



States Assembly

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Andrew McLaughlin
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Government of Jersey

BY EMAIL

18th December 2023

Dear Chief Executive,

Health and Community Services Advisory Board

Further to your letter dated 5th December 2023, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has considered the spending information in relation to the Health and Community Services Advisory Board ('Board'). The PAC noted the spending information provided in both your previous letter and in the proposition, 'Health and Community Services Interim Board (P.19/2023)' as amended, which are set out in the below table:

	P.19/2023 (as amended)	Letter – Chief Executive – 5th December 2023
Chair remuneration	£172,800 (2023 costs @ £14,400 per month)	£232,650 (November 2022 to end October 2023)
Chair expenses	£30,800	£21,561.44 (November 2022 to end October 2023)
NED remuneration	£37,500 (2023 costs @ £15,000 per NED)	£11,917 (October to December 2023 @ £1,083 per month per NED). - 3 NEDs contracted from 1 October 2023. 1 NED contracted from 1 December 2023. 1 NED position currently vacant/
NED expenses	£14,750	£1,356 (October to date)
Substantive Chair recruitment costs	£15,000	£19,500
NED recruitment	£65,000	£72,370
Senior Independent Director / Chair of Audit Committee and Chair of Board committees – estimated additional remuneration and travel allowance	£8,000	No cost information provided

Miscellaneous costs (for example, room hire, AV and meeting costs)	No cost information provided	£1,000 per month
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The PAC wish to highlight the above table is not a direct comparison, as the information provided in relation to projected and actual spend on the Board to date, also includes expenditure from 2022. The PAC should therefore be grateful if you could provide responses to the following questions in relation to the overspends and missing cost information highlighted above:

1. The PAC note the costs of Chair remuneration for 2023 was set out as £172,800 in P.19/2023 as amended, and this compares against actual spend on Chair remuneration of £232,650 between November 2022 and October 2023. Please can you provide a breakdown of actual spend on Chair remuneration in 2022 and 2023?
 - a. Please can you confirm the number of days worked by the Chair in 2022 and 2023?
 - b. Please can you describe the nature of the work undertaken by the Chair in 2022 and 2023?
 - c. Please can you explain why the actual costs of the Chairs remuneration between November 2022 and October 2023, exceeded the whole year 2023 costs budgeted for in P.19/2023?
 - d. The PAC also note that £15,000 was allocated for recruitment of a substantive Chair. Please can you provide more information about the additional spend of £4,500 on 'advertising costs' which were not provided for in P.19/2023?
2. The spend on NED recruitment costs is £7,370 above the maximum cost set out in P.19/2023. Please can you provide more information about this overspend?
3. P.19/2023 highlighted costs of £8,000 in 2023 for '*Senior Independent Director / Chair of Audit Committee and Chair of Board committees – estimated additional remuneration and travel allowance*'. Please can you confirm whether any funds were expended on this?
4. The 'Miscellaneous costs' set out at approximately £1,000 per month in your letter were not provided for in P.19/2023. Please can you confirm whether the total additional expenditure for 2023 is therefore approximately £12,000 on 'Miscellaneous costs'?

The PAC would request a response to this letter by 5pm on Thursday 4th January 2024. It is the intention of the PAC to publish both this letter and your response on the States Assembly website.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Lyndsay Feltham
Chair
Public Accounts Committee