

SUPPLEMENTAL

Report to: Council
Date: 18 April 2018
Reporting Officer: Operational Director – Legal & Democratic Services
Portfolio: Transportation
Subject: Mersey Gateway

1.0 **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report advises the Council of the responses to the consultation from the Traffic Penalty Tribunal on the proposed updated Road User Charging Scheme Order 2018 (the 2018 RUCSO). As a result of these responses the 2018 RUCSO has been amended from that appended to the published report (the revised 2018 RUCSO).
- 1.2 This report asks the Council to make the revised 2018 RUCSO in the form at Appendix 2 to this supplemental report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Council should make the updated RUCSO in the form (or substantially the same form) as that in Appendix 2 and delegate to the Operational Director (Legal & Democratic Services) the authority to make any non-material or consequential amendments as are necessary to enable the revised 2018 RUCSO to be made.

3.0 **Background**

- 3.1 At the time that the report to Council on the MGB 2018 RUCSO was published, the response to the consultation from the Traffic Penalty Tribunal was not available. Their response was received on 10 April 2018 has been given due and careful consideration.

4.0 **Revised 2018 RUCSO**

- 4.1 The Council undertook public consultation on an updated RUCSO from 8 to 29 March 2018 (inclusive). The Council also consulted a wide range of consultees it had identified as appropriate pursuant to section 170(1A) of the Transport Act 2000 including the Traffic Penalty Tribunal(TPT).
- 4.2 TPT's comments on the updated RUCSO were not received until 10 April 2018. These comments are considered in the Supplementary to the Consultation Report, which can be found at Appendix 1 to this report. In

response to the comments from TPT a small number of amendments to the updated RUCSO are suggested as set out in that report. These have been incorporated into the revised 2018 RUCSO to be found at Appendix 2.

- 4.3 It is not considered that any further consultation is required or that an inquiry needs to be held into the making of the updated RUCSO, because all issues raised by TPT have been addressed.

5.0 Resource Implications

The resource implications associated with these proposals will be met from the Mersey Gateway Project Account and not from general Council funds.

6.0 Risk

The cost of proposed update to the 2017 Road User Charging Order and the Hardship Scheme can be met from the MG Project Account and not from general Council funds.

The Order regulates the tolling regime and enforcement arrangements.

If there is a shortfall in revenues this would need to be rectified through a higher toll/charge. This is not currently envisaged as traffic flows are in line with the business case.

7.0 Equality and Diversity

Other than the matters identified in the report there are no implications for equality and diversity.

8.0 Conclusion

In light of the information contained in this report, the Council is asked to make the resolutions detailed at paragraph 2.0 of this Report.

List of Appendices

- APPENDIX 1 - Supplementary to the Consultation Report
- APPENDIX 2 - revised 2018 RUCSO