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LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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To: All Members of the Liverpool City

Region Combined Authority Scrutiny

Panel

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel to be held on Wednesday, 20 April 2016 at 11.15 a.m. in the Authority Chamber - Mann Island

The agenda for the meeting is attached.

Should Members need to declare an interest in any items included on the agenda, forms are obtainable from the Democratic Services Team or in the meeting.

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Yours faithfully

David Parr

Lead Officer - Scrutiny

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<u>Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel</u>

20 April 2016

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LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY SCRUTINY PANEL

At a meeting of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel on Wednesday, 13 January 2016 at Authority Chamber - Mann Island, Liverpool

Present: Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), Brown, Connor, Hurley, Killen, Leech, O'Brien, Sullivan and Woolfall

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Jones and McGuire

Absence declared on Council business: None

Also in Attendance: David Parr, Ian Leivesley, Angela Scott, Dr Pernille Kousgaard and three members of the public

ITEM DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD

Action

14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2015, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

15 LIVERPOOL CITY REGION DEVOLUTION DEAL

The Panel received a report of the Lead Officer – Scrutiny, which provided an update on the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Devolution Deal (the Deal).

At its meeting on 20 November 2015, the combined Authority (CA) had approved the Deal. The key elements of the Deal included agreement with Government around devolution powers covering:-

- Economic Development and energy;
- Transport Infrastructure;
- Housing development and planning for growth; and
- Employment and Skills.

It was noted that the Deal also required the LCR to adopt a new governance model with the introduction of a directly elected City Region Mayor, with the first elections to that role taking place in May 2017.

Attached to the report was a copy of the LCR Devolution Agreement. The section on 'Governance' stated that the LCR Mayor and the Liverpool City Region CA would be scrutinised and held to account by the LCR CA Overview and Scrutiny Committee(s). As the Scrutiny Panel had developed some experience of scrutinising within the CA setting, having carried out a number of reviews, it was considered important that the CA used the Panels' experience when developing the new governance arrangements.

Members discussed the following:

- The voting arrangements of the new CA and the autonomous powers of the Directly Elected Mayor;
- The political working arrangements, which included the allocation of portfolio responsibilities to each of the CA Leaders who would act in a supporting and advisory role within their respective policy areas;
- The interim officer arrangements with the appointment of the Head of Paid Service (Ged Fitzgerald) and the Chief Executive of Merseytravel (Frank Rogers);
- The preparation of a revised Constitution document which would be governed by legislation. This would be brought to the Scrutiny Panel as a working document;
- The role of the 'Shadow' CA from June 2016; and
- The commencement of the new CA with a Directly Elected Mayor, from May 2017.

RESOLVED: That

- The signing of the Devolution Deal be noted and welcomed; and
- 2) Members' comments on the new arrangements be noted.

16 AFFORDABLE TRANSPORT - SHORT HOP BUS FARES REVIEW

The Panel received a report of the Lead Officer – Scrutiny, on the Affordable Transport – Short Hop Bus Fares Review.

Lead Officer Scrutiny As part of its Work Programme, the Panel identified Affordable Transport as one of its topics for review. This was further refined to examine the issue of the cost of short hop bus fares.

Attached as an appendix was a report which contained a number of recommendations from the work which the Panel had undertaken.

Councillor Brown commented on the issue of the removal of dedicated bus lanes in Liverpool and the impact this had had on arrival and/or journey times; it was noted that this had been commented upon by two of the bus companies that had provided evidence.

RESOLVED: That

- Subject to the inclusion of text relating to the impact of the removal of bus lanes, the report be endorsed; and
- 2) the Combined Authority be asked to consider the recommendations and report back to a future meeting of the Panel.

17 EUROPEAN FUNDING - PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PANEL

The Panel received a report of the Lead Officer – Scrutiny, which provided an update on the progress made in relation to the implementation of the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations arising out of the review of European Funding.

The Panel had approved a report and recommendations from its first review at its meeting on 8 April 2015. The response of the Combined Authority was considered at the meeting of the Panel on 8 July 2015 with a request for an update to be received in six months' time.

Attached as an appendix to the report was a detailed update on action taken on each of the recommendations to date. Pernille Kousgaard attended the meeting to appraise Members of the current position as it related to Governance Arrangements and the formal role of the Combined Authority; the request for "Intermediate Body" status (which had been granted as part of the Devolution Deal); and the impact this would have on the Commissioning/Bidding Framework.

