

# 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

### REVIEW OF EUROPEAN FUNDING

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Panel's endorsement to the recommendations and comments contained in the attached report, following the Panel's review of European Funding.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

- (1) the report and recommendations be approved; and
- (2) the Combined Authority be requested to consider those recommendations and submit a report back to the Panel on how it intends to respond to the recommendations.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 29 October 2014, the Panel identified 'European Funding' as the first topic that it wished to review. As well as reviewing that important area of activity it would also serve as a way to test a methodology which, if successful, could be used to guide the future review work of the Panel. Attached to this report is the results of the Panel's review work and the Panel is asked to endorse the report and ask that its recommendations be formally reported to and considered by the Combined Authority.

#### 4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

##### 4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained

within the scrutiny review.

#### **4.2 Human Resources**

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

#### **4.3 Physical Assets**

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within the scrutiny review.

#### **4.4 Information Technology**

There are no direct issues as a result of the recommendations contained within the scrutiny review.

### **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 recommendations contained in the report which relate to how the Liverpool City Region promotes the benefits to the region of European Funding and how prospective beneficiaries of funding are supported.

### **8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 The report seeks endorsement of the attached draft review carried out by Members of the Panel.

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