

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

Meeting: 28 October 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 The purpose of the report is to update Members on the position in relation to the Panel's Work Programme and to seek Members' views on progressing further topics.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Panel give guidance to Officers as to further topics for review.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Panel identified topics for review when it was originally formed last year. It has completed one piece of work on European Funding and has recently commenced its next piece of work on "Affordable Transport". From its original list there are two remaining topics as follows:

- Skills and Learning
- Housing

- 3.2 When considering any work programme it is always important to consider the capacity available for both Members and Officers to undertake that work in a timely manner. Members have many demands on their time and setting dates for review work is challenging with the competing commitments for Members and Officers.

- 3.3 In developing the programme the panel has a number of choices:

- i) to simply complete each piece of work and only then start the next. In effect only doing one piece of work at a time;

- ii) carry out reviews in parallel, therefore increasing the output of the Panel and also recommendations it may wish to make to the Combined Authority;
- iii) look again at the programme in the light of experience and carry out review work differently and in a way that perhaps is not as time consuming.

3.4 Points i) and ii) above could relate to the existing topics identified in 3.1. However, point iii) could be looked at in relation to the broad list of issues the Combined Authority has already considered as part of its work programme, which Members may wish to use to identify other topics for review.

3.5 The views of the Panel are requested.

## **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Financial**

The delivery of the work programme will require staff time to support that work and the requirements of the Panel. That resource will have to come from the constituent authorities existing resources. Once the Panel has identified its requirements Officers would have to go away and match existing resources to those requirements.

### **4.2 Human Resources**

There are no direct human resource issues associated with this report.

### **4.3 Physical Assets**

There are no physical asset resources associated with this report.

### **4.4 Information Technology**

There are no Information Technology issues 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 report asks that Members of the Panel give any further guidance they wish on the work programme.

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