Lead Officer Scrutiny The Panel wished to thank Dr Kousgaard for attending the meeting and dealing with Members' questions.

RESOLVED: That the progress as reported be noted and a final update be presented to the Panel in 12 months' time.

18 DECISIONS OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

The Panel received a report of the Lead Officer – Scrutiny, which provided Members with a note of some significant decisions made by the Combined Authority since October 2015.

The report provided a digest of decisions made at Combined Authority meetings on 16 October 2015, 20 November 2015 and 18 December 2015.

Members agreed that this digest of decisions was useful and requested this be a standing item on future agendas and should include significant decisions made by the Merseytravel Committee.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

19 WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel received a report of the Lead Officer – Scrutiny, on the Panel's Work Programme.

The initial Work Programme was set by the Panel in October 2014. It had completed reviews on European Funding and Affordable Transport, with the Housing Review to commence with its first meeting set for 27 January 2016. It was noted that of the original list of topics, one on Skills and Learning remained, although it was anticipated that this would also be completed before the end of the municipal year.

Members discussed the options for a Work Programme beyond 2015/16, and considered a break in the schedule would provide the opportunity to reflect on the first year of scrutiny, what the Panel had achieved and, (subject to the inevitable changes in the wider role of the CA and the Scrutiny function referred to elsewhere on the agenda), take time to consider future scrutiny needs as work progresses on the implementation of the Devolution Deal.

RESOLVED: That the content of the 2016/17 Work Programme be considered at the Annual meeting of the

Lead Officer Scrutiny Scrutiny Panel.

Meeting ended at 1.07 p.m.



To: Chair and Members of the Liverpool City Region

Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel

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REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER - SCRUTINY

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION GROWTH PLAN

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report and presentation is to update Panel members on the progress being made on the Liverpool City Region Growth Plan, as previously requested by the Panel.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
 - (1) the Panel endorses the progress being made; and
 - (2) identifies any further progress reports it may wish to see.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 8 April 2015 the Panel received a presentation on the Liverpool City Region Growth Plan and Strategic Economic Plan. The Panel was advised that the Government required each Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area to have a Growth Plan, a high level and long term document that identified priorities and a strategic approach to specific progress and activity. LEPs were also required to have a Strategic Economic Plan which provided the project level detail; both documents together were designed to tackle the deficit, support the rebalancing of the City Region's economy and create jobs.
- 3.2 Following the presentation, Scrutiny Panel members made a number of observations and sought clarification on a number of points. They also asked that they be informed of progress against the Plan in 12 months' time. The Panel will receive a presentation on the progress made and again, will be able to question and comment on that progress.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.2 Human Resources

There are no direct human resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.3 Physical Assets

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.4 Information Technology

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

5.1 There are no risks associated with this report or its recommendations.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific implications related to this report.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

7.1 There are no specific communications issues contained in this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Members are asked to receive the presentation and question and comment on its content, as appropriate.

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REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER - SCRUTINY

A TRANSPORT PLAN FOR GROWTH

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report and presentation is to update Panel members on progress being made on the Transport for Growth Plan. Members originally received a presentation on the Plan 12 months ago and asked for an update on progress against the plan at this meeting

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
 - (1) the Panel endorses the progress made; and
 - (2) identifies any further information it may require to monitor further progress.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At its meeting held on 8 April 2015 the Panel received a presentation on the Transport Plan for Growth. The Liverpool City Region (LCR) Combined Authority's Transition Plan and Transport Protocol set out a requirement to produce a joint strategic framework and delivery plan. The Transport for Growth Plan had been developed to create a single strategic framework and delivery plan for the LCR and was integral to, and supportive of, the City Region work being undertaken. It set the direction for greater collaboration and for future joint working across the City Region. Having made a number of observations Panel members asked that they received a progress report on the Plan at this meeting. Members will receive a presentation which shows the progress made over the past 12 months.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.2 Human Resources

There are no direct human resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.3 Physical Assets

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.4 Information Technology

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

5.1 There are no risks associated with this report or its recommendations.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific implications related to this report.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

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8. CONCLUSION

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REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER - SCRUTINY

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION DEVOLUTION DEAL - UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report and presentation is to update members of the Panel on developments that have taken place since their last meeting, in relation to the implementation of the Liverpool City Region Devolution Deal.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
 - (1) Members consider the progress being made and comment, as appropriate; and
 - (2) indicate the frequency and content of further updates required from the CA as this important issue develops.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the last meeting of the Panel, held on 13 January 2016, the Panel received a report and presentation on the recently signed Liverpool City Region Devolution Deal with Government. This is a fast moving environment and the Panel needs to be kept up to date on developments. The Panel will receive a presentation on progress that has been made since January and on where the development of the new Constitution is up to.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.2 Human Resources

There are no direct human resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.3 **Physical Assets**

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.4 Information Technology

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

5.1 There are no risks associated with this report or its recommendations.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific implications related to this report.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

7.1 There are no specific communications issues contained in this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Members are asked to note the progress and indicate further information requirements as the detail around the implementation of the deal unfolds.

