

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

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

Meeting: 6 March 2019

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

## REPORT OF THE STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER

### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REVIEW FOR 2018-19

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an opportunity to consider the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19, which sets out the key achievements and activities of the Committee during the course of the municipal year. Furthermore, the report also provides Members with an opportunity to consider the future operation of the Overview and Scrutiny function through its proposed work programme for 2019/20 and to support the development of a scrutiny questionnaire to be circulated to the members of the Committee.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee :
- (a) agree the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19 as set out at Appendix A and that any amendments/insertions be made in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chairs and the Statutory Scrutiny Officer;
  - (b) agree the draft Proposed Work Programme for 2019-20 as set out at Appendix A and that any amendments during the course of the new municipal year be made in consultation with the Chair, the Vice Chairs and Statutory Scrutiny Officer; and
  - (c) endorse the development of a scrutiny questionnaire that will be circulated to Members of this Committee.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The purpose of this Scrutiny Annual Report is to highlight the achievements of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year. It is envisaged that the Annual Report will promote the work of the Combined Authority Scrutiny function to

elected members, residents and key stakeholders across the City Region and beyond.

3.2 The Scrutiny Annual Report is attached at Appendix A. It provides a broad summary of the work undertaken during the Committee meeting cycle and then highlights the work of the four Workshop Sessions conducted by the Committee.

3.3 A draft Work Programme for 2019-20 is contained within Appendix A and includes the draft dates for the Committee meetings for 2019/20 (which is subject to approval by the Combined Authority). It is proposed that each of the meetings are themed according to the City Region portfolios and **feedback from members would be welcome in order to plan and prepare for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2019/20.**

#### 4. **LOOKING FORWARD**

4.1 To inform the operation of the scrutiny arrangements in the new municipal year, it is important to provide Members with an opportunity to review the current scrutiny arrangements. To enable this to take place it is proposed that a scrutiny questionnaire be developed and shared with members. The findings of the scrutiny questionnaire will be reported back to this Committee in the new municipal year and will inform the operation of the Committee in the new municipal year.

#### 5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The resources to support such activity are being delivered from within the existing resources of the LCR Combined Authority.

##### 5.1 **Financial**

There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

##### 5.2 **Human Resources**

There are no specific Human Resources implications associated with this report.

##### 5.3 **Physical Assets**

There are no specific Physical Asset implications associated with this report.

##### 5.4 **Information Technology**

There are no specific Information Technology implications associated with this report.

#### 6. **RISKS AND MITIGATION**

6.1 There are no risks associated with this report or implications.

## **7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

## **8. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

8.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19 will be made available on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority website.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 This report provides Members with an opportunity to review the scrutiny activity undertaken during 2018/19 and sets out the next steps in preparation for the 2019/20 municipal year.

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### Appendices:

Appendix A – Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 & draft Proposed Work Programme 2018/19