

**QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF HIS PORTFOLIO REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR PHIL GILCHRIST**

The Leader's Portfolio report states,

*“At its meeting on 13th February, the Combined Authority considered proposals for setting the Mersey Tunnel tolls for 2015/16. Following a discussion, the Authority agreed that both the Cash Toll and the Fast Tag Toll for 2015/16 should be frozen at the 2014/15 levels. The CA also proposed to review the whole arrangements in relation to Tunnel Costs and Tolls, particularly in light of the current devolution agenda.*

*A Task Group, to include myself as Chair of the Combined Authority, and representatives of both the Merseytravel Committee and the Combined Authority, is looking at the issues and will report back in the coming months.”*

Question –

Can the leader advise:

- (a) Is this work looking into how the Tunnels surplus has been used in recent years?
- (b) If and how the Mersey Ferry operations have been supported out of this surplus?
- (c) The status of any understanding that surpluses have been spent on transportation schemes of mutual benefit,

If so, might these be drawn together and the projects listed for the information of Members.