

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## PENSIONS COMMITTEE

19 NOVEMBER 2013

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>VISIT TO NATIONAL EXPRESS US OPERATIONS</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b> <i>(Defined in paragraph 13.3 of Article 13 'Decision Making' in the Council's Constitution.)</i>	NO

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report seeks approval for the Chair of Pensions Committee to accept an invitation to undertake a site visit of the US bus operations of National Express as a follow up to a LAPFF engagement meeting.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 At the October Investment Monitoring Working Party certain issues were raised with regard to labour relations and working practices in the US bus operations of National Express. This resulted in a meeting between the Chair of Pensions Committee and another member of the LAPFF executive and representatives of National Express.

2.2 As an outcome of the meeting, an invitation was made for the Chair of Pensions Committee to undertake a site visit of the bus operations around which there were concerns. This visit would serve a twofold purpose: to further MPF's engagement activities; and support the continuing engagement between LAPFF and National Express.

### 3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### 4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 No other options have been considered

### 5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 There has been no consultation undertaken or proposed for this report. There are no implications for partner organisations arising out of this report.

### 6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

7.1 The cost of a flight to the US is expected to be around £800. There may be the need for an internal flight. At present, the duration of the visit is uncertain but the ancillary costs are anticipated to be within subsistence allowances.

## **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(b) No because there is no relevance to equality.

## **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

12.1 That Committee approves this site visit by the Chair of Pensions Committee.

## **13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

13.1 The visit aligns with the Fund's engagement activities and forms a part of the Chair's activities as a member of the LAPFF executive.

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## **APPENDICES**

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

NONE

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>



