

**National Employers for Chief
Officers of Local Authorities**



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Dear Brian

CHIEF OFFICERS' PAY 2011

You will know that the Employers' Side of the NJC for Local Government Services announced last Thursday that it would be unable to make any offer in response to the trade unions' pay claim for 2011/12. The employers' decision was made following extensive consultation with councils, who are facing a funding gap (the difference between the amount of money they will receive in 2011/12 and the cost of maintaining services at their current level) of £6.5 billion.

The employers faced a difficult choice but concluded that the protection of services, and consequent mitigation of job losses and redundancies, should take priority over any increase in pay. In reaching this decision in respect of the main local government workforce the employers also considered the other national negotiating groups for which they have responsibility, including the JNC for Chief Officers of Local Authorities.

The employers appreciate that the Officers' Side has not made a claim in respect of 2011/12 and may not have intended to do so. However, they felt that it would be fair to take a common approach across local government and have accordingly asked me to let you know that they would not be in a position to make any offer.

The employers acknowledge that for chief officers this will be the third successive year without a national pay increase but believe they have taken the right approach in the current circumstances.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Phil White
Assistant Employers' Secretary