

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

Meeting: 19 October 2016

Authority/Authorities Affected: Combined Authority/all districts

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

## REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER – SCRUTINY

### SHORT HOP BUS FARES SCRUTINY REVIEW

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Purpose of the report is to bring to the attention of the Panel the response of Merseytravel to the review the Panel undertook into Short-Hop Fares and to consider those responses.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is **recommended** that –

1. The response be noted and Merseytravel be thanked for their response; and
2. A further report on progress on the actions in the response be brought to the Panel in twelve months' time.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As part of its work programme the Panel undertook a detailed piece of scrutiny work looking at the cost of short-hop bus fares across the City Region. The Panel received evidence from a wide range of sources, including the major bus operators and made a number of recommendations to the Combined Authority. The Combined Authority asked that Merseytravel consider those recommendations and respond to the Scrutiny Panel.
- 3.2 Merseytravel has now done that and attached as an appendix to this report are those responses for the Panel to consider. A representative from Merseytravel will attend the meeting to respond to Panel members' questions.
- 3.3 Following that opportunity Panel members may wish to request that Merseytravel update them in twelve months' time on progress against the actions outlined in their response.

#### **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct issues arising from this report. Merseytravel will be pursuing the actions in the report using their existing resources.

##### **4.1 Financial**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

##### **4.2 Human Resources**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

##### **4.3 Physical Assets**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

##### **4.4 Information Technology**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

#### **5. RISKS AND MITIGATION**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

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

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

#### **7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

#### **8. CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 The report seeks Panel members' views on the response made by Merseytravel to the Short-Hop Fares Scrutiny undertaken by the Panel.

DAVID PARR  
Lead Officer - Scrutiny

Contact Officer(s):

David Parr, Chief Executive, Halton Council  
Ian Leivesley, Strategic Director,  
Enterprise, Community and Resources, Halton

Tel: 0151 511 6000

Tel: 0151 511 6002

Appendices:

Response from Merseytravel to the Short-Hop Fares Review

Background Documents:

None