

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: The Metro Mayor and Members of the Combined Authority

Meeting: 1 November 2019

Authority/Authorities Affected: ALL

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: No

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### APPOINTMENT OF COMBINED AUTHORITY OFFICERS TO THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (GP) LIMITED

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. This report relates to the establishment of a new “Urban Development Fund”, as approved at the 8 March 2019 LCR Combined Authority meeting. It proposes the appointment of Combined Authority officers to serve on the Board of Directors of the Liverpool City Region Urban Development Fund (GP) Limited (“LCR UDF (GP) Limited”).

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority is recommended to:

- (a) Note that the LCR UDF (GP) Limited has been established following the recommendations approved at the 8 March 2019 Combined Authority meeting;
- (b) Approve the appointment of the Chief Executive, Section 73 Officer and Director of Commercial Development and Investment of the LCR Combined Authority to the Board of Directors of the LCR UDF (GP) Limited;
- (c) Note that the funding decisions made by the Special Purpose Vehicle will be made in accordance with the terms agreed in the Funding Agreement with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (“MHCLG”) for receipt of the European Regional Development Fund (“ERDF”) money, as per the report approved at the 8 March 2019 Combined Authority meeting;
- (d) Delegate authority to the appointed officers to undertake or delegate appropriately, all activities and steps that are necessary to effect the efficient and appropriate operation of the special purpose vehicle, namely to the LCR UDF (GP) Limited; and

- (e) note that the Liverpool City Region Urban Development Fund will provide periodic updates to the LCR Combined Authority as part of the Strategic Investment Fund update process.

### **3. LCR URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUND**

- 3.1. The LCR Combined Authority recently approved the creation of a second “urban development fund” (“UDF”) under the 2014-2020 ERDF Operational Programme, following the Chrysalis Fund, which was established under the previous, 2007-2013 ERDF for the North West, to provide repayable finance to property and low carbon schemes across the City Region. As part of the compliance obligations for accepting ERDF funds to establish the new UDF, MHCLG required the LCR Combined Authority to establish a new special purpose vehicle (SPV) to act as general partner to the UDF.
- 3.2. The newly established, LCR Combined Authority owned general partner requires three directors to manage its business. Following the Chrysalis Fund example, it proposes to nominate to this role the Chief Executive, Section 73 Officer and Director of Commercial Development and Investment.
- 3.3. For the avoidance of doubt, the new UDF will be managed to the extent achievable as an indivisible part of the Strategic Investment Fund (“SIF”). The LCR Combined Authority will report its activities to members through regular SIF updates.

### **4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1. Financial**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### **4.2. Human Resources**

There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.

#### **4.3. Physical Assets**

There are no direct physical asset implications arising from this report.

#### **4.4. Information Technology**

There are no direct information technology implications arising from this report.

### **5. RISKS AND MITIGATION**

- 5.1. Failure to appoint Members as recommended may result in the Combined Authority not being appropriately represented.

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

6.1. There is no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

## **7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES**

7.1. This agenda and the list of proposed nominations have been circulated to all Constituent Councils and is published on the LCR Combined Authority's website.

7.2. Subject to approval from the LCR Combined Authority, details of the nominated Officers will be communicated to the relevant organisations.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

8.1. This report recommends the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority makes to the LCR UDF (GP) Limited a number of appointments as set out in paragraph 2(b) above and associated recommendations to ensure the smooth running of the Special Purpose Vehicle.

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Appendices:

N/A

Background Documents:

ERDF Funding Agreement between the MHCLG, LCR, (UDF) Limited partnership and LCRCA dated 27 March 2019.