

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Urgent Business Committee
DATE	25 March 2013
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Senior Councillors
REPORT NUMBER:	OCE/13/015

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report brings before the Committee for its consideration a change to the Senior Councillor appointments agreed at the Council's Statutory Meeting on 16 May 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) That the Committee considers the changes suggested by the Administration and decides whether or not to agree them.
- ii) Should the changes be agreed, that the Committee resolves that the new arrangements come into force on 1 April 2013.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of appointing an additional senior councillor can be met from within the Council's maximum permissible budget for the payment of allowances.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

At its Statutory Meeting on 16 May 2012 the Council had before it a report by the Chief Executive on the appointment of members to committees and the appointment of conveners and vice conveners (OCE/12/007).

The report included a section dealing with the payment of allowances to councillors and set out the following:

- i) up to 19 councillors can hold senior positions with an allowance of up to £28,410 provided the total is within the maximum permissible of £424,118;
- ii) a basic allowance of £16,234 must be paid as a minimum to each member of the Council. No member can be paid more than one allowance; and
- iii) Separate provision is made for the Civic Head and the Leader of the Council.

Appendix 1 shows the senior councillor appointments agreed by the Council at its Statutory Meeting and the allowances allocated to each of the roles.

Administration Leaders have indicated to the Chief Executive that they wish two changes to be made to the appointments agreed in May 2012 with the new arrangements coming in to force on 1 April 2013.

The proposed revised appointments and allocation of allowances are set out in Appendix 2. Councillor Forsyth replaces Councillor Boulton as Convener of the Licensing Committee and receives remuneration of £21,308 for the role. Councillor Boulton receives remuneration of £28,410 in her role as Depute Council Leader and continues as Convener of the Licensing Board.

The proposal increases the number of senior councillors to 17 from 16 and increases the total spend on senior allowances by £21,308 to £411,950. The new totals are within the maximum allowed.

The Committee is requested to consider the changes suggested by the Administration and decide whether or not to agree them.

6. IMPACT

The subject matter of the report is relevant to the delivery of the Council's Business Plan and its input to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement and Community Planning.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Not applicable.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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Appendix 1

Senior Councillors

Post	Appointee	Remuneration	Senior Councillor
Lord Provost	Councillor Adam	£28,410	
Depute Provost	Councillor Reynolds	£21,308	1
Council Leader	Councillor Crockett	£37,880	
Depute Council Leader	Councillor Boulton		
Convener, Audit & Risk	Councillor McCaig	£28,410	1
Vice Convener, Audit & Risk	Councillor Malone	£21,308	1
Convener, Corporate Policy and Performance	Councillor Graham	£28,410	1
Vice Convener, Corporate Policy and Performance	Councillor Taylor	£21,308	1
Convener, Education, Culture and Sport	Councillor Laing	£28,410	1
Vice Convener, Education, Culture and Sport	Councillor Thomson	£21,308	1
Convener, Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure	Councillor Crockett		
Vice Convener, Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure and Convener, Development Management Sub-Committee	Councillor Milne	£21,308	1
Convener, Finance and Resources	Councillor Young	£28,410	1
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Vice Convener, Housing and Environment	Councillor Jean Morrison MBE	£21,308	1
Convener, Social Care and Wellbeing	Councillor Ironside CBE	£28,410	1
Vice Convener, Social Care and Wellbeing	Councillor Lesley Dunbar	£21,308	1
Convener, Licensing Committee	Councillor Boulton	£28,410	1
Convener, Appeals Committee	Councillor Grant	£21,308	1
Convener, Licensing Board	Councillor Boulton		
Convener, Pensions Panel	Councillor Crockett		
Senior Councillor Totals		£390,642	16
Maximum allowed		£424,118	19

Statutory Council Meeting 16.5.12

Appendix 2

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Urgent Business Committee 25.3.13