

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

Meeting: 8 July 2015

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

## REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER – SCRUTINY

### WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To confirm a work programme for 2015/16 and agree to holding a further Development Day with members of the Panel to further develop that programme in the light of the first year's experience.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That:

- (i) the Panel confirms the list of topics;
- (ii) suggests a priority order for those topics to be addressed; and
- (iii) a further Development Day be held, supported by North West Employers organisation to further develop that programme.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Panel had previously identified a number of areas it wished to review as part of a work programme. As can be seen elsewhere on this agenda the first piece of review work has been completed. That leaves the following areas still to be undertaken:

- Skills and Learning
- Housing
- Affordable Transport

3.2 Consideration has taken place about how this programme of work can be supported and it is felt that the best way forward would be to simply identify the next topic for review and to approach its review in exactly the same manner as the European Funding Review, that is:

- inviting all members of the Panel to participate, as this ensures ‘ownership’ by all members;
- have an initial scoping meeting to focus the direction of the review;
- hold a series of evidence gathering sessions;
- a final meeting being held to draw conclusions and recommendations.

### 3.3 The Panel is asked:

- if it is satisfied to proceed in that way;
- to confirm if it is still happy with the list of topics;
- to identify the order it wishes to deal with those topics.

Once the next priority has been agreed by the Panel then officers will convene the first scoping meeting as outlined above.

### 3.4 It was previously agreed that the Panel would have a further Development Day, facilitated by the North West Employers Organisation. It is suggested that such a day should focus on two issues:

- further development of a work programme; and
- lessons from scrutiny activity in other Combined Authority areas.

If members are happy with those suggestions, officers will proceed with making the appropriate arrangements.

## 4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

### 4.1 Financial

The delivery of the work programme will require staff time to support the work and requirements of the Panel. That resource will have to come from the constituent authorities’ existing resources. For that reason it is felt that one review topic should be undertaken at a time.

### 4.2 Human Resources

There are no human resource implications associated with this report.

### 4.3 Physical Assets

There are no physical assets implications associated with this report.

### 4.4 Information Technology

There are no information technology implications associated with this report.

## **5. RISKS AND MITIGATION**

5.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

## **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

## **7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

7.1 There are no communications issues associated with this report.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 The Panel is asked to provide guidance on their future work programme requirements.

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