

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 2 May 2019

Senior Councillor Allowances/Appointment of Vice-Conveners

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To introduce new senior councillor positions of vice-convenor of the Regulatory Committee/Licensing Sub-Committee, and vice-convenor of the Licensing Board.
- 1.2 To agree that each of these posts be awarded a senior councillor allowance of £26,207, with effect from 3 May 2019.
- 1.3 To appoint a member to each of these positions.
- 1.4 To adjust the convenor of the Licencing Board's allowance to that of an Executive Committee convenor (£32,758), with effect from 3 May 2019.
- 1.5 To adjust each of the Opposition Group Leader's allowance to that of an Executive Committee vice convenor (£26,207), also with effect from 3 May 2019

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report invites Council to create two new vice-convener positions, and to acknowledge the associated responsibilities of each by payment of a Senior Councillor Allowance, effective from 3 May 2019.
- 2.2 Adjustments are also proposed to the allowances paid to the convener of the Licensing Board, and Opposition Group leaders.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council is permitted to appoint senior councillors and corresponding additional remuneration within a maximum number and budget set out in the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004.
- 3.2 Any adjustments to these payments require Council approval.

4. Main report

- 4.1 At its meeting on 7 February 2019, the Council agreed to dissolve Locality Committees, from 1 April 2019. Two of the locality committee conveners attracted a senior councillor allowance (of £24,121). These payments will also cease on 2 May 2019.
- 4.2 Neither the Licensing Board nor the Regulatory Committee/Licensing Sub-Committee are currently supported by a vice-convener. In view of the profile of licensing and regulatory issues within the capital city, it is proposed to introduce these now, and to use funding previously allocated to two Locality Committee conveners to provide a senior councillor allowance for each – effective from 3 May 19.
- 4.3 The opportunity also presents itself to address some anomalies in the allowance structure, making it flatter and more transparent.

- 4.4 Accordingly, it is proposed that the convener of the Licensing Board receive an allowance of £32,758, equivalent to an Executive Committee convener's, effective from 3 May 2019.
- 4.5 It is also suggested that Opposition Group Leaders' allowances be adjusted to £26,207, the level of an Executive Committee vice-convenor, again effective from 3 May 2019.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Any members appointed to these positions will require to undertake the relevant training, if not previously undertaken.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The total spend on senior councillor allowances will remain within the maximum prescribed by legislation.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 None.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 Minute of Council Meeting of 7 February 2019.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Senior Councillor Remuneration 2019-20.

APPOINTMENTS MAY 2019
SENIOR COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION

No.	Role	Pay - Percentage	Salary (as at 3 May 2019)	Councillor
1	Leader of the Council	Set by statute	£52,414	Adam McVey
2	Lord Provost	Set by statute	£39,310	Councillor Frank Ross
3	Depute Leader of the Council	75% (of leader's pay)	£39,310	Cammy Day
4	Depute Convener	50%	£26,207	Joan Griffiths
5	Convener – Culture and Communities	62.5%	£32,758	Donald Wilson
6	Convener – Transport and Environment	62.5%	£32,758	Lesley Macinnes
7	Convener – Housing and Economy	62.5%	£32,758	Kate Campbell
8	Convener – Education, Children and Families	62.5%	£32,758	Ian Perry
9	Convener – Finance and Resources	62.5%	£32,758	Alasdair Rankin
10	Vice-Convener – Culture and Communities	50%	£26,207	Amy McNeese-Meechen
11	Vice-Convener – Transport and Environment	50%	£26,207	Karen Doran
12	Vice-Convener – Housing and Economy	50%	£26,207	Lezley Marion Cameron

13	Vice-Convener – Education, Children and Families	50%	£26,207	Alison Dickie
14	Vice-Convener – Finance and Resources	50%	£26,207	Vacant
15	Convener - GRBV	50%	£26,207	Joanna Mowat
16	Licensing Board Convener	62.5%	£32,758	Norrie Work
17	Opposition Group Leader	50%	£26,207	Iain Whyte
18	Opposition Group Leader	50%	£26,207	Steve Burgess
19	Opposition Group Leader	50%	£26,207	Robert Aldridge
20	Planning Convener	62.5%	£32,758	Neil Gardner
21	Regulatory Convener	62.5%	£32,758	Cathy Fullerton
22	Convener or Vice-Convener of Integration Joint Board	62.5%	£32,758	Ricky Henderson
23	Vice-Convener - Planning	50%	£26,207	Maureen Child
24	Vice-Convener – Licensing Board	50%	£26,207	Vacant
25	Vice-Convener – Regulatory Committee	50%	£26,207	Vacant
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Total			£674,823	Does not include Leader of the Council or Lord Provost
Maximum			£681,366	
27	LVJB - Convener	Set by statute	£21,840	David Key