

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

15 JUNE 2007

Agenda Item	
Report No	

CONVENER AND VICE-CONVENER - REMUNERATION

Report by the Clerk

Summary

This Report advises Members of the levels of remuneration payable to the Convener and Vice Convener of this Board in terms of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007.

Background

1. The Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee (SLARC) has recommended that joint boards should be able to determine the level of remuneration paid to their conveners and vice conveners. This would, however, require amendment to primary legislation and, in the absence of such primary legislation, interim arrangements are set out in the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007.

The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007

2. The Regulations provide that the local authority of which the Convener or Vice Convener is a member will pay the remuneration appropriate to the Member's work with the Joint Board and will thereafter be reimbursed by the Joint Board. The Regulations provide that, for this Board, remuneration shall be paid to one Convener and one Vice Convener.

Convener

3. The Regulations provide that the Convener of a joint police board shall be paid an amount which, when added to any amount payable to that person as a Councillor or a Senior Councillor, shall equal 75 per cent of the total yearly amount payable to the Leader of the highest banded Constituent Authority represented on the Board. Accordingly, for this Board, the Convener's remuneration should equal 75 per cent of that of the leader of the Highland Council (Band C), as set out in the Regulations, i.e. 75 per cent of £36,055. This gives a figure of **£27,041** for the Convener's remuneration (this figure to include any amount payable as a Councillor or a Senior Councillor within the Convener's own Council).

Vice Convener

4. The Regulations provide that the Vice Convener of a joint police board shall be paid an amount which, when added to any amount payable to that person as a Councillor or a Senior Councillor, shall equal 75 per cent of the total yearly amount payable to the Board Convener (unless that amount equals less than the remuneration payable to the Vice Convener as a Councillor or Senior Councillor, in which case the Vice Convener shall be paid as a Councillor or Senior Councillor only). For this Board, the Vice Convener's remuneration should equal 75 per cent of £27,041, i.e. **£20, 281** (this figure to include any amount payable as a Councillor or a Senior Councillor within the Convener's own Council).

Recommendations

Members are asked to note the remuneration levels payable to the Convener and Vice Convener.

Signature

Designation Clerk

Date 23 May 2007

Author Mrs R Moir