

# DEVOLUTION UPDATE

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# DEVOLUTION DEAL – KEY AIMS

Accelerating economic growth

- growing jobs
- increasing productivity

Promoting public service reform:

- Reduce costs
- Improve outcomes across the whole public sector

Opportunities for greater control, powers & resources in relation to:

- Economic development and energy
- Transport infrastructure
- Housing Development & planning for growth
- Employment & Skills

# LATEST LCR DEVELOPMENTS

As part of implementing Phase 1 and development of Phase 2 devolution deals, a review of political and officer arrangements is taking place

Key developments:

December 2015:

- Mayor Joe Anderson elected Chair

The new CA cabinet with portfolio leads:

- Economic Development: Cllr Phil Davies
- Transport: Cllr Rob Polhill
- Housing and Planning for Growth: Cllr Barrie Grunewald
- Employment and Skills: Cllr Ian Mayer
- Health and Wellbeing: Cllr Andy Moorhead
- Public Service Reform: Mayor Joe Anderson

## LATEST LCR DEVELOPMENTS

Political leads will co-ordinate review of existing working arrangements in their areas of responsibility between now and the Annual Meeting of the CA in June 2016

This would enable the Annual Meeting to establish formal 'shadow' arrangements, if it so wished, in advance of the introduction of the new LCR Mayor in May 2017

Political leads to work alongside the current formal City Region arrangements where these exist but with a view to developing new arrangements May 2017

Halton CEX to lead on Review of Constitution & recommend a new scheme for discussion at the Annual Meeting of the CA in June 2016

CA to consider requirements to support Government in establishing the necessary legislation to implement the deal. The Cities and Devolution Bill is expected to receive royal assent early in the new year and subsequently a LCR Order will be laid by Secretary of State for necessary legislation to enable Mayoral elections to take place in May 2017

# LATEST LCR DEVELOPMENTS

Officers

Ged Fitzgerald – Interim HOPS

Frank Rogers – Interim CX Merseytravel

Focus on:

- Phase 1 Implementation
- Phase 2 Negotiations
- Appropriate management and capacity
- Budget and funding

# LATEST LCR DEVELOPMENTS

Arrangements developed during Phase 1 negotiations to be continued in the short term under the leadership of the Chief Executive of Liverpool City Council

Together with LCR Chief Executives' Group, the Chief Executive of Liverpool City Council is tasked with developing the appropriate management arrangements and a related budget to cover the period:

- (a) January – June 2016; and
- (b) June 2016 – May 2017

Alongside this, the lead Chief Executive will review stakeholder engagement and secondment opportunities in order to both support and optimise core capacity as devolution develops

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## Programmes

Key component of the initial devolution deal was the £900m 'gainshare' pot together with a 'single investment pot' for economic development and key infrastructure and growth programmes and projects. Exact size of the single investment pot is still to be confirmed following Spending Review and Autumn Statement

Major projects and programmes will need to be developed quickly, and will need to sit and fit with current Growth Plan programme and appraisal methodology already agreed and currently being implemented

Overview of projects and programmes sits with CA & LEP, overseen by LCR Chief Executives' Group and the Regeneration Directors Group which includes representatives of all the constituent authorities and the LEP.

These and any similar officer groups to be reviewed over coming months to ensure they are fit for purpose for the system post 2017

# WIRRAL CONSIDERATIONS

Ongoing involvement in developing the devolution asks as well as wider City Region activity eg Growth Deal

Detailed consideration of the linkages and implications between the Wirral Plan & Pledges and devolution agenda

Further detail about implementation will emerge in the coming weeks

Ongoing updates to this Committee