and HWP Director -Customer Transformation Director of Community Services - Adults

	<p>Director of Community Services - Start Well  Practice Director - Children's Services  Strategic Public Relations Manager</p>
<p>Non-statutory chief officers (officers reporting to the Head of Paid Service excluding secretarial/clerical support staff).</p>	
<p>Deputy chief officers (officers reporting to a Chief Officer excluding secretarial/clerical support staff).</p>	<p>Assistant Director -  Assistant Director - Corporate Contracts and Assets  Assistant Director - Education  Assistant Director - Environmental Services  Assistant Director - Finance  Assistant Director - Growth and Housing  Assistant Director - HR and OD  Assistant Director - Legal and Monitoring Officer  Assistant Director - Skills and Enterprise</p>
<p>The monitoring officer</p>	<p>The Council's Monitoring Officer / Assistant Director - Legal</p>
<p>Officers exercising delegated powers, i.e. persons whose posts are for the time being specified by the authority in a list maintained in accordance with s100G(2) of the LGA 1972   (2)A principal council shall maintain a list—</p>	<p>Allocations Manager  Audit Manager  Business Manager - Drugs Alcohol Health and Reducing Reoffending  Court Progression Officer  Enhanced Service Manager for Public Health and Health Protection  Group Finance Manager  Group Lawyer People</p>

(a) specifying those powers of the council which, for the time being, are exercisable from time to time by officers of the council in pursuance of arrangements made under this Act or any other enactment for their discharge by those officers; and

(b) stating the title of the officer by whom each of the powers so specified is for the time being so exercisable;

but this subsection does not require a power to be specified in the list if the arrangements for its discharge by the officer are made for a specified period not exceeding six months.

Group Lawyer Places  
Housing Options Manager  
Information Governance Assistant  
Information Governance Manager  
Information Governance Officer  
Manager, Allocations & Accommodation  
Policy and Strategy Manager  
Principal Solicitor/Lawyer  
Senior Solicitor/Lawyer  
Service Lead Locality Teams  
Service Lead Provider Services  
Service Lead Together for Adoption  
Service Manager - Life Course Integration  
Service Manager - Age Well, Social Care  
Service Manager – Aspiring Futures  
Service Manager – Customer Journey  
Service Manager – Development Management  
Service Manager – Early Years  
Service Manager – Economic Development  
Service Manager – Environmental Education and Enforcement  
Service Manager – Health and Care Integration Programme and Governance  
Service Manager – Health Protection and Civil Contingencies  
Service Manager – Housing  
Service Manager – ICO Development  
Service Manager – Infrastructure Maintenance  
Service Manager - Integrated Community Services  
Service Manager – Major Projects and Regeneration  
Service Manager – Metrofresh Integrated Transport and Road Safety  
Service Manager – Network Management  
Service Manager – Planning and Transport Policy Service  
Service Manager – Policy and Programmes  
Service Manager – Property Maintenance  
Service Manager – Quality Assurance  
Service Manager – Quality Assurance (maternity cover)  
Service Manager – Regulatory Services  
Service Manager – Start Well

Service Manager – Strategy and Intelligence  
Service Manager – Street Scene Services  
Service Manager – Waste and Fleet Services  
Service Manager (Independence and Personalisation)  
Service Manager Age Well, Public Health  
Service Manager Corporate Parenting Care Transition Leavers and Residential  
Service Manager Corporate Parenting Fostering, Adoption and Permanence  
Service Manager Early Intervention and Prevention and Targeted Services  
Service Manager Early Intervention and Prevention Localities  
Service Manager Enhanced - Highways and Network Management  
Service Manager Enhanced - Market Oversight  
Service Manager Enhanced - Partnerships  
Service Manager Enhanced - PM and MD - In House Services  
Service Manager Enhanced - Services For Schools  
Service Manager Enhanced - Strategic Lawyer Resources  
Service Manager Enhanced Education Standards and Learning  
Service Manager Enhanced Financial Digital Technical and Quality  
Service Manager Enhanced Live Well  
Service Manager Enhanced Operational Customer and Cultural Services  
Service Manager Hospital Discharge and Principal Social Work Adult Lead  
Service Manager Live Well, Public Health  
Service Manager Partnerships  
Service Manager Provider Management and Market Development  
Service Manager Provider Management and Market Development, In House Management  
Service Manager Safeguarding  
Service Manager, Crisis Intervention and Prevention  
Service Manager, Policy and Reform  
Service Manager, Tenancy Management  
Sheltered Accommodation Manager  
Strategic Armed Forces Lead  
Strategic Audit and Risk Manager Chief Internal Auditor  
Strategic Contracts and Procurement Manager  
Strategic Development Manager Supported Volunteering Life Skills and Employment  
Strategic Finance Manager  
Strategic Housing Officer  
Strategic Manager - Armed Forces

Strategic Manager - Asset Management  
Strategic Manager (Building)  
Strategic Manager for Learners 16-25  
Team Lawyer  
Traffic Management and Developments Manager

Assistants to political groups.	N/A

All these post holders are politically restricted without rights of appeal for exemption to the local authority's standards committee (in England) or to the Independent Adjudicator to Local Authorities in Wales.

## 2. Sensitive posts

A sensitive post is one which meets one or both of the following duties-related criteria:

<b>Legal Definition</b>	<b>Wigan Council Equivalent As at date below</b>
Giving advice on a regular basis to the authority itself, to any committee or sub-committee of the authority or to any joint committee on which the authority are represented; or where the authority are operating executive arrangements, to the executive of the authority; to any committee of that executive; or to any member	Assistant Claims Handler Assistant Clerk Legal Services Assistant Local Land Charges Officer Councillors Support Officer Councillors Support Officer Data Intelligence Officer Democratic Services Manager Democratic Services Officer Democratic Services Officer

<p>of that executive who is also a member of the authority.</p>	<p>Democratic Services Officer  Democratic Services Scrutiny Officer  Electoral Services Assistant  Electoral Services Officer  Executive and Civic Support Officer  Information Governance Assistant  Information Governance Manager  Information Governance Officer  Member Development Manager  Member Liaison Officer  PA to Leader of the Council and Mayor  Team Clerk Legal and Central Support  Traffic Management and Developments Manager</p>
<p>Speaking on behalf of the authority on a regular basis to journalists or broadcasters.</p>	<p>Events and Marketing Officer  Events Manager  Marketing and Campaigns Manager  Media Officer  Senior Media Officer  Strategic Public Relations Manager</p>

These post holders can appeal to the local standards committee (in England) or the Independent Adjudicator to Local Authorities in Wales to be exempted from the list, on the grounds that the authority has wrongly applied the criteria.

Teachers, head-teachers and lecturers are all exempt from political restrictions under s2(10) LGHA, and will not be regarded as holding PoRPs whatever their role or remuneration level.

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