

Amendment – Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

The Council is requested to consider the following amendment, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12(1) and (9)

Amendment

Proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation (b) - *delete* 'after the Council meeting' *and insert* 'after further consideration of the Scrutiny arrangements;'

Recommendation (c) – *insert after* 'Appendix 1b)'

'only once improvements to the Scrutiny arrangements have been secured to the satisfaction of members;'

Recommendation (e) – *insert after* 'LCRCA constitution'

'but now believes these should be strengthened;'

Recommendation (f) – *delete* 'Agrees' *and replace with* 'Cannot yet agree'

Delete 'and note that these will be incorporated into the revised LCRCA constitution' *and insert...*

'...on the grounds that this Council, whilst welcoming opportunities for co-operation, funding, growth and identity that the deal provides, cannot endorse the Governance Report or scrutiny principles on the lines suggested.

Whilst there are checks and balances that require unanimity between the Council Leaders and the Mayor, and majority voting in defined circumstances, there is insufficient opportunity formally set out for the Members of the Councils to influence or shape our City Region.

The Call In process suggested is rarely likely to be triggered if the composition of the Councils remains similar to the current configuration. Setting up and enshrining such a high bar for the Call In process is undemocratic.

The governance mechanism does not formally require the Mayor to bring together, consult and involve members from the constituent authorities. This democratic deficit has to be addressed.'