

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: Audit and Governance Committee

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Authority/Authorities Affected: All

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

### **BRIEFING NOTE ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY (LCRCA) SINGLE ENTITY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/19**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Audit and Governance Committee with a briefing note on the amendments to the LCRCA single entity Statement of Accounts for 2018/2019, following external audit consultation.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee:
- (a) Note the content of the briefing paper attached in Appendix One

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 provide a statutory framework under which the Authority is required to publish its Statement of Accounts each year. The Authority published the draft statement of accounts for 2018-19 by the deadline of 31 May 2019.
- 3.2 The final audited set of accounts were not available for publication by 31 July 2019. The delay has been caused by the need to continue to conduct work to establish the appropriate treatment on two accounting issues:
- Recognition of capital grant payable to Merseytravel to fund rolling stock expenditure
  - the inter group transactions between Merseytravel and the LCRCA single entity accounts which had historically been reflected within cash/bank overdraft.

## **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Financial**

Appendix One details the amendments which have been made to the LCRCA single entity Statement of Accounts 2018/19. There is no impact on the overall LCRCA Group position.

The LCRCA Statement of Accounts 2018/19 which have been revised for the agreed treatment changes are attached in Appendix Two (to follow). They are currently with Mazars for review. The revised accounts attached do not yet reflect the final agreed set of accounts as they are still subject to agreement with Mazars however agreement on the overall principles of the changes have been agreed. The accounts are provided to allow for some context to the changes.

### **4.2 Human Resources**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

### **4.3 Physical Assets**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

### **4.4 Information Technology**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

## **5. RISKS AND MITIGATION**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

## **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

## **7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

There are no direct issues arising from this report.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 The attached briefing note summarises the amendments made to the LCRCA single entity Statement of Accounts 2018/19 and the proposed treatment changes have been agreed by Mazars, the external auditors.

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Appendices

Appendix One: Briefing note on the amendments to the LCRCA single entity Statement of Accounts 2018/19

Appendix Two: LCRCA Statement Of Accounts 2018/19 (to follow)