

# **Brainstorming Pay**

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### Pay is top of the agenda

Cost-living-crisis

Inflation is eroding wages after a period of austerity and pressures of a pandemic





 New momentum, better deals starting to come through

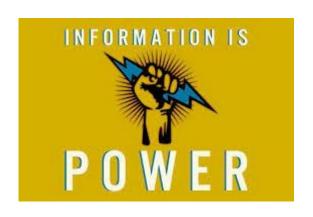








### The objectives of this workshop



#### To focus on:

- i) The kind of information to gather when entering into pay campaigns and where to source this information
- ii) Some of the key issues and components of different pay deals and their advantages and disadvantages



### Getting the best deal

- Bargaining power: level of organisation in the workplace/ sector, position in labour market;
- 2. Knowing the employer's 'ability to pay': the 'size of pie' to go around. This is about profits and/ or income distribution in the private sector, and boils down to budgeting and political decisions in the public sector;
- 3. Understanding how your pay deals compare to others' in your sector, what best practice is, and what you can demand in order to get the best deal for yourselves and to drive up standards across the board.



- How does my pay compare?
- Am I getting a good deal?
- How can we drive up standards?



### Questions for you...

1. What are the key issues on pay for you?

2. What information do you think is important to know going into a pay campaign?

3. Where do you get your information from?



### Sources of information

Ability to pay: accounts etc. (New LRD Guide forthcoming)

#### **Economic background:**

Official for national statistics data on:

- Inflation: RPI / CPI and forecasts
- Pay:
  - Average Weekly Earnings,
  - Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings,
  - PAYE data
- Labour market e.g. vacancies

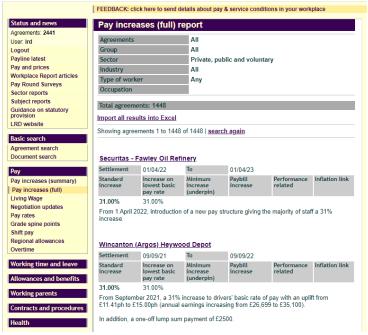
#### Pay rates across your sector:

Jobs websites

#### Pay and conditions negotiated by unions:

LRD's Payline (become a workplace contact)



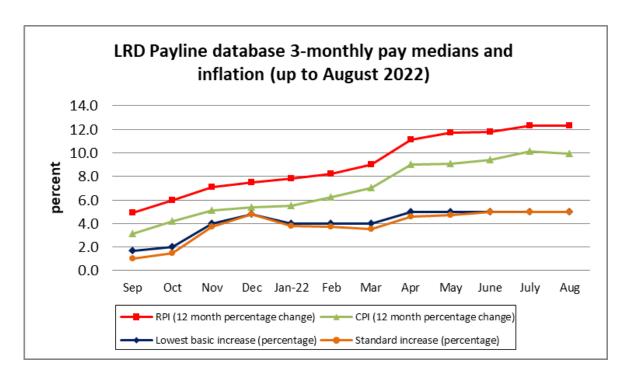




We can help better when you send us information and tell us what you need and how you need it!

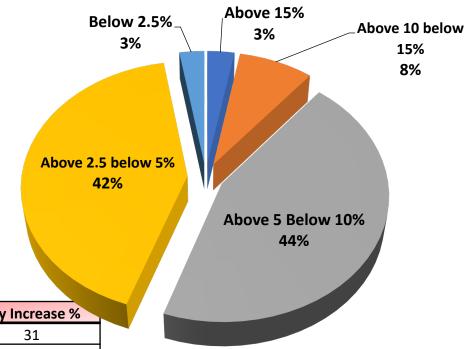


### The state of pay



Data from the Labour Research Department's pay and conditions database: PayLine

#### LRD PayLine Pay Settlements since January 2022



Agreement	Date	Pay Increase %
Securitas - Fawley Oil Refinery	01/04/2022	31
G4S (Croydon Hospital)	01/04/2022	24
GXO Logistics (Adidas) Bedford	06/04/2022	22.57
Wilson James (Gatwick Airport)	01/04/2022	21
Wincanton (Brockworth) Warehouse	01/07/2022	16.8
Riverside Quarter (Cleaners)	01/07/2022	16



### Getting into the nitty gritty: what's in a deal?

Pay scenarios: what would you make of either of these management offers? Please discuss...

#### **Medium manufacturing company**

We propose to increase pay rates by 7% as follows:

- 1. 3.0% increase on pay rates for from 1 January 2023, with an additional 1% consolidated from the current productivity bonus scheme, in return for your agreement to move towards a 1 March settlement date.
- 2. A further 3.0% increase from 1 January 2024, on the understanding that no further pay agreement will be implemented before 1 March 2025.
- 3. There will be no other changes to current rates of pay for overtime, allowances or shift premia, but one additional day's annual leave will be available to be taken during 2023.

#### Medium public sector employer

From 1 April 2023, salaries will increase by up to 6%, subject to adequate or better performance:

- 1. On salaries of up to £30,000, 6% below grade midpoint, 5% at or above that. On the same basis, between £30,000 and £38,000, 4% and 3% respectively; and above £38,000, 3% and 2.5%. Where this would take salaries beyond grade maximum, the difference will be unconsolidated for overtime or pension purposes.
- 2. Salary scales will not change but we will match the Living Wage Foundation rate as a minimum (including for staff assessed as less than adequate).
- 3. Maternity leave on full pay from 16 weeks (up from 12).
- Long service bonus at 15-year anniversary £1,000 (up from £600).



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Thank you!