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REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER - SCRUTINY

DECISIONS OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY (CA)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to draw Panel members' attention to the significant decisions the CA has made since the Panel last met.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Panel considers the decisions made by the CA since the Panel's last meeting and, where appropriate:
 - (1) comments on them;
 - (2) seeks further information on specific decisions; and/ or
 - (3) take a view on the approach being adopted by the CA in specific instances.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to draw Panel members' attention to the significant decisions made by the Combined Authority (CA) since the Panel last met. The Panel agreed at its last meeting that a report such as this will be brought to each meeting. This will allow Panel members:
 - to scrutinise those decisions and hold the CA to account;
 - to use that information to develop further work programme topics;
 - to follow progress on the major issues dealt with across the City Region;
 - provide feedback to the CA as the Panel sees fit.
- 3.2 Full details of each issue can be followed at the link to the website below, if members wish to find out more. This report covers the following CA meetings:
 - 5 February 2016

- 18 March 2016
- 15 April 2016 (the Agenda for 15 April 2016 meeting is available but the decisions cannot be reported as this report was drafted prior to that date)

http://councillors.knowsley.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=890&StyleType=standard&StyleSize=none

5 February 2016 meeting of the Combined Authority

Devolution of Powers and Resources to the City Region

The Combined authority (CA) received a presentation which updated them on progress being made on the implementation of the Devolution Deal, including the allocation of portfolio leads to members of the CA and highlighting areas under consideration for a second phase of devolution.

The State of Liverpool City Region: Making the Most of Devolution

The CA received a presentation on a report that had been produced by the University of Liverpool and John Moores University on "The State of the Liverpool City Region Report: Making the Most of Devolution".

Single Growth Strategy: Progress Update

The CA received a presentation which reported on the progress being made on the Single Growth Strategy. The issue is dealt with elsewhere on this agenda.

Transport for the North and Rail North

The CA received a presentation which updated members on developments around the Transport for the North and Rail North initiatives.

Area Based Review Process

The CA considered a report of the Portfolio Lead: Employment and Skills, which provided an update on the Area Based Review Process. The CA was informed that a post-16 Area Based Review would commence in April 2016. As part of the review, consideration would be given to the existing needs of the City Region and identify what capacity and training requirements would be needed, to ensure the sector was responsive to local employer requirements and economic priorities.

<u>Skills Capital Investment Fund – Sites and Premises</u>

The CA considered a report of the Portfolio Lead: Employment and Skills, which presented the Skills Capital Investment Panel's recommended investment package for applications received under Sites and Premises (Strand 1) of the LCR Skills Capital Fund. The Panel's recommendations were approved by the CA.

Mersey Tunnel Tolls 2016/17

The CA considered and approved the Schedule of Mersey Tunnel Tolls for the 2016/17 financial year.

2016/17 Budget - Financial Perspective

The CA agreed its budget requirements for 2016/17.

Minutes

The minutes of the following Committees of the CA were considered:

Merseytravel 3 December 2015 Audit Committee 3 November 2015

18 March 2016 – Meeting of the Combined Authority

International Festival for Business (IBF) 2016 and Beyond

The CA received a presentation on the learning from the International Festival for Business 2014 and the preparations for the IBF for 2016.

<u>Capital Commissioning Framework and Outline Business Case for Littlewoods</u> Studio

The CA considered a report and update of the Capital Commissioning Framework and approved an allocation of Local Growth Fund to the Littlewoods Studio proposal.

<u>Update on the Use of ESIF Funds for Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund</u>

The CA considered a report which provided an update on the proposed use of £12.5m of LCR ERDF funds in a £400m Northern Powerhouse Investment Fund, which would provide small and medium enterprises with access to a range of debt and equity funds to stimulate growth.

LCR Growth Deal Schemes

The CA received an update on progress in developing a shortlist of LCR Transport schemes and approved the Full Business Case for the A565 North Liverpool Key Corridors Scheme.

