

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

Meeting: 26th July 2017

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER – SCRUTINY

Review of Affordable Transport – Short Hop Fares

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress made in relation to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Panel in relation to the Affordable Transport Short-Hop Fares review. The previous Panel's recommendations were endorsed by Panel members in March 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the progress being made on the Panel's recommendations on short hop fares and indicate any further reporting requirements to the Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The LCRCA Scrutiny Panel undertook a piece of scrutiny work looking at the cost of Short-Hop bus fares across the City Region. In March 2016 The Panel made a number of recommendations to the Combined Authority. The Combined Authority asked that Merseytravel consider those recommendations and respond to the Scrutiny Panel. In October 2016 Merseytravel responded to the Panel's recommendations and the Panel requested that Merseytravel report back in six months' time on progress of the actions. The Combined Authority's Internal Audit Team was requested to undertake an independent review of progress in implementing the recommendations and this report and Appendix is the result of that audit work. The Appendix attached takes each of the Panel's original recommendations, places Merseytravel's original response alongside each recommendation, with the third column providing an update on progress from the Audit Team. Matt Goggins, Merseytravel's Head of Bus will attend the meeting, make a presentation and answer members' questions.
- 3.2 Significant progress has been made and continues to be made on Affordable Transport issues. This progress is detailed, monitored and reported via the Bus Alliance Boards (Stakeholder/Joint Alliance/Programme) and Service Stream

meetings. Members of the Committee are asked to identify any further information that they require on the implementation of their recommendations.

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 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 There are no specific communications issues contained in this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Members are requested to note the progress being made on the implementation of their recommendations and identify any further information requirements.

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