

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY SCRUTINY PANEL

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

Meeting: 25th January 2017

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER – SCRUTINY

REVIEW INTO APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the Panel's endorsement of the conclusions and recommendations of the "Review into Apprenticeships in the City Region" and for those recommendations to be forwarded to the Combined Authority for consideration.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that:

- 1) The report be endorsed; and
- 2) The Combined Authority be asked to consider the report's recommendations and report back to a future meeting of the Panel.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 As part of its work programme the Panel identified "Employment, Skills and Learning" as one of its topics for review. It further refined that topic to examine in some detail the issue of apprenticeships across the City Region.

3.2 The choice of the topic was partly influenced by the changing national policy and introduction of the apprenticeship levy by Government and also recognised the need to deliver high quality apprentice opportunities across the City Region.

3.3 The attached report represents the conclusions of that work and contains recommendations for future action. The Panel is asked to endorse those recommendations and to forward them to the Combined Authority for consideration.

4.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report. Although as part of the Combined Authority's consideration of the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations, it will need to consider the resource implications of those recommendations.

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.

5.0 RISKS AND MITIGATION

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

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific implications related to this report.

7.0 COMMUNICATION ISSUES

7.1 There are no communication issues associated with this report.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 The Panel are asked to endorse the recommendations in the attached report and forward them to the Combined Authority.

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