

AGENDA ITEM 6F. - Amendment – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Proposed by Councillor Pat Cleary
Seconded by Councillor Chris Cooke

Replace Recommendation (1) with the following:

Council notes:

- The relatively very large special responsibility allowance (SRA) recommended for members of the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Transport Committee (£5,675) plus the additional allowance for a Lead Member (£4,433) and that all Transport Committee members currently enjoy free public transport across the LCR.
- The lack of any recommended allowance for Vice Chairs of the Policy and Services committees
- The unexplained thresholds for the SRA for the Deputy Leader of the third largest group (at least six members) and the Leader of Other Groups (at least three members)
- The potentially perverse outcomes of the current recommendations whereby, for example, the Deputy Leader of a third largest group comprising of at least six members would receive a SRA four times greater than the Leader of a Group with five members (£4,800/£1,200)

Council therefore agrees to approve the Members' Allowance Scheme detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and the schedule of approved duties with the following changes:

Amend the Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) payable to LCR Transport Committee members to align with the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority (£1,834) and to amend the additional SRA payable to a Lead Member of the Transport Committee to the same amount (£1,834);

Council also agrees to ask the Remuneration Panel as part of its planned review in the next municipal year to specifically consider:

1. The introduction of SRAs for Vice Chairs of the Policy and Services Committees.
2. Adjustments to the scheme to remove the potential for perverse outcomes as detailed above.

and to write to the Chair of the LCR Transport Committee detailing this decision.