



Chair and Vice-Chairs' Remuneration

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Report by RTP Secretary/Assistant Chief Executive (Business Support)

1. Object of report

To advise the Partnership of the current approved remuneration arrangements for the posts of Chair and Vice-Chairs and to seek guidance on whether or not they be continued.

2. Background

As members may be aware, the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 introduced a system of remunerating elected members on a basic salary system – this legislation applies to local authorities and joint boards but does not apply specifically to Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs). The Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 and subsequent orders, permit RTPs to make payments with regard to expenses only, however the previous powers of the former Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority, which were transferred to the RTP, permits payments for approved duties (Special Responsibility Allowances). These approved duties are:-

- Attendance at a meeting of the body;
- Attendance at a meeting of a committee, or sub-committee of the body in particular circumstances; and
- Doing anything for the purpose of, or in connection with, the discharge of the functions of the organisation.

3. Outline of proposals

Given the anomaly in the legislation, SPT agreed previously to adopt the principles outlined in the legislation, insofar as practicable, in respect of councillors' remuneration and expenses, treating SPT consistently with the then police and fire boards. The impact of this would be that the Chair of this RTP would be entitled to receive a total payment equal to 75% of the remuneration of the leader of the highest banded council, and Vice-Chairs 75% of the Chair's remuneration. For SPT, therefore the total payment to be made to the Chair would equate up to £38,087 and the Vice Chairs up to £28,565

inclusive of any sum paid to them as a councillor. The basis of the remuneration has been kept under review to ensure consistency with any recommendation from The Scottish Local Authority Remuneration Committee (now lapsed), and subsequent Ministerial Guidance on this matter.

Consistent with previous decisions, the applicable date would be the date of appointment to the post.

All members and substitutes will be issued with an electronic copy of the Members' Allowance & Expenses Handbook as further guidance.

4. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to

- (a) note the basis of remuneration in respect of the Chair and Vice-Chairs' positions; and
- (b) determine whether or not these arrangements should continue.

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>none</i>
Legal consequences	<i>Complies with the principles of the Scottish Government guidance</i>
Financial consequences	<i>Costs are fully budgeted</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>none</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>none</i>
Risk consequences	<i>none</i>

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