

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

KEY DECISION YES

PORTFOLIO AREA: LEADER

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: LEADER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT TO THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION SEEKING
ENABLING LEGISLATIVE POWERS TO RAISE BUSINESS RATES
SUPPLEMENTS**

1. RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.1. That the Council consent to the making of the Order by the Secretary of State to confer on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority the powers as set out in the draft Order entitled The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (Business Rate Supplements Functions) Order.
- 1.2. That delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to provide any necessary support required to complete the requisite legislation to fulfil this objective on behalf of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION



- 2.1. The consent of each constituent authority within the area of the Combined Authority is required to the making of an Order by the Secretary of State, which if approved by Parliament would confer on the Combined Authority the powers in the Business Rates Supplements Act 2009 to levy business rate supplements. The Order would also provide for those powers to be exercised by the City Region Mayor. This decision has been made as a matter of special urgency due to the Government imposing a deadline for the constituent councils to give their consent by 29 May 2018.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure.
- 3.2 This decision has been made as a matter of special urgency due to the Government imposing a deadline for the constituent councils to give their consent by 29 May 2018. The consent of the chair of the Business Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been obtained.

- 3.3 The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance and are compliant with equality legislation.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Signed:  Executive Member: CUR. PHIL JAMES Date: 25/5/18 Also present:	Signed:  Chief Officer: LVSHAW DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER Date: 25/5/18
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

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

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