



**LIVERPOOL
CITY REGION**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To: The Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Dear Member,

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Wednesday, 5th September, 2018** at **10.15am** in the Authority Chamber - No.1 Mann Island, Liverpool, L3 1BP.

Please find attached a supplementary report in relation to Item 9 – Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2018/19.

If you have any queries regarding this meeting, please contact Trudy Bedford on telephone number (0151) 330 1330.

Yours faithfully

Interim Head of Paid Service

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

To consider the report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

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To: The Chair and Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting: 5 September 2018

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with the opportunity to consider its work programme for 2018/19.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Liverpool City Region Overview and Scrutiny Committee: -
- (a) Agree to the establishment of Workshops as set out at section four of the report;
 - (b) Authorise the Statutory Scrutiny Officer and the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to develop the work programme 2018/19;
 - (c) Authorise the Treasurer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to develop the budget consultation process for the LCR Combined Authority;
 - (d) Consider the inclusion of additional items for future meetings of this Committee; and
 - (e) Note that progress reports on the recommendations of the Committee's previous Task and Finish Groups will be provided to future meetings of this Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Committee's work planning session held on 1 August 2018, Members identified 8 topics which they wished to review during the 2018/19 municipal year.

To assist the Committee in its work programme Members were asked to rank the following topics in order of preference: -

- Development Plans/Social Housing
- Energy & Renewables – Natural sources of energy
- Waste & Single Use Plastics
- EU funding post Brexit
- Tourism, Culture and marketing the region
- Transport Infrastructure
- The effectiveness of the Careers Service
- LEP Accountability and Structure

4. WORKSHOPS

4.1 11 responses from a possible 20 were received from Members. Taking on board the preferences expressed by Members, the following three topics were voted as the top three topics to form the basis of Task and Finish Groups;

1. LEP Accountability and Structure
2. Energy & Renewables – Natural Sources of energy
3. Development Plans/Social Housing

4.2 Since the publication of this agenda, discussions with Officers have been continuing to identify the potential scope for each of these Task and Finish Groups. As a consequence of these discussions it has become apparent that the three topics identified by Members are in the early stages of development. As such Task and Finish Groups for each topic would have limited scope to undertake meaningful scrutiny. In wanting to support the Committee's preferences the three topics would benefit from pre-decision scrutiny and to facilitate this it is proposed that each topic is supported by a workshop session.

4.3 LEP Accountability and Structure

All Local Enterprise Partnerships are currently being reviewed by Central Government. The review is drawing to a conclusion and LEP's are in the process of formally responding to the recommendations arising from the review at the end of October 2018. Therefore, it would be timely for the Committee to undertake a workshop to consider the outcome of the review.

Energy & Renewables – Natural Sources of energy

The Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership is in the process of developing a Liverpool City Region Energy Strategy. The Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy has funded all LEPs in England to complete a strategy that is aligned with the Industrial Strategy and can inform future local policy making. It is proposed that a workshop session be arranged for this topic providing Members with an opportunity to consider the draft Strategy in detail and make suggestions.

Development Plans/Social Housing

As with the Energy and Renewables topic, a Housing Strategy for the LCR Combined Authority is being developed. As the Strategy is still in its early stages of development this limits the opportunities available to the Committee. It is envisaged that a draft Strategy would be available early December 2018. It is therefore proposed that a workshop session be arranged to enable Members to consider the draft Strategy in detail and make suggested recommendations.

- 4.4 Each workshop would be structured around a half-day session and recommendations arising from the session would be reported to the next meeting of this Committee for approval. Subject to agreement by this Committee, arrangements for each of the workshops will be developed and Members notified accordingly. Reflecting upon paragraph 4.3, the workshops would commence from November 2018.

5. WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

- 5.1 It is proposed that the following topics form the basis of a work programme for the Committee during 2018/19.

- Tourism, Culture and marketing the City Region
- Waste and Single Use Plastics
- The effectiveness of the Careers Service
- Transport Infrastructure
- EU funding post Brexit

- 5.2 The work programme is continuing to be developed and upon completion this will be circulated to Members of the Committee.

- 5.3 Further opportunity will also be given to scrutinise the budget setting process for the LCR Combined Authority. It is proposed that a special meeting of this Committee will be held to support this process.

- 5.4 Progress reports on the recommendations of the Committee's previous Task and Finish Groups will also be presented to the Committee during the course of the municipal year.

- 5.5 Members have the opportunity to review the draft work programme and make any amendments as they see fit.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

When considering any work programme issues it is important to consider the capacity of both members and officers to undertake such work. The resources to support such activity and being delivered from within the existing resources of the Combined Authority.

6.1 **Financial**

There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

6.2 **Human Resources**

There are no specific Human Resources implications associated with this report.

6.3 **Physical Assets**

There are no specific Physical Asset implications associated with this report.

6.4 **Information Technology**

There are no specific Information Technology implications associated with this report.

7. **RISKS AND MITIGATION**

7.1 There are no risks associated with this report or implications.

8. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

9. **COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

9.1 There are no specific communication issues associated with this report.

10. **CONCLUSION**

10.1 This item provides an opportunity for the Committee to agree it's work programme for 2018-19 and to suggest any additional areas of work to be considered.

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