



MERSEYSIDE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Minutes of the meeting held in-person and virtually on 7 December 2022.

Present

Members representing areas

Knowsley	Cllr J. A Parker (Whiston TC)
Sefton	Cllr A. Wilson (Lydiate PC for Cllr J. Bailey)
St. Helens	Cllr A. Makin (Bold PC)

Officers & guests in attendance

MALC Interim Area Secretary (and Town Clerk, Halewood TC)	Gerry Allen (Gerry Allen)
Town Clerk, Prescott TC	Alex Spencer
Town Clerk, Whiston TC	Sandra Myers

At the commencement of the meeting, the Area Secretary announced the resignation of Cllr G. Harris (Aintree PC) from his role in MALC. He requested support from an attending member to Chair the first three items on the agenda, and potentially the remainder of the meeting, Cllr A. Makin (Bold PC) took on the role for the meeting.

19. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Bailey (Lydiate PC), Cllr R. McCann (Formby PC), Cllr G. Ward (Rainhill PC), Cllr C Rose (Halewood TC) and Cllr M. Burke (Prescot TC). Also, S Powell (Clerk at Rainford PC).

20. Minutes

The previous minutes from 5th October were approved and signed by the Chair.

21. Matters Arising

None

22. New Interim Chairperson of MALC

In addition to chairing the meeting held on 7th December, Cllr Makin also offered to take on the role for the remainder of the municipal year.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed and,

RESOLVED that,

- a) Cllr Makin takes on the role of Interim Chair of MALC through to the Annual Meeting in June 2023.

23. Remuneration of Area Secretary

*** G. Allen declared an interest in this agenda item and left the room***

A report was shared with members outlining the issue of the remuneration for the MALC Area Secretary. G. Allen declared an interest in this agenda item and subsequently left the room.

Members discussed the remuneration figure for the Area Secretary. Advice from LALC was to set this at £255.00 per annum.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed and,

RESOLVED that,

- a) The report be noted and,
- b) The Area Secretary be remunerated with an annual sum of £300 per annum.

G. Allen returned to the meeting after this discussion

24. Feedback from Meeting with the City Region

The Area Secretary advised the meeting with Mr. Liam Robinson (Transport Lead for the City Region) was postponed with short notice due to the election of Mr. Robinson as the new Leader of the Labour Group on Liverpool City Council.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed and,

RESOLVED that,

- a) The update be noted and,

- b) Cllr Makin to invite his St. Helens MBC council colleague to address the February MALC Meeting to discuss his role on the City Region Transport Executive.

25. Area Updates

G. Allen noted the recent feedback received from some councils in Sefton regarding association with MALC, and the potential merits of forming a Sefton 'group' of small councils rather than a Merseyside version. This would be similar to the structure across Lancashire for places like Blackburn, Fylde, West Lancashire etc. He proposed that, as Area Secretary, colleagues from Sefton are invited to the next meeting to share their proposals and a seek a clear way forward given the implications for MALC.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed and,

RESOLVED that,

- a) The Area Secretary contact the Sefton Councils proposing an agenda item to discuss their suggestions for a Sefton-only Area Committee.

26. Correspondence

None

27. Open Forum

S. Mayers updated on progress with the 'charter' between Town Councils in Knowsley and Knowsley MBC.

28. Any Other Business

None.

The meeting concluded at 7.01pm

Next Meetings

Weds. 1 February 2023	6.00pm	Prescot Town Hall
Weds. 29 March 2023	6.00pm	Arncliffe Centre, Halewood
tbc	6.00pm (Annual Meeting)	tbc