

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

A TRANSPORT PLAN FOR GROWTH

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to draw to Panel Members' attention the 'Transport Plan for Growth'. The Plan has been developed to create a single strategic framework and delivery plan for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, in support of the two existing Local Transport Plans for Merseyside and Halton. A presentation of the Plan will be made to Members at the meeting. A copy of the plan can be accessed from the link below.

<http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/about-us/local-transport-delivery/Documents/8375%20Plan%20for%20growth%20WEB%20FINAL.pdf>

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:

- (1) the Panel consider the contents of the Plan; and
- (2) that a further report be made to the Panel in 12 months' time, outlining progress that has been made against the Plan's objectives.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's Transition Plan and Transport Protocol set out a requirement to produce a joint strategic framework and delivery plan. The document was to be clearly aligned to the Liverpool City Region growth Plan, Strategic Economic Plan, 2014-2020 European Programme and other emerging strategic plans guiding the Liverpool City Region.

3.2 The resulting Transport Plan for Growth is therefore integral to, and supportive of, the City Region wide work being undertaken on:

- a) Freight and logistics
- b) Housing and land use planning
- c) Economic development and regeneration
- d) Employment and skills
- e) Health and wellbeing
- f) Carbon reduction and air quality
- g) Connecting Communities
- h) Visitor Economy

It sets the direction for greater collaboration and for future joint working across the City Region. The Plan is appended to this report.

- 3.3 Given the strategic nature of the Plan it was considered important to bring it to the attention of the Scrutiny Panel as it will be a key document in directing resources to the key priorities of the Combined Authority and its partners.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report, although the successful delivery of the Plan will be important for the future investment in the transport infrastructure of the City Region.

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 It is important to support the Panel in its role that it is kept up to date in relation to the key strategic documents produced by the LCR.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The report brings to the attention of the Panel the LCR 'Transport for Growth Plan', a key plan on the future development of the City Region. This will allow the Panel to take a view on whether this issue could be incorporated in the future work plan.

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