

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: The Chair and Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting: 6th March 2019

Authority/Authorities Affected: Combined Authority

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING

DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update to the Committee on the preparation of the Liverpool City Region Housing Strategy. It sets out (in Appendix 1), a summary of comments submitted by Committee members at a housing strategy workshop held on the 28th November 2018, and a proposed response to them.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- (a) Approve this report noting the progress made on the preparation of the City Region Housing Strategy to date;
 - (b) Note the responses provided in Appendix 1 of this report to points raised by Committee Members at the November 2018 housing strategy workshop; and
 - (c) Request the Director of Policy and Strategic Commissioning to report the City Region Housing Strategy to a future meeting of this Committee for its information.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As Committee members are aware, as outlined in the Combined Authority Corporate Plan, the CA is currently preparing a Liverpool City Region Housing Strategy designed to implement the Metro Mayor's housing priorities and Corporate Plan objectives.
- 3.2 As part of the preparation of a draft Strategy, a workshop was held on 28th November 2018 for Overview and Scrutiny Committee members. At this workshop, housing data was presented along with a series of questions seeking members' views on the strategy's emerging themes and priorities.

- 3.3 A working draft has now been shared with the city region constituent Local Authorities, Housing Associations and Homes England through the CA Housing and Spatial Planning Advisory Group (HSPAG).
- 3.4 Appendix 1 to this report summarises the comments and questions raised by Committee members at the workshop and outlines how these comments have been addressed in preparing the emerging strategy. The overwhelming majority of members' comments have been reflected in the emerging strategy. This confirms that the workshop held in November was important in shaping the strategy's scope and direction.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no direct financial costs arising from this report given that it is a report for the Committee's information.

4.2 Human Resources

There are no implications for Human Resources arising from this report. Staff are in post in the Combined Authority to draft the Strategy and to coordinate delivery and implementation.

4.3 Physical Assets

There is no direct impact arising from this report on the physical assets of the Combined Authority or the Constituent Councils.

4.4 Information Technology

There are no implications for IT arising from this report.

5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

- 5.1 This report provides an update on the preparation of the City Region Housing Strategy and how Committee members' earlier comments have been addressed in the emerging draft. The report recommends the Committee to note these and as such, there are no risks associated.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct implications from this report. However, the City Region Housing Strategy is being prepared within the context of the Metro Mayor's inclusive growth agenda where no neighbourhood or community should be left behind.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

7.1 None foreseen from this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The workshop held in November 2018, provided a valuable opportunity for Overview and Scrutiny Committee members to be involved in helping shape the emerging housing strategy and to undertake pre-approval scrutiny. Members' comments and input have proven important in shaping the strategy's scope and direction. It is recommended that the Director of Policy and Strategic Commissioning be requested to report the City Region Housing Strategy to a future meeting of this Committee for its information.

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Appendices:

Appendix One – Outcome of Overview and Scrutiny Committee Housing Strategy Workshop

Background Documents:

None