

RENFREWSHIRE VALUATION JOINT BOARD

To: Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

On: 31 May 2019

Report by: The Clerk and The Treasurer

**Heading: Remuneration of Elected Members who are appointed
Conveners and Vice-conveners of Joint Boards**

1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 (hereafter referred to as “the 2007 Regulations”) introduced a system of remuneration for elected members, including the Convener and Vice-Convener of Joint Boards.
- 1.2 Since 2007, various amendment regulations have had the effect of amending the yearly remuneration to be paid to elected members, including those elected members who are conveners or vice-conveners of joint boards. The most recent amendment regulations were laid before the Scottish Parliament on 1 February 2019 and came into force from 1 April 2019. These amendment regulations – *The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2019* (“the 2019 amendment regulations”) – stipulate changes to the remuneration rates payable to elected members.
- 1.3 The change implemented by the 2019 amendment regulations is an increase of 2.8% in the yearly remuneration payable to councillors from 1 April 2019.
- 1.4 The 2019 amendment regulations stipulate that the **convener of a joint board** shall be paid, from **1 April 2019**, a total yearly amount of **£21,840** inclusive of any amount payable to them as a local authority councillor under the 2007 Regulations.
- 1.5 The 2019 amendment regulations also stipulate that the **vice-convener of a joint board** shall be paid, from **1 April 2019**, a total yearly amount of **£20,748** inclusive of any amount payable to them as a local authority councillor under the 2007 Regulations.
- 1.6 The Regulations state that “remuneration shall be paid by the local authority of which the convener or vice-convener (as the case may be) is a member to one convener and one vice-convener for each joint board”, and so the remuneration costs for both the Convener and the Depute Convener of the

Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board shall be met in full by Renfrewshire Council (for Councillor Doig) and by East Renfrewshire (for Councillor O'Kane).

- 1.7 Councillor Doig, Convener, is not classified as a senior councillor within Renfrewshire Council. The difference between her yearly remuneration as Convener (£21,840 from 1 April 2019) and what her yearly remuneration would otherwise ordinarily be as a councillor (£17,470 from 1 April 2019) of £4,370 shall be met by her own local authority.
- 1.8 Councillor O'Kane, Depute Convener, is a senior councillor within East Renfrewshire Council. Any difference between his yearly remuneration as Depute Convener (£20,748 from 1 April 2019) and what his yearly remuneration would otherwise ordinarily be as a senior councillor shall be met by his own local authority.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Joint Board notes the revised remuneration levels mandated by The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2019 for the Convener and Depute Convener of the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board as follows:

Position	yearly remuneration from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	yearly remuneration from 1 April 2019
Convener	£21,245	£21,840
Depute Convener	£20,183	£20,748

- 2.2 It is recommended that the Joint Board notes that the remuneration costs for each position shall be met by the local authority at which the position holder is an elected member.