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REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION

Timing: Urgent / Pressing / Routine

(Specify date required and why, where possible)

22 June 2015

Title: Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chair of the Joint Audit Committee

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Joint Audit Committee

Executive Summary: When members were first appointed to the transitional Joint Audit Committee the letters confirming their appointments (dated November 2012) stated an intention to appoint a substantive Chair to the Committee, but that 'an allowance for the Chair of the Joint Audit Committee will not be payable until such time as a substantive Chair is appointed'. Members were issued with a remuneration document which did not specify the Chair's allowance. Mr Alasdair Kenwright was appointed as substantive Chair in 2013. He did not receive an allowance, and asked for clarification on this matter. Mr Kenwright is now approaching the end of his two years as Chair. A new Chair will be appointed at the Committee meeting in June 2015, taking over from Mr Kenwright in September 2015.

The current remuneration of Joint Audit Committee members is based on rates set out in the Members' allowances and expenses scheme for the previous Police Authority. In this scheme a 40% uplift (approximately) was provided to Chairs of sub-committees in addition to their basic allowance as members. This was paid as a 'special responsibility allowance'.

Recommendation:

- That a Special Responsibility Allowance payable to the Chair of the Joint Audit Committee be set at 40% of the daily rate for members (currently £187 for full days / £93 for half days), and that this be paid to the Chair in addition to that daily rate;
- That Mr Kenwright be paid the Special Responsibility Allowance for his services as substantive Chair of the Joint Audit Committee from 2013 to date.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the NOLAN Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above has my approval.

Signature:

Date: 22/06/2015