# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY SCRUTINY PANEL

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

Meeting: 8 July 2015

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: N/A

# **REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER – SCRUTINY**

## **COMBINED AUTHORITY FORWARD PLAN**

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to draw Members attention to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's Forward Plan. Members may wish to use the Forward Plan to help guide their scrutiny work.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That:

- i) The Forward Plan be noted; and
- ii) Members comment, seek clarification and further information on items on the Forward Plan.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

Like all Local Authorities, the Combined Authority (CA) is required to produce a Forward Plan. The CA at its meeting on 19 June 2015 approved a Forward Plan which focuses the work of the CA over the next 12 months. A copy of the Plan is attached at Appendix 1.

The Plan covers the period from now until April 2015. The Plan will be updated on a regular basis and the most up-to-date version will be brought to each meeting of the Scrutiny Panel. This will help the Scrutiny Panel in determining its work programme and how it develops its working arrangements with the CA.

The Panel is invited to comment or seek further information in relation to the issues on the Forward Plan.

#### 4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

#### 4.1 Financial

There are no issues directly related to this item.

### 4.2 Human Resources

There are no issues directly related to this item.

# 4.3 Physical Assets

There are no issues directly related to this item.

# 4.4 Information Technology

There are no issues directly related to this item.

#### 5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

It is important that Scrutiny Members are aware of the issues the CA will be dealing with in the future. This will provide them with the opportunity to comment and have influence on decisions before they are taken.

#### 6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no issues directly related to this item.

#### 7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

It will be important for the Scrutiny Panel to convey its views to the CA prior to decisions being made and to indicate when they would welcome greater involvement or consultation.

#### 8. CONCLUSION

The report draws Panel members' attention to the CA's Forward Plan.

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Appendices: LCRCA Forward Plan 2015-16

Background Documents:

Appendix 1

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Forward Plan: 2015-16

Date	Economic Development	Transport	Housing and Planning	Employment and Skills	European issues	Scrutiny	Governance
17 July 2015	International     Festival for     Business 2016	Transport for the North		Skills Capital Investment	<ul> <li>European programme governance</li> <li>Blue/green investment framework</li> </ul>		Devolution of additional powers and funds to the City Region
21 August 2015	Liverpool City     Region Capital     Framework	Approval of business cases:     Maghull Station and Halton Curve     Smartcard and ticketing	Housing and Spatial Planning Priorities	Skills Capital Investment			
25 September 2015		<ul> <li>Approval of business case: Silver Jubilee Bridge</li> <li>Transport for the North</li> <li>High Speed Rail</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Skills Capital Investment</li> <li>Skills for Growth</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Annual     Accounts     2015/16</li> <li>Quarterly     financial     monitoring</li> </ul>
16 October 2015		<ul><li>Rolling stock project</li><li>Long term bus strategy</li></ul>		Skills Priorities 2015/16			

Date	Economic Development	Transport	Housing and Planning	Employment and Skills	European issues	Scrutiny	Governance
20 November 2015		<ul> <li>Approval of business case:         Windle Island</li> <li>Transport for the North</li> <li>High Speed 2: next steps</li> </ul>		Skills Capital Investment			Quarterly financial monitoring
18 December 2015		<ul> <li>Approval of business cases: A570, M58 J1 and A565</li> <li>Integrated Transport Block and Highways Maintenance Allocations</li> </ul>	Housing and Spatial planning update				
22 January 2016		Transport for the North					Quarterly financial monitoring
5 February 2016		<ul><li>2016/17 Budget</li><li>2016/17 Mersey Tunnel Tolls</li></ul>					
18 March 2016		<ul> <li>Long term freight strategy</li> </ul>					
15 April 2016		Concessionary travel     Transport for the North submission					