

## **Scotland Excel**

**To: Joint Committee**

**On: 10 December 2021**

**Report by:  
The Clerk**

### **Consideration of Remuneration of the Roles of Convener and Vice Convener of the Scotland Excel Joint Committee**

#### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Scotland Excel Joint Committee on 11 December 2020 a request was made to examine the question of whether the roles of Convener and Vice Convener of the Scotland Excel Joint Committee could be remunerated. It was agreed that a report would be brought to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.
- 1.2 The matter has been considered in consultation with relevant finance officers. The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2007 (“The Regulations”) established the rules in respect of the remuneration of councillors. These include matters such as the roles of council leaders, civic heads and senior councillors.
- 1.3 The Regulations also set out that certain payments can be made to councillors in respect of convener and vice convener roles within certain joint boards. No provisions are made within the Regulations that permit such payments in respect of joint committees. Scotland Excel is a joint committee and is not a joint board within the terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- 1.4 The Regulations were further amended by The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2011. That amendment inserted a provision that “No local authority shall allow a body controlled by it to make any payments to its councillors by way of remuneration other than the reimbursement of authorised and receipted expenses.” As a joint committee, Scotland Excel is a body controlled by the member authorities. As such, the amended Regulations prohibit any remuneration being paid by Scotland Excel to any councillor. Accordingly, it would not be possible for the roles of Convener and Vice Convener to be remunerated.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members of the Joint Committee are requested to note the content of this report.