

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Deputy Leader of the Council

KEY DECISION YES

PORTFOLIO AREA: Economy

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: Economy
Children and Family Services

WARDS AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:
2014 to 2020 European Union Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme

1. RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.1 Approve the proposed approach for Wirral Council as part of a Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Application for European Union Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme.
- 1.2 Authorise the Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment to finalise details of Wirral's programme as part of a wider Liverpool City Region Combined Authority submission for European Social Fund in consultation the Strategic Director Families and Wellbeing and Director of Finance who will sign the letter of intent to commit funds on behalf of the Council as required as part of the full application process.

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1. Despite significant success in reducing worklessness Wirral has persistent levels that far exceed regional and national averages. Reducing worklessness and tackling inequality is a key priority for the Council and supports Wirral's Corporate Plan and Investment Strategy. This also fully supports the 'Greater Job Opportunities Pledge' within the Wirral Council Plan: A 2020 Vision, which is currently being developed.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

<p>Signed: <i>Ann MacArthur</i></p> <p>Executive Member: <i>Deputy Leader</i></p> <p>Date: <i>30.9.15</i></p> <p>Also present:</p>	<p>Signed: <i>John</i></p> <p>Chief Officer: <i>Strategic Director</i></p> <p>Date: <i>30/9/2015</i></p>
<p>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</p>	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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