Appendix - Minimum Wage Rates

Pay Rate	Definition of Cohort	Hourly Pay (2019/20)	Review Approach	Apprentice Rate (20-19/20)
National Minimum Wage (Statutory)	Workers aged 21 and over Workers aged 18 to 20 Workers under the age of 18	£7.70 £6.15 £4.35	Recommended by the Low Pay Commission within a remit to raise pay as high as possible without damaging employment prospects.	£3.90¹
National Living Wage (Statutory)	Workers over 25	£8.21	Recommended by the Low Pay Commission. The Government has set a target for it to reach 60 per cent of median earnings by 2020. The Commission's remit is to make recommendations that reach the target, subject to 'sustained economic growth'.	N/A
'Real' Living Wage (Living Wage Foundation) ²	All workers (a higher rate is applicable for London)	£9.00 (announced November 2018)	This is an aspirational wage which is announced every November by the Living Wage Foundation. The 'real' Living Wage is a voluntary rate of pay set by the resolution foundation based on the real cost of living; what people need to meet their basic everyday needs.	N/A
Manchester Living Wage ³ (Local)	Commended via contracts and to partners	£9.00 (as of April 2019)	Reviewed annually, taking account of various factors such as staff turnover, any NJC pay award, the ratio of low to high earners, the rates for the National Minimum Wage and the 'real' Living Wage at the time.	£9.00
Lowest pay for directly employed staff	All directly employed staff, agency staff and commended to schools	£9.51 ⁴		£9.51

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¹ Applicable to apprentices aged 16 to 18 and those aged 19 and over who are in their first year. All other apprentices are entitled to the National Minimum Wage for their age.

² The rate is set each November with organisations allowed 6 months to comply. The current 'real' Living Wage rate of £9.00 was announced in November 2018.

³ Previously known as the Manchester Minimum Wage - this will be at least equivalent to the real Living Wage of £9.

⁴ 51p greater than the Manchester Living Wage / Foundation Living Wage reflective of nationally agreed NJC pay award.