

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: Chair and Members of the Liverpool City Region
Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel

Meeting: 8 April 2015

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER – SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Panel Members' views on the future work programme of the Panel, given the experience of the European Funding review.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

- (1) the Panel indicates its wishes in relation to its future work programme; and
- (2) the Lead Officer – Scrutiny draws those requirements together into a programme to be brought to the next meeting of the Panel.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 29 October 2014 the Panel identified four areas it felt warranted scrutiny activity. They were:

- European Funding;
- Skills and Learning/Leadership;
- Housing; and
- Affordable Transport.

European Funding was identified as a priority area. This prompted the review and final report elsewhere on this Agenda.

- 3.2 As the first piece of work on 'European Funding' has now concluded the Panel is asked to comment and provide further guidance on the following issues:

- Was the methodology adopted helpful in developing views and recommendations?

- The review was carried out by all Members of the Panel. Should further reviews be the same or should a smaller group or groups be identified?
- Are Panel Members still content with the list identified on 29 October 2014 and therefore content to proceed with a review of 'skills and learning' next?
- If Members decide not to commence with an 'all Member' approach to the review process, could the Panel identify Members to undertake the skills and learning review?

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

Whilst no additional financial resources are required to carry out reviews, Panel Members are asked to bear in mind that any resources needed to undertake them will be need to be found from the existing constituent authorities' resources. The Scrutiny Officer Group will remain an important source of resource to aid the Panel in its work.

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 is a risk that if there are inadequate resources available to the Panel, scrutiny of the LCRCA will be ineffective. Resources need to be identified across the six constituent Councils to ensure this does not happen.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific implications related to this report.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

7.1 It is important that there is seen to be effective scrutiny arrangements in place as part of the mechanism that supports the objectives of the Combined Authority.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The report seeks guidance from the Panel as to the future work programme it wishes to follow.

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