

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales

Annual Report

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4. Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees (JOSC)

4.1 The Panel has set out the arrangements for the remuneration of chairs of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Sub-committees. The payments align with those of chairs of committees of principal councils set out in Section 3 (Level 2).

The following determinations apply:

Determination 15: The chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee is eligible for a salary equivalent to that part of a Band 3 Level 2 senior salary that remunerates a committee chair of a principal authority (£6,700).

Determination 16: In cases where the chair is already in receipt of a senior salary for a Band 3, 4 or 5 role the payment will be £3,350.

Determination 17: The chair of a sub committee of a JOSC is eligible for a salary of £1,675.

Determination 18: In cases where the chair of the sub committee is already in receipt of a senior salary for a Band 3, 4 or 5 role the payment will be £837.

Determination 19: Payments to chairs of task and finish sub committees are to be pro-rated to the duration of the task.

Determination 20: Payments made to a chair of a JOSC, or a chair of a sub committee of a JOSC, are additional to the maximum proportion of the authority's membership eligible for a senior salary. It should be noted that the statutory limit of no more than 50% of a council's membership receiving a senior salary applies (Section 142 (5) of the Measure).

Determination 21: A deputy chair of a JOSC or sub committee is not eligible for payment.

Determination 22: Co-optees to a JOSC or to a sub committee are not eligible for a co-opted member fee unless they are appointed by an authority under Section 144(5) of the Measure.

4.2 The remuneration of chairs of JOSCs (or a sub-committee of JOSCs) is not prescribed and is a matter for the constituent councils to decide whether such a post will be paid. However, if a senior salary is paid, it must be at the level set out in section 4 of this report.