



Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

To: Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

On: 17 September 2021

Report
by
Clerk

Membership/Appointment of Depute Convener and Appointment of Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer

1. Summary

- 1.1 East Renfrewshire Council has advised that Provost Jim Fletcher will replace Councillor Paul O’Kane as a representative on the Valuation Joint Board. As a result of this decision, the Joint Board will require to appoint a Depute Convener, as the position was held by Councillor O’Kane.
- 1.2 At a meeting of the Appointment Sub-committee held on 3 August 2021, Robert Nicol was appointed as Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That it be noted that Provost Jim Fletcher will represent East Renfrewshire Council on the Joint Board;
- 2.2 That consideration be given to the appointment of a Depute Convener from amongst the members from East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Councils; and
- 2.3 That it be noted that Robert Nicol had been appointed as Assessor and Electoral Registration Officer.

4 Depute Convener

- 4.1 The Valuation Joint Boards (Scotland) Order 1995 states:

Conveners and depute conveners

3.1 (1) Each board shall appoint from its membership a convener and depute convener, but the convener and depute convener shall not, at any time, be members of the same constituent authority.

- 4.2 Councillor Audrey Doig, Renfrewshire Council, is Convener of the Joint Board therefore only members from East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Councils can be considered for the post of Depute Convener of the Joint Board.
- 4.3 At the meeting of the Joint Board held on 1 June 2018, the Joint Board considered a report by the Clerk and Treasurer relative to remuneration of elected members who are appointed Conveners and Vice-conveners of Joint Boards. The report advised that the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 introduced a system of remuneration for elected members, including the Convener and Vice-conveners of Joint Boards.
- 4.4 Since 2007, various amendment regulations had the effect of amending the yearly remuneration to be paid to elected members, including those elected members who were Conveners or Vice-Conveners of Joint Boards. The most recent amendment regulations had been laid before the Scottish Parliament on 18 January 2021 and came into effect on 1 April 2021. These amendment regulations, The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2021, stipulated changes to the remuneration rates payable to elected members. The change implemented by the 2021 amendment regulations was an increase of 4.2% in the yearly remuneration from 1 April 2021.
- 4.5 The 2021 amendment regulations also stipulated that the Vice-convener of a Joint Board shall be paid, from 1 April 2021, a total yearly amount of £22,095 inclusive of any amount payable to them as a local authority councillor under the 2007 Regulations. 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 cost for the newly appointed Depute Convener of the Joint Board shall be met in full by the local authority at which the position holder was an elected member.
- 4.6 If the newly appointed Depute Convener is a senior councillor, any difference between the yearly remuneration as Depute Convener, £22,095 from 1 April 2021, and what the yearly remuneration would otherwise ordinarily be as a senior councillor shall be met by the local authority at which the position holder is an elected member.