

RENFREWSHIRE VALUATION JOINT BOARD

To: Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

On: 30 June 2017

Joint report by
the
Clerk and Treasurer

Remuneration of Elected Members who are appointed Conveners and Vice Conveners of Joint Boards

1. Summary

- 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 which created four grades of councillors for the purposes of calculating remuneration: (i) the leader of the council, (ii) the civic head, (iii) senior councillors; and (iv) councillors. The yearly remuneration for councillors who are not being paid as leader of the council, civic head or senior councillor is set at a fixed rate (that rate being £16,927 from 5 May 2017).
- 1.2 Each local authority has been banded within Band A, Band B, Band C or Band D for the purposes of payment of remuneration to councillors. East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Councils are Band A councils and are restricted to a maximum of 9 senior councillors per authority; Renfrewshire Council is a Band B council and is restricted to a maximum of 14 senior councillors.
- 1.3 The 2007 Regulations relate specifically to Scottish local authorities, to fire and rescue joint boards, to police joint boards and to “other” joint boards as defined under prevailing statutes, of which the Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board is one.
- 1.4 The convener of a joint board shall be paid a total yearly amount of £21,160 which is equivalent to 75 per cent of the salary of the leader of a Band A Council, inclusive of any amount payable to the convener as a councillor or senior councillor.
- 1.5 A vice convener of such a joint board shall be paid a total yearly amount of £20,102, again inclusive of any amount payable to a vice convener as a councillor or senior councillor. The vice convener’s salary is calculated on the basis of the basic salary plus 75 per cent of the difference between the basic salary and the convener’s salary.

- 1.6 If the convener or vice convener is already a senior councillor in his/her own authority and would receive a higher salary as a senior councillor than as convener or vice convener of a joint board, the higher salary should be paid.
- 1.7 The Regulations expressly provide that where remuneration is paid by a council to any conveners and vice conveners of joint boards these additional payments shall not be included in the calculation of the maximum number of senior councillors to which remuneration may be paid.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Joint Board notes the introduction of The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007;
- 2.2 That it be noted that if the convener and vice convener of the joint board are senior councillors within their own authority, and their remuneration is equal to or greater than £21,160 or £20,102 respectively for the convener and vice convener, that they will be paid at this higher salary.
- 2.3 That it be noted that if the convener and vice convener are not senior councillors within their respective authorities, they will be paid £21,160 and £20,102 respectively; the difference from these amounts and the basic councillor salary being payable by their respective authority as per the relevant regulations.