

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: The Metro Mayor and Members of the Combined Authority

Meeting: 26 July 2019

Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM:

## REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR INCLUSIVE ECONOMY AND THIRD SECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT

### REVISED NATIONAL GROWTH LOCAL ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve the revised Local Assurance Framework (LAF) for both the Combined Authority (CA) and the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), following receipt of feedback from the various government departments.

To update the officer nominations to the LEP company structure.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority:

- (a) Adopt the revised National Growth Local Assurance Framework as amended in the report;
- (b) Agree to delegate authority to the Director of Commercial Development and Investment or his nominee to make any minor amendments prior to its submission to the Cities and Local Growth Unit within MHCLG; and
- (c) Agree to the revised officer recommendation.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

##### **National Growth Local Assurance Framework**

3.1 Members will recall that in April this year, the CA was presented with a report to approve the Local Assurance Framework (LAF) as part of the new LEP arrangements. To that end, members agreed the following:

- (a) Agree the draft LEP/CA Assurance Framework as appended to the report (Appendix 1), which includes provision for:
  - (i) the LEP Board to assume the legal personality of the CA

- (ii) the establishment of a growth delivery group structure with a focus on economic sectors and programmes
- (iii) the reduction in public sector representation on the LEP Board

3.2 Feedback was received from the following government departments; Department for Transport, Education and Housing, Communities and Local Government (Cities and Local Growth Unit) which suggested that some changes be made to the LAF as drafted.

3.3 The feedback consisted of clarification on the following;

- (a) the role of the LEP and the Combined Authority;
- (b) the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the LEP;
- (c) adoption of the UK BCR level; and
- (d) confirmation that the Transforming Cities Fund is referenced.

3.4 The above have now been included in the revised LAF which is attached for approval.

### **Appointment to the Local Enterprise Delivery Company of a Non-Executive Director**

3.5 Appointment is also sought for one of the non-Executive Directors from the LCR Combined Authority to be appointed to the LEP Delivery Company. This has arisen due to a forthcoming temporary absence which will require one of the current nominations to step down (Kirsty Pearce) with effect from September 2019. The Combined Authority is asked to approve the following appointment:  
Non-Executive Director – Jill Coule, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer

3.6 To take effect in September 2019.

## **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Financial

None arising from the contents of this report.

4.2 Human Resources

**None arising from the contents of this report.**

4.3 Physical Assets

None arising from the contents of this report.

4.4 Information Technology

None arising from the contents of this report.

**5. RISKS AND MITIGATION**

None arising from the contents of this report.

**6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

None arising from the contents of this report.

**7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

None arising from the contents of this report.

**8. CONCLUSION**

This report seeks approval to adopt the revised Local Assurance Framework following feedback from various government departments. Those changes are outlined in the report and in the attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The report also seeks approval to nominate a replacement Non-Executive Director to sit on the Board of the LEP Delivery Company.

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Appendix 1 – Revised National Local Growth Assurance Framework.

Background Documents: Nil