

Member Contributions

All LowCVP members are required to make an annual membership contribution towards the costs of operating the Partnership. The level of contributions has been set at a low level and varies depending upon the means of the organisation.

The contribution may be made either through paying an annual membership subscription or making an appropriate in-kind contribution or equivalent value. SMMT members make a contribution through a specially negotiated collective contribution.

For 2011/12 the standard fees are shown below.

Turnover	Annual fee
• Large Companies >£50M	£2750
• Medium companies >£1.5M <£50M	£550
• Small companies <£1.5M	£137.50
• Public sector & academic	£137.50
• Not for profit	£55

In-kind contributions can be made in lieu of cash. The in-kind contribution must directly benefit LowCVP by offsetting costs that would otherwise be incurred. Active participation in LowCVP activities, such as attending meetings is not considered an appropriate in-kind contribution, since this is a condition of membership. Examples of in-kind contributions that will be welcomed are listed below but companies can propose alternatives:

- Secondment of staff to LowCVP for a limited period or part-time basis. This could include technical, communications or administrative staff
- Offers to lead or undertake specific LowCVP projects on behalf of the Secretariat
- Provision of data of value to the Secretariat
- Sponsorship (shared where appropriate) of specific LowCVP projects – such as the annual car label survey
- Significant offers of space for meetings or venues such as for the annual conference
- Provision of independent legal advice
- Provision of HR or audit services.

SMMT members may make their contribution through a collective arrangement negotiated between SMMT and LowCVP. This will be of equivalent value to that which individual members would have made. SMMT members still need to complete the membership application in the usual way including agreeing to the membership commitments and principles and the Memorandum and Articles of Association to join in their own right.