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## STILL NO PAY OFFER

Enquiries have been made about the announcement in the Budget of a public sector pay freeze except for people earning under £21,000. Does this apply to local government?

I have raised this question and asked whether this will lead to re-opening pay negotiations this year. The local government employers have responded to me and issued a circular to all local authorities - which I attach as it sets out their position.

As you will see, the local government employers do not intend to change their position on pay for this year. It also looks like they will be trying to avoid the Budget commitment to an increase of at least £250 in 2011/12 and 2012/13.

There's only one word for local government employers ; despicable.

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**To: Chief Executives in England, Wales and N Ireland  
(additional copies for HR Director and Finance Director)  
Members of the National Employers' Organisation  
Regional Directors  
Secretaries of the Local Government Associations**

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Dear Sir/Madam

**BUDGET STATEMENT ON PUBLIC SECTOR PAY**

I am writing following yesterday's budget statement which announced "a two-year pay freeze for public sector workforces, except for workers earning less than £21,000 a year who will receive an increase of at least £250 per year in these years".

We are seeking urgent discussions to clarify government's expectations on the application of this policy to local government pay for 2011/12 and beyond.

However, at this stage we can confirm that the announcement does not affect:

- local government pay for 2010/11, where the position remains that the employers have not offered an increase; or
- contractual annual increments, which should continue to be paid.

Ahead of any negotiations on local government pay for 2011/12 we shall be consulting councils in the usual way through regional pay briefings.

Yours faithfully



Phil White  
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