

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

SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Members in relation to the delivery of the Panel's Work Programme and to suggest one further piece of work to be undertaken during the current Municipal Year, following earlier discussions with Panel members.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that:

- 1) Progress on the Plan be noted; and
- 2) A piece of review work commence on how the Combined Authority (and soon to be Mayoral Combined Authority) informs and promotes its role and activities and engages the public across the City Region.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Panel set itself a work programme when it was originally formed in 2014. It identified four substantial pieces of work that it wished to undertake.

3.2 Three of those pieces of work (including one on this agenda) have now been completed. They were:

- European Funding
- Short-hop Bus Fares in the City Region
- Apprenticeships in the City Region

3.3 The Combined Authority have already responded to the recommendations in the first two reports and arrangements are in place to monitor the implementation of those recommendations. The other topic selected was "housing and planning"

which it was decided to put on hold given the relative early stages on work on that issue by the Combined Authority.

- 3.4** In terms of future work, Panel Members have informally indicated their wish to carry one further piece of review work during the current municipal year and prior to the new governance arrangements coming into force in May. That work would focus on them looking at how the Mayoral Combined Authority can promote its role and responsibilities to the public and stakeholders with the City Region and encourage engagement with those groups. It was felt timely to undertake such a piece of work, which would result in making recommendations to the Mayoral Combined Authority for their consideration.

4.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct resource issues as a result of the recommendations contained within this report, however, the review suggested might generate proposed activities/actions that may need resources.

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** Members are asked to endorse the undertaking of the review as outlined in this report.

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