Single Investment Fund

The CA agreed the broad approach and principles to be used for the design and establishment of the LCR Single Investment Fund. Arrangements by which the fund would operate are to be considered by the CA in June.

Minutes

The minutes of the following Committees of the CA were received:

Merseytravel 7 January 2016 Merseytravel 4 February 2016

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.2 Human Resources

There are no direct human resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.3 Physical Assets

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.4 Information Technology

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

5.1 There are no risks associated with this report or its recommendations.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific implications related to this report.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

7.1 There are no specific communications issues contained in this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The report has been prepared for members in order to keep them appraised of decisions of the CA.

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REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER - SCRUTINY

<u>SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME</u>

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Panel members in relation to the Panel's own work programme and to suggest that some arrangements be put in place to develop a new programme for 2016/17.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
 - (1) Panel Members consider the progress that has been made on its original work programme and take a view on its effectiveness; and
 - (2) the Panel indicates its wishes for the development of its future work programme in the light of the information in this report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Panel set an original programme of work which identified four topic areas for review. They were as follows.
 - European Funding
 - Affordable Fares Short-Hop Bus Fares
 - Housing
 - Employment, Learning and Skills
- 3.2 The reviews on European Funding and Affordable Transport have been completed, with the Combined Authority responding to the recommendations of the European Funding Review and progress on those recommendations being considered by the Panel at its meeting on 13 January 2016.

- 3.3 In relation to the review work undertaken by the Panel on Affordable Transport Short-hop Bus Fares, the Panel's report was initially considered by the Combined Authority (CA) at its meeting on 18 March 2016. The CA has asked that the Merseytravel Committee "consider the issues and recommendations raised in the report and prepare a formal report to the Scrutiny Panel". When that response has been received it will be brought to the next available meeting of the Panel
- 3.4 In relation to the Housing review topic, an initial scoping meeting was held on 10 February 2016, the outcome of which was that Panel members:
 - would like to be kept up to date on the development of the Liverpool City Region Housing Strategy at key stages of its development at a formal meeting of the Panel; and
 - the Lead Chief Executive to consult with the Chair of the Housing and Planning Board to establish if there were any discreet pieces of work the Scrutiny Topic Group could usefully undertake that would assist that Board in developing that strategy.
- 3.5 A response to the second bullet point is awaited, in order to make a judgement about when to commence the final piece of work on the original programme outlined in para 3.1 above.

4. REFERRAL FROM COMBINED AUTHORITY

- 4.1 There is potential for a further piece of work to be added to the Panel's Work Programme. The Combined Authority, at its meeting on 15 April 2016, will be considering a request from its Audit Committee to refer a topic to the Scrutiny Panel in order for a piece of scrutiny work to be undertaken. The referral relates to the recently published "Ethical Standards for Providers of Public Services" Guidance document. The Guidance provides a series of suggested measures which could be expected of, implemented and embedded by providers of public services.
- 4.2 The decision of the CA will be reported to members at the meeting.

5. DEVELOPMENT DAY

5.1 Those members of the Panel who have been members since its inception will be aware that at the beginning of each Municipal Year the Panel has agreed to hold a "Development Day" to introduce new members to the Panel and to undertake some work planning for the ensuing year. It is suggested that this is done again and that North West Employers be asked again to facilitate the event. It is suggested that the event be held in June after each of the Constituent Authorities have appointed their members for the year.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

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6.3 Physical Assets

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6.4 Information Technology

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

7. RISKS AND MITIGATION

7.1 There are no risks associated with this report or its recommendations.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific implications related to this report.

9. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

9.1 There are no specific communications issues contained in this report.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 Members are asked to give guidance in relation to their future work programme requirements.

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REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER - SCRUTINY

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2016/17

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose a calendar of meetings for the Panel for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel considers its schedule of dates for formal meetings for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Below is a possible Calendar of Meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year. It is based on the pattern established for the current Municipal Year:

6 July 2016 19 October 2016 25 January 2017 26 April 2017

3.2 Taking into account discussion on items elsewhere on today's agenda, Panel Members may take a view on the future frequency of Panel Meetings and the balance of activity between formal Panel meetings and review activity.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.2 Human Resources

There are no direct human resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.3 Physical Assets

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

4.4 Information Technology

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

5.1 There are no risks associated with this report or its recommendations.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific implications related to this report.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

7.1 There are no specific communications issues contained in this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Members are asked for their views on a pattern of meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

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