

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY SCRUTINY PANEL

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

Meeting: 13 January 2016

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER – SCRUTINY

WORK PROGRAMME

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on progress on the delivery of the Panel's work programme and to seek Member guidance around future review topics.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Panel give guidance to officers around future review work.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Panel has been working through its initial work programme. It has completed reviews on European Funding and Affordable Transport (both issues are referred to elsewhere on the Agenda) and a date has been set to commence work on the "housing" review. A scoping meeting has been set for that review on 27th January 2016. That leaves one remaining item from the original list of topics "skills and learning" in the programme. It is suggested that once the "housing" review is up and running then arrangement be put in place to commence work on the "skills and learning" review.
- 3.2 That would then complete the initial work programme set by the Panel. The original topics were chosen as they broadly reflected the responsibilities of the, then, "new" Combined Authority. Whilst it will clearly be some time before those next two pieces of work are concluded, Panel Members are asked to give some consideration and early direction to officers as to future areas of activity they would like to focus upon. It is appreciated that the role and responsibilities of the Combined Authority are evolving and changing, particular in the light of the devolution deal (referred to earlier in the Agenda) so it may well be that Members

may wish to take a little more time to in deciding a future work programme until matters around the devolution deal become clearer. There is certainly enough work for the Panel to concentrate its efforts in the short term.

The views of Members are requested.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report. However, there needs to be consideration given to aligning any work programme requirements of the Panel with the resources available within the constituent authorities.

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

There are no risks associated with this report or its recommendations.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific implications related to this report.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

7.1 There are no communication issues associated with this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Panel Members are asked to provide some guidance to officers around the developments of its work programme.

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