

WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

**AT A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON
FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2009**

PRESENT: C Lord (Chair)

Councillors T Brice, R Downes, J Jarosz, A Pinnock, K Rhodes,
M Walker

Independent Members

Mr M Dixon, Mr M Flannery

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Hawkesworth,
G Phelps and P Wadsworth.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Carolyn Lord declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No 4 (Review of
Members' Allowances Scheme). She informed the meeting that she had been
a member of the Independent Members' Remuneration Panel that reviewed
the Authority's members' allowances scheme in 2003.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2008 be
approved.

4. REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

The Committee considered a report of the Clerk and Chief Financial Officer on
the Members' Allowances Scheme proposed for 2009/10.

Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances

Members were informed that under the 2003 Local Authority Members
Allowances Regulations, a revised scheme was required to be approved,
each year, before the start of the financial year.

Members reviewed the scheme and in view of the fact that there had been no
significant changes to the responsibilities of Members, proposed that no
revisions be made other than to update the cost of the basic and special

responsibility allowances by 2.5% to reflect the percentage increase granted to the Executive's staff on 1 April 2008.

Travelling and Subsistence Expenses

New rates for travelling and subsistence expenses had not yet been published but were expected to be announced shortly. Schedule 3 of the scheme would be automatically amended to reflect the new rates when received and members would be notified of any changes in rates which would apply from 1 April 2009.

RESOLVED -

- (a)** That the proposed Members' Allowances Scheme be recommended from 1 April 2009.
- (b)** That the scheme be amended from 1 April 2009 for any revised travelling and expenses rates subsequently issued by the Executive for their staff.
- (c)** That the scheme be amended to reflect the appointment of two further independent members to the Standards Committee.