

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 21 MARCH 2019**

**Question to Philip White  
Cabinet Member for Learning and Employability**

**By Syed Hussain**

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**Question**

What percentage of working age people in Anglesey and Staphenhill earn less than the average weekly wage (£551)?

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**Reply**

Average earnings data is not available below district/borough level from data sources including the ONS Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE). Latest figures for East Staffordshire show that the average weekly wage in 2018 was £501 compared to the Staffordshire average of £551 and UK average (including London) of £569.

Since 2010, the wages of Staffordshire's residents have increased by around £57 per week, with the average £551 earned by a resident of Staffordshire working full-time exceeding the West Midlands Region average of £537.

Although average wages for residents of East Staffordshire are currently less than the national average, the cost of living within the district and county overall is far more favourable than many other parts of the country. A useful indication of this is housing affordability; in East Staffordshire the average price of a house is currently 6.4 times the average annual wage compared to 7.9 times in England as a whole.