

<b>Report to:</b>	Independent Remuneration Panel  Council	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	7 September 2017  21 September 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	Amendment to the Scheme of Members Allowances 2017/18		
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Regulation and Compliance	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Regulation, Compliance and Corporate Services		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	NO	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	NO		

### Summary:

The purpose of the report is to propose an amendment to the Council's Scheme of Members' Allowances in relation to Members who have been appointed to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee for 2017/18.

### Recommendation:

The Panel, having considered the information, recommend to the Council that the Members Allowances Scheme be amended to include a Special Responsibility Allowance of £5,875 per annum for each of the four Sefton Members serving on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee, along with the additional responsibility of the Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee and Lead Member Rail being paid an additional £9,975 as outlined within the report and as advised at the meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

### Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To ensure that the governance arrangements of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee are applied and the four Sefton Members serving on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee receive their Members Allowances for this work undertaken.

### Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None.

### What will it cost and how will it be financed?

#### (A) Revenue Costs

Nil. The changes to accommodate the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee allowances would create an annual revenue cost to Sefton of £32,675. The Combined Authority will make similar savings as a result of the fact that it no longer pays Allowances to Merseytravel Committee Members As a result it is expected that a commensurate reduction in future levies to the Combined Authority will be used to net off the Council's additional costs. Discussions will need to take place with the Combined Authority to determine how the costs incurred in 2017/18 will be recovered as the levy has already been set for the year.

**(B) Capital Costs**

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<p><b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b></p> <p>The changes to accommodate the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee allowances would create an annual cost of £32,675. It is anticipated that the Combined Authority will make similar savings as a result of the fact that it no longer pays Allowances to Merseytravel Committee Members and discussions will therefore take place with a view to a commensurate reduction in future levies to the Combined Authority which will be used to fund the Council's additional costs. Discussions will need to take place with the Combined Authority to determine how the costs incurred in 2017/18 will be recovered as the levy has already been set for the year.</p>
<p><b>Legal Implications:</b></p>
<p><b>Equality Implications:</b></p> <p>The scheme has regard to the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 and other equality legislation and is designed to encourage diversity on the Council and facilitate local democratic engagement. The 2017/18 Members' Allowances Scheme promotes the role of a Councillor and the activities of elected members.</p>

**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable: Not applicable
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Having Membership from Sefton on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee could increase the opportunities and benefits that may arise through collaborative working.
Drivers of change and reform: As above

Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: As above
Greater income for social investment: As above
Cleaner Greener: As above

## What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

### (A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD.4799/17) has been consulted and notes the changes should bring about no increase in Costs for the Council. The expense of meeting the allowances for the four Sefton Members serving on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee should be offset by a corresponding reduction in the annual levy raised by the Combined Authority. The Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD.4083/17) has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

### Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Council meeting.

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### Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

#### 1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Prior to May 2017, the Merseytravel Committee was largely responsible for overseeing the Combined Authority's transport responsibilities, including making recommendations to the Combined Authority and taking decisions on matters delegated to it by the Combined Authority. From May 2017, this work will be undertaken by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's Transport Committee.
- 1.2 Previously, the allowances paid to Sefton Members appointed to the Merseytravel Committee were paid by the Council and reimbursed by Merseytravel.
- 1.3 From May, 2017 any allowances for Transport Committee Members must be paid and funded by each constituent authority within the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. In respect of Sefton, up to four Elected Members can be nominated to sit on the Transport Committee.
- 1.4 The Adjourned Meeting of the Annual Council on 16 May 2017 agreed that the four Transport Committee Members from Sefton would comprise:-

Councillor McKinley;  
Councillor Carr;  
Councillor Friel – Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee; and  
Councillor Dodd.

- 1.5 It is currently anticipated that the Elected Members nominated to the Transport Committee will carry out roles which are broadly in line the duties previously carried out on the Merseytravel Committee. Each nominated Elected Member should therefore receive a Basic Allowance in line with the previous rate as a nominated representative on the Merseytravel Committee.
- 1.6 In addition, and again in line with previous arrangements for the Merseytravel Committee, it is suggested that a Sefton Elected Member should receive a Special Responsibility Allowance for specific duties on the Transport Committee as Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee and Lead Member of Rail.
- 1.7 The governance arrangements for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee are currently being reviewed and any proposed changes will be reported to the Independent Remuneration Panel and Council in due course.
- 1.8 The Members' Allowances for Elected Members of Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council serving on the Liverpool City Region Transport Committee being as follows:-  
  
Basic Allowance - £5,675;  
Special Responsibility Allowance – Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee and Lead Member Rail - £9,975
- 1.9 The Panel, having considered the information, recommend to the Council that the Members Allowances Scheme for the Council be amended to include the allowances for the four Sefton Members serving on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee as outlined within the report.