

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Local Economy Policy and Performance Board****EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2025**

<b>EXB65</b>	<b>CULTURE</b>
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, which provided an update on the Culture Work Programme and Borough of Culture approach for 2026 and beyond. Halton was scheduled to deliver Borough of Culture in 2026 and the report set out the draft programme for the year.

It was noted that new arrangements for the future programme of Borough of Culture had been in place since 2018. Liverpool City Region (LCR) Chief Executives had met earlier this year and the LCR Neighbourhoods and Communities Directors Group had met in March 2025. An experienced consultant had also been procured to engage with key delivery stakeholders across the LCR and this had provided recommendations on the future of the programme.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) approves the 2026 year of culture work programme;
- 2) supports a forward culture approach; and
- 3) agrees a proposal to explore a music festival for Halton in 2027.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2025**

<b>EXB77</b>	<b>CONNECT TO WORK PROGRAMME</b>
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, that advised on the opportunity for the Council to participate in the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's delivery of the national Connect to Work programme and sought delegated authority to negotiate and execute related Grant Funding Agreements.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Board approve the indicative £2,170,118 funding allocation from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority for delivery of the Halton Connect to Work programme; and

2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Employment, Learning, Skills and Community, the Director Finance / Section 151 Officer and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, to negotiate and execute Grant Funding Agreements for delivery of the Connect to Work programme.