

**WEST YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

**AT A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON  
WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2010**

**PRESENT:** C Lord (Chair)

Councillors Y Crewe, R Downes, C Greaves, A Hawkesworth and J Jarosz

**Independent Members**

Mr M Dixon and Mr M Flannery

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Pinnock.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Carolyn Lord declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No 5 (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.

Councillors Crewe, Downes, Greaves, Hawkesworth and Jarosz declared personal interests in Agenda Item No 5 (Review of Members' Allowances Scheme), as they would be eligible for an allowance.

**3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2009 be approved.

**4. REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME**

The Committee considered a report of the Clerk and a copy of the Review of the Authority's Members' Allowances Scheme, which had been carried out by Dr Declan Hall in the light of the new Governance arrangements, and which would be implemented at the Authority's AGM in June.

It was reported that in order to facilitate the new Governance arrangements the Authority had commissioned Dr Hall, an expert in that field who had conducted the Authority's first allowances review in 2003, to undertake a further review of the current allowances scheme.

In presenting his report to the Committee, Dr Hall commented that the review had paid regard to the relevant legislation, interviews conducted with ITA members and officers, allowance schemes in the nominating districts in West Yorkshire and comparative practices in the constituent councils and other ITA's. Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions of Dr Hall.

Members of the Standards Committee commented that they were satisfied that all appropriate information and facts had been taken into account by Dr Hall and that the resultant report correctly presented a reasoned independent review of the allowances available to members of the Authority.

**RESOLVED -**

- (a)** That the independent review of members' allowances be noted and be referred to the Authority's Annual General Meeting with a recommendation that the scheme be approved.
- (b)** That the scheme be amended from 1 April 2010 for any revised travelling and expenses rates subsequently issued by the Executive for their staff.