

Report to: West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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Subject: **Transport Committee Review**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To consider and approve changes to the future role, membership, role profiles and terms of reference of Transport Committee, to be implemented from the Annual Meeting on 23 June 2022 for the next municipal year.
- 1.2 To consider a report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) in relation to the payment of allowances for the future roles of Deputy Chair, Transport Engagement Lead and Ordinary Member of Transport Committee, and to determine the level of allowances to be payable to members undertaking these roles once appointed.

2. Information

Transport Committee Review

- 2.1 At its meeting on 3 February 2022 the Combined Authority considered and approved in principle changes to the future role, membership, role profiles and terms of reference of Transport Committee.
- 2.2 Transport Committee, Transport Scrutiny Committee and Corporate Scrutiny Committee have since considered the proposals at their March 2022 meetings. The Portfolio Lead for Transport and the Lead Director for the

Transport Committee Review will report to the meeting any significant matters raised.

- 2.3 The future membership framework, role profiles, and terms of reference for Transport Committee are set out at **Appendices 1 to 3** respectively.

Members' allowances

- 2.4 The Combined Authority's Members' Allowances Scheme is set out in Part 6 of the Constitution (see **Background Documents**). This provides for the payment of an allowance to co-opted members of Combined Authority committees, except those already receiving an allowance from an authority in respect of their duties. It does not provide for an allowance to be paid to Combined Authority members, with the exception of the Mayor as provision for payment of allowances to Combined Authority members is expressly prohibited by the 2021 Order setting up the Combined Authority. These provisions mean that the role of Chair and the transport-related portfolio holders do not qualify for a Combined Authority allowance in the future Transport Committee structure.
- 2.5 An Independent Remuneration Panel was convened to consider the appropriate level of allowances to be paid to for the following future qualifying roles:
- Deputy Chair (2 roles)
 - Transport Engagement Lead (5 roles)
 - Ordinary member (10 roles).
- 2.6 The IRP has now concluded its review and their report and recommendations are set out in full at **Appendix 4**. There is no statutory provision to consult an IRP on the issue of remuneration, although it has always been the practice of the Combined Authority to do so. The recommendations of the IRP are therefore intended to assist in determining an appropriate level of remuneration although there is no legal requirement to accept them.
- 2.7 The IRP recommendations set out in the Executive Summary at page 2 of the Report are that:

The IRP recommends that the following remuneration is paid to co-opted Members on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority:

* Two Deputy Chairs:	£13,731
* Five Engagement Leads:	£3,663
* Ten other Ordinary Co-opted Members:	£2,616

That the WYCA considers applying indexation in future years but may wish to do so as part of a wider application of all co-optees remuneration.

That the proposed remuneration for co-opted Members on the WYCA Transport Committee is implemented from the date the new governance

arrangements are established, which is on the date of the WYCA Annual Meeting on 23rd June 2022.

- 2.8 For information, the Panel's recommended allowance levels in comparison to the current Transport Committee are set out in **Appendix 5**.
- 2.9 The IRP has suggested the Combined Authority considers indexation of the allowances. Allowances available for co-opted members of other Combined Authority committees (i.e. the scrutiny committees) are not currently indexed, but this is common practice, including in the allowances schemes of the Constituent Councils. It is proposed that the matter of indexation of allowances for co-opted members of Combined Authority committees is considered in the round at a future meeting.

Proposal

- 2.10 The Combined Authority is invited to approve changes to Transport Committee for implementation from the 2022/23 municipal year, as set out in the recommendations, including to approve the level of allowances to be payable to members undertaking qualifying roles on the Committee.

Next steps

- 2.11 Arrangements to support the function of the future Transport Committee and the respective member roles will be developed for implementation in the next municipal year. Transport Committee is expected to meet around eight times per year to deal with the anticipated workload.
- 2.12 The necessary changes to the Combined Authority Constitution reflecting the amended proposals will be made when these are implemented following the Annual Meeting.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 3.1 There has been no material change to the proposals considered and approved in principle by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 3 February 2022.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1 There has been no material change to the proposals considered and approved in principle by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 3 February 2022.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 There has been no material change to the proposals considered and approved in principle by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 3 February 2022.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The recommendations from the IRP with regard to the allowances for the remunerated roles on Transport Committee will, if accepted, be a decrease on current costs, as summarised at **Appendix 5**.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Staffing Implications

- 8.1 The changes will require changes to officer arrangements for supporting Transport Committee members. It is anticipated that this will be managed from within existing resources.

9. External Consultees

- 9.1 The advice of an Independent Remuneration Panel has informed the proposals in this report.

10. Recommendations

- 10.1 That the Combined Authority approves the following to be of effect from the Annual Meeting on 23 June 2022:
- The membership framework set out at Appendix 1.
 - The role profiles set out at Appendix 2.
 - The proposed Transport Committee terms of reference set out at Appendix 3.
 - Removal of District Consultation Sub-Committees as sub-committees of Transport Committee.
- 10.2 That the Combined Authority considers the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to remuneration for qualifying future roles on Transport Committee (Appendix 4) and determines the level of remuneration to be of effect following the Annual Meeting for the municipal year 2022/23.
- 10.3 That the Combined Authority notes the proposal to consider indexation of allowances for co-opted members of Combined Authority committees at a future meeting.

11. Background Documents

Transport Committee Review, Item 8, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, 3 February 2022. Available here:
<https://westyorkshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=133&MIId=1084>

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority Constitution can be accessed online via this link: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-transparency/governance-information-for-the-combined-authority/>

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Future membership framework

Appendix 2 – Future role profiles

Appendix 3 – Proposed future terms of reference

Appendix 4 – Independent Remuneration Panel report

Appendix 5 – Comparative remuneration levels