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Subject: Members' Allowances Scheme

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1. Purpose

1.1 To consider and approve the Members' Allowances Scheme.

2. Information

2.1 No substantive amendments are proposed to the Members' Allowances Scheme adopted at the last annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA). It is not proposed that any allowances are paid to members or co-opted members on the new advisory committees/sub-committee, as these will be carrying out work previously carried out by LEP Panels, in respect of which no remuneration was paid. However, the co-optees will be able to claim expenses including travelling subsistence and payments in respect of dependent carers under the Scheme. Nor is it proposed to provide an allowance to the Independent member of Governance and Audit Committee, although expenses will be paid.

2.2 The Head of Legal and Governance Services proposes minor amendments to the Scheme to clarify:

- the circumstances in which SRAs will not be paid;
- that it is not lawful for Members to receive expenses in respect of attending party political conferences.

2.3 The proposed amendments are highlighted in the **Appendix** to this report.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 No major implications arise specifically from approving the Scheme. The total amount payable in any municipal year in respect of allowances and expenses will

vary according to the number of members appointed and the claims made. It is therefore likely to increase further to any increase in the number of co-optees on committees or sub-committees.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 WYCA has a duty to make an allowances scheme before the beginning of each year.

4.2 Under the WYCA Order 2014, no allowances (except in relation to travelling and subsistence) can be paid to WYCA Members.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1 None.

6. External Consultees

6.1 The statutory duty to consider recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel does not apply to WYCA (although WYCA have previously sought and considered Panel recommendations when substantive changes seemed likely).

7. Recommendations

7.1 That the revised Members Allowances Scheme, attached as an Appendix to this report, is adopted for the municipal year 2017- 2018.

8. Background Documents

8.1 None.