

FC92. The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2018

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services advising of changes to the remuneration level for Councillors and seeking a decision on remuneration to positions within the gift of Council including the Provost and Senior Councillor payments.

For the purposes of remuneration there were four categories of Councillor:-

- the Leader of the Council
- the Civic Head (Provost)
- Senior Councillors
- Councillors.

Remuneration levels were increased annually in line with the percentage increase in the median annual earning of public sector workers in Scotland. For 2018/19 the increase was 0.4% representing the following changes:-

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| • Leader of the Council: | £33,857 to £33,992 |
| • Civic Head (maximum level): | £25,392 to £25,494 |
| • Senior Councillors (maximum level) | £25,392 to £25,494 |
| • Councillors | £16,927 to £16,994 |

Payments to the Civic Head and Senior Councillors were determined by Council. At its statutory meeting on 24 May 2017 Council agreed to remunerate the position of Provost at a level of £23,179.

As a band B authority the Council was able to appoint up to 14 Senior Councillors provided that no Senior Councillor's payment was more than 75% of the Leader's salary and that the total paid was not in excess of £297,416. At its statutory meeting on 24 May 2017 Council agreed to appoint 10 Senior Councillors (Level 1 £22,689, Level 2 £19,020) with a total remuneration of £219,552.

The remuneration paid to the Convener and Vice Convener of the Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board would increase from £21,160 and £20,103 to £21,245 and £20,183 respectively.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) **noted the terms of the Local Governance (Scotland) act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2018;**
- (2) **noted the increase in the level of remuneration that will be paid to councillors and to the Council leader, in accordance with the Regulations;**

- (3) agreed to apply a 0.4% increase to the level of remuneration paid to the Provost and Senior Councillors, and**
- (4) agreed that the Economic Development Portfolio be remunerated as a Senior Councillor (Level 1).**