

## **2010 Review of Remuneration Local Authority Councillors**

### **Background**

In March 2011 the “Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee” presented their fourth report to the Cabinet Secretary for finance and sustainable growth. The report contained three specific recommendations in relation to Community Justice Authorities.

The purpose of this paper is to look at what these three recommendations (25, 26 and 27) say.

**Recommendation 25:** That the salary for Conveners of Community Justice Authorities should be 40 per cent of that paid to the leader in a band A council i.e. £25,221

In order to understand the implications of this recommendation it is necessary to look at recommendation 5 of the report which states that the Councillor basic salary should be £18,916.

Recommendation 25 therefore means that in addition to basic salary the Convener of the CJA will receive an additional £6,305 (£18,916 plus £6,305 = £25,221)

**Recommendation 26:** The Conveners of Community Justice Authorities, who are senior Councillors in their own Council, should receive either the level of salary for a Community Justice Authority Convener or the level of salary for a senior Councillor, as determined by his/her own Council whichever is the higher.

It is understood this is the status quo that currently exists.

**Recommendation 27:** That no additional salary should be paid to Vice Conveners of Community Justice Authorities.

Vice Conveners currently receive remuneration of £3,045. This recommendation does away with the allowance completely

### **Financial Implications**

If the recommendations are accepted and put in place and assuming that neither the Convener nor Vice Convener is a “senior Councillor” as

described in recommendation 26 then the financial implication is as follows:

- Total budget required 2011/12 - £7,105 made up of Conveners additional remuneration of £4,060 plus Vice Conveners additional remuneration of £3,045.
- Total proposed budget required - £6,035 made up entirely of Conveners additional remuneration. A saving of £1,070 (£7105 - £6,035)

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