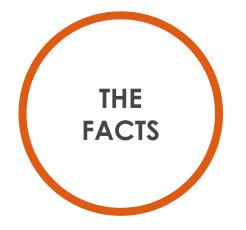


ECONOMY



- **GDP** growth slowed in 2015 to 2.4% and predictions for this year are that GDP will remain unchanged.
- **Unemployment** for Nov 2015 was 5.5%, down from 6.2% in Nov 2014. 2016 will see this downward trend continue with predictions of 5.2% for the year.
- Inflation has been flat at close to zero for most of 2015, currently at 0.1% predictions are that CPI could rise to 1% by the end of this year.



- Skills shortages, tougher work migration rules and low headline pay settlements will mean you need to work harder to engage and retain talented employees.
- Articulating and differentiating your employee deal will become increasingly important in talent acquisition.

Source: Office for Budget Responsibility: Economic & Fiscal Outlook November 2015













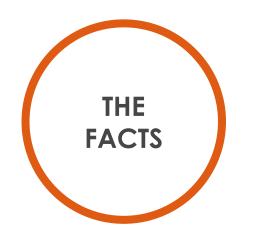








PAY SETTLEMENTS



- **Private sector** pay award pots have been **2.0-2.5% since 2009** and look to be the same again this year.
- **Public sector** pay awards are 1.5%, including increments, although pay settlements remain capped at 1.0%.
- **Staying Power** 4.3% pay increases for employees in a role for more than 12 months.
- National Living Wage means 7.5% increase for those over 25 on National Minimum Wage this year - implications for pay settlement budgets over the next few years.
- Key talent will require strategic, merit-based increases.
- Businesses will need to know their 'flight risks' and be creative in their approach in order to retain genuine top performers.

"4.3% ... THE REAL FIGURE BEHIND THE HEADLINE"





















SECTOR

Construction enjoyed the largest median settlements of around 2.5% in 2015 (which is the upper quartile of the whole economy). Skills shortages will drive higher rewards and employers are predicting 3% in 2016.

The majority of sectors, **Manufacturing and Production**, **Retail**, **Leisure**, **Transport**, **Utilities** and **Professional Services** have had settlements around 2.0% - 2.5%, which is around the median for the whole economy.

Settlements in the **Not-for-profit** and **Public** sectors have received a median of 1-1.5% in 2015, just below the lower quartile of the whole economy during the same period.











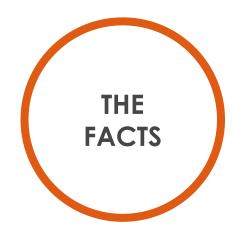








BROADER REWARD



- National living wage of £7.20 is being introduced on 1st April for employees aged 25 years and over.
- **Gender pay reporting** guidelines are expected soon. It is anticipated that companies with 250 employees or more will need to report their headline pay gap between men and women, probably including bonus.
- Making the most of what you've got to maximise performance and productivity.



- Start acting now on gender pay reporting. Know the number in your business and start developing a narrative.
- Plan ahead on national living wage how will you fund it and how will you manage other employees (particularly those high performers).
- Think about how you want to or can **differentiate your employee deal** through reward.





WHAT WILL 2016 BRING?























THE WORLD HAS CHANGED



- Social engineering by Government is externally driving change in work and pay...nudge, nudge...
- Four generations in the work force means addressing individualisation
- A theme of 'How can I support you to do your best work?' drives performance and productivity



















RESPECT



THE NATIONAL LIVING WAGE (not to be confused with the National Living Wage Foundation).

From April 2016, mandatory national living wage for workers aged 25 and above, initially set at £7.20 – a rise of 50p relative to the current National Minimum Wage (NMW) rate - a £910 per annum increase

Government has asked the LPC to recommend the way forward from here, with the target of the total wage reaching 60% of median earnings by 2020.

For year ending 5th April 2015, median gross annual earnings for full-time employees was £27,600, an increase of 1.6% from the previous year. Our predictions are that by 2020 this will be around £30,800 so NLW will be around £18,500.

















FAIRNESS



GENDER PAY REPORTING

What we know...

- Will be reporting on the pay gap between men and women's average pay in the organisation.
- This will probably be full-time, parttime and on base pay and bonus payments.
- Headline data of average* men fulltime vs. women full time is likely to be required to be published on your website.























^{*}AVERAGE MAY BE MEDIAN OR MEAN

INDIVIDUALISATION

EMPLOYEE DEAL

Create motivation, fulfilment and a strong sense of purpose. Articulate whole group impact on the industry - "if it wasn't for us..."

REWARD STRATEGY/PRINCIPLES

What & How

FIXED PAY

Simple framework to reward based on performance, competence and external market

VARIABLE PAY

Framework with a strong business performance link for rewarding short, medium and long term success

BENEFITS & ENVIRONMENT

Menu of benefits and develop a unique and compelling working environment

RECOGNITION

Innovative and fair practices to strengthen culture and publically celebrate success

PERFORMANCE

Differentiate reward and be clear around reward and the role it plays

ENGAGEMENT

On-going targeted communication to promote and increase perception of the Employee Deal

























ENGAGEMENT: THE PROBLEM



"Millenials now just represent the largest share of labour market in the US. 44% would quit their job within two years."



"Gallup's 2014 research shows that only 13% of all employees are highly engaged, and 26% are actively disengaged."



"Average engagement 3.1 out of 5."

"AFTER DECADES OF CORPORATE DISCOURSE ABOUT THE WAR FOR TALENT, IT APPEARS THAT THE BATTLE IS OVER, AND TALENT HAS WON"

DELOITE

















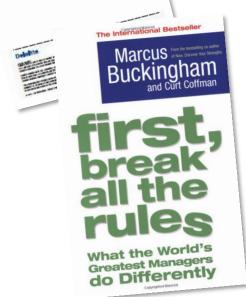


ENGAGEMENT: OPINIONS



Five elements drive engagement:

- Meaningful work
- ✓ Hands-on management
- Positive work environment
- Growth opportunity
- ✓ Trust in leadership



A selection of questions from 'First, break all the rules':

- 1. Do I know what is expected of me at work?
- 2. At work, do I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day?
- 3. Does my supervisor, or someone at work, seem to care about me as a person?
- 4. Does the mission/purpose of my company make me feel my job is important?
- 5. Do I have a best friend at work?
- 6. In the last six months, has someone at work talked to me about my progress?





















ENGAGEMENT: THE SOLUTION

TAKE PAY OFF THE TABLE

Before you do anything else make sure your pay is fair and equitable

COMMUNICATE THE 'WHY'

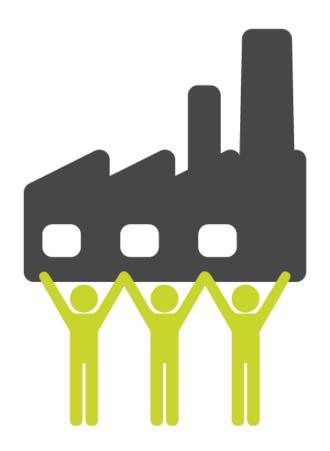
You need to engage employees in the real purpose and ambition of the business

IT'S MORE THAN JUST FINANCIAL

The success of the business should be measured on more than just its financial performance – metrics for reward are currently still mainly financial

REAL-TIME FEEDBACK

Just as customer feedback has transformed the customer experience, employee feedback is transforming the employee experience























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