



**Business Overview & Scrutiny Committee
19 September 2017**

REPORT TITLE:	LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY – OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE UPDATE
REPORT OF:	THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to give Members an overview the work of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. Members are requested to note the contents of the report which provides an update on the developments of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the Business Overview & Scrutiny Committee are updated on the developments of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) consists of the six local authority areas covering Halton, Knowsley, St Helens, Sefton, Liverpool and Wirral. Membership includes the Liverpool City Region Metro Mayor, five local authority leaders of Halton, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral Councils, the elected Mayor of Liverpool City Council and the Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership.

3.2 The LCRA is a strategic authority with powers over transport, economic development and regeneration. Transport policy of the combined authority is delivered by the Merseytravel functional body. The Combined Authority also works with the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership to promote and deliver economic growth and to ensure that the views of businesses are represented in strategic decision making.

3.3 To hold the Elected Mayor Combined Authority to account, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee will:

- Provide 'critical friend' challenge to policy and strategy development;
- Undertake scrutiny reviews into areas of strategic importance for the people of the Liverpool City Region; and
- Monitor the delivery of the Authority's strategic plan.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS TO THE SCRUTINY PANEL 2017/18

Each Constituent Council has now appointed members of that constituent Council to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee for 2017/18 is made up of 20 Members as follows:

- 3 Members from each constituent council.
- 1 Member from the largest opposition party as calculated across the LCR geography as directed collectively by the largest opposition party.
- 1 Member from the second largest opposition party as calculated across the LCR geography as directed collectively by the second largest opposition party.

4.1 The membership of the LCRCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee for 2017/18 is detailed in the table below:

Cllr. Mike Sullivan (Labour) Cllr. Anita Leech (Labour) Cllr. Tom Anderson (Conservative)	Wirral
Cllr. Paula Murphy (Labour) Cllr. Daniel Terence Lewis (Labour) Cllr. Carla Thomas (Labour)	Sefton
Cllr. Carl Cashman (Liberal Democrats) Cllr. Tony Brennan (Labour) Cllr. Sarah Spall (Labour)	Knowsley
Cllr. Alan Dean (Labour) Cllr. Patrick Hurley (Labour) Cllr. Laura Robertson-Collins (Labour)	Liverpool
Cllr. David Baines (Labour) Cllr. Martin Bond (Labour) Cllr. Janet Johnson (Labour)	St. Helens
Cllr. Kevan Wainwright (Labour) Cllr. Pauline Sinnott (Labour) Cllr. Bill Woolfall (Labour)	Halton
Cllr. Denise Dutton (Conservative) <i>Member from the largest opposition party as calculated across the LCR geography as directed collectively by the largest opposition party.</i>	Sefton
Cllr. Sue McGuire (Liberal Democrats) <i>Member from the second largest opposition party as calculated across the LCR geography as directed collectively by the second largest opposition party.</i>	Sefton

5.0 SCRUTINY INDUCTION DAY

A scrutiny induction day was held on 19th July 2017 which provided all Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee an introduction to the LCRCA and the progress made in 2016/17, the constitution of the Combined Authority and the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

- 5.1 Members noted that three key Task & Finish scrutiny reviews have been carried out. These are:
- Review of European Funding
 - Review of Affordable Transport (Short-hop fares)
 - Review of Apprenticeships in the Liverpool City Region
- 5.2 Members were also briefed on the key agenda items that were considered at meetings of the former LCRCA Scrutiny Panel meetings. These included:
- LCR Growth Plan and Strategic Economic Plan
 - Transport for Growth Plan
 - Potential Devolution of Powers and Resources
 - The Devolution Deal
 - Governance Review Arising out of Devolution Deal
- 5.3 In relation to work programme planning, it was agreed to have a dedicated session to identify items for the work programme. This session is scheduled for the 13th September and the outcomes from this session will be presented to Members as part of this agenda item.

6.0 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MEETING – 26th JULY 2017

- 6.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee last met on 26th July, 2017. A summary of the key actions / outcomes from this meeting is detailed below
- 6.2 Appointment of the Chair / Vice Chair

It was agreed for Cllr. Sue McGuire (Labour, Sefton) to be appointed as Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, with Cllrs. Paula Murphy (Labour, Sefton) and Kevan Wainwright (Labour, Halton) appointed as Vice-Chairs.

- 6.3 Appointments to the LCRCA Audit Committee

Cllrs. Denise Dutton (Conservative, Sefton), Paula Murphy (Labour, Sefton), Carla Thomas (Labour, Sefton) and Carl Cashman (Liberal Democrats, Knowlsey) were appointed to the LCRCA Audit Committee.

- 6.4 Scrutiny Work Programme

To help inform Members to develop the committee's work programme, the LCRCA Metro Mayor was invited to the meeting to present the Combined Authority's 100 day plan. The link to the plan is below:-

<http://liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/100-day-plan>

Members agreed to share work programme ideas and consider priorities in preparation for the work programme planning session which has been scheduled for 13th September. An update from this session will be provided in conjunction with this agenda item.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

The delivery of the scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

10.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

11.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

12.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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APPENDICES: None

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date