

Report to: West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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Subject: **Members' Allowances Scheme**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To consider and approve the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's (the Combined Authority's) Members' Allowances Scheme.

2. Information

- 2.1 The Head of Legal and Governance Services has reviewed the Combined Authority's Members' Allowances Scheme. As part of this review, allowances schemes adopted by the Combined Authority's constituent councils have been reviewed, but no changes have been made to those schemes which impact on the Combined Authority's Scheme.
- 2.2 No substantive amendments are proposed to the Members' Allowances Scheme adopted at the last annual meeting of the Combined Authority, although minor amendments are proposed for clarification. In particular, it is proposed to clarify that provision for travelling and subsistence allowances and the dependants' carers' allowance extends to the public representatives appointed by the Combined Authority to attend any District Consultation Sub-Committee.

3. Inclusive Growth Implications

3.1 None.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The proposed clarification confirming public representatives' entitlement to expenses reflects current practice, and as such will not impact on the total claimed under the Scheme.

4.2 The total amount payable in any municipal year in respect of allowances and expenses varies according to the number of members appointed and the claims made.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Combined Authority has a duty to make an allowances scheme before the beginning of each year.

5.2 The West Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2014 which established the Combined Authority provides that no allowances (except in relation to travelling and subsistence) can be paid to the ten members of the Combined Authority.

6. Staffing Implications

6.1 None.

7. External Consultees

7.1 The statutory duty to consider recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel does not apply to the Combined Authority (although the Combined Authority practice is to seek Panel recommendations in respect of any substantive change).

8. Recommendations

8.1 That the Combined Authority adopts the Members' Allowances Scheme attached as Appendix 1 to this report, for the municipal year 2018-2019.

9. Background Documents

9.1 None.

10. Appendices

Appendix 1 – West Yorkshire Combined Authority Members' Allowances Scheme