

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

Meeting: 6 July 2016

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER – SCRUTINY

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW AND SCHEME

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Scrutiny Panel with the opportunity to give their observations and input into the consultation process initiated by the Combined Authority on 17 June 2016, on the Governance Review and Scheme, which has been developed in order to deliver the Devolution Deal agreed with Government.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

- (1) the Panel considers the Governance Review and Scheme; and
- (2) makes any comments it wishes to make on that Scheme, for consideration by the Combined Authority.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Combined Authority reached agreement with Government in November 2015, which gives the City Region greater control over transport, skills, housing and spatial planning, economic development and other areas. The Chancellor announced the devolution of further powers and responsibilities to the Liverpool City Region in the March 2016 budget.
- 3.2 In order for additional powers to be conferred on the Combined Authority and directly Elected Mayor, the law requires that the City Region undertakes a formal governance review to demonstrate that its scheme meets the statutory requirements of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016.

- 3.3 It is important to note that the governance arrangements for the LCRCA for the period 17 June 2016 to May 2017 will remain unchanged and will continue to operate under the original order that set up the LCRCA.
- 3.4 Attached as Appendix 1 to this report is a report which was considered by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 17 June 2016, which provides more detail and background to this important issue. Also, attached as Appendix 2 to this report is a copy of the Governance Review and Scheme itself.
- 3.5 The Combined Authority, at its meeting on 17 June 2016, agreed that the Governance Review and Scheme be subject to a public consultation exercise running from 24 June 2016 until 5 August 2016. This provides the opportunity for the Panel to have input into the process, something the Panel asked for at its meeting on 13 January 2016.
- 3.6 Members are asked to consider the Review and Scheme and make any comments they wish for consideration by the Combined Authority following the completion of the consultation period.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report.

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

- 5.1 There are no risks associated with the process outlined in 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 The consultation process is outlined in Section 5 of the report to the Combined Authority at Appendix 1.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Panel are asked to consider the Review and Scheme and comment as appropriate to the Combined Authority.

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