

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Appointments to Outside Bodies 2022/23</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Summary of decision being sought</b>	This report seeks approval of the appointments to Outside Bodies for 2022-23.
<b>Is this report exempt?</b> No	<b>Reason for Exemption</b> Not Applicable
<b>Is this a Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards
<b><u>Impact and implications of this report</u></b>	
<b>Financial impact</b>	None
<b>Delegation of decision sought</b> <b>Supporting the Corporate Plan</b> <i>(Tick as appropriate)</i>	Not Applicable A Fairer City Region A Stronger City Region A Cleaner City Region A Connected City Region A Vibrant City Region
<b>Climate Change Implications</b>	None
<b>Equality and Diversity implications</b>	None
<b>Social Value implications</b>	None
<b>Human Resources implications</b>	None
<b>Physical Assets implications</b>	None
<b>Information Technology implications</b>	None
<b>Legal implications</b>	Yes, see paragraph 11.8
<b>Risk and Mitigation</b>	Yes, see paragraph 11.9
<b>Privacy implications</b>	None
<b>Communication and consultation implications</b>	Yes, see paragraph 11.11
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<b>Appendices</b>	Yes
<b>Background Documents</b>	None

# LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: LCR Combined Authority

Meeting: 10 June 2022

## REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

### APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2022-23

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report proposes the appointment of both Elected Members and Officers to serve on bodies external to the Combined Authority and to outline the proposed new arrangements, if agreed to take effect during the course of the new municipal year.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority is recommended to approve the appointments to:
- a) LCR Local Enterprise Partnership Board;
  - b) Growth Platform Trade Company;
  - c) Growth Platform Teckal Company;
  - d) agree that officers will look to dissolve the Growth Platform Hold Co as this structure has not proved necessary;
  - e) Chrysalis Board;
  - f) Chrysalis Advisory Committee;
  - g) note that a report on the future arrangements for the Chrysalis Fund will be presented to a future meeting of the Combined Authority;
  - h) Transport for the North Board and Partnership Board;
  - i) Rail North Committee;
  - j) General Purposes Committee;
  - k) the Transport Committee be asked to appoint Members from the Committee as set out in paragraph 6.2;
  - l) Mersey Dee Alliance;
  - m) European Structural and Investment Funding (ESIF) Committee;
  - n) North West Regional Leaders Board;
  - o) North West Employers Organisation; and
  - p) to agree that short reports will be provided on the activities and work of outside bodies for inclusion or otherwise as appropriate on the Combined Authority agenda.

#### 3. MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- 3.1 Members are regularly appointed to a number of outside bodies through this annual report. To improve connectivity between the work of the outside bodies and the

work of the Combined Authority it is proposed that Members will provide a short report during the course of the Municipal Year in order to :

- raise awareness of and understanding of the profile and work of relevant outside body; and
- recognise the alignment or otherwise of the work of the outside body with the activity of the Combined Authority.

Such reports will be either included as part of the Combined Authority meeting agenda or circulated to members of the Combined Authority accordingly.

#### 4. LCR LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

4.1 The Combined Authority is asked to approve the following appointments:

##### 4.2 LCR Local Enterprise Partnership Board

Position	Name
Metro Mayor of the LCR Combined Authority	Steve Rotheram
Inclusive Economy and Third Sector Portfolio Holder	
Education, Skills and Equality and Diversity Portfolio Holder	

##### 4.3 Growth Platform Trade Company

Appointments are sought for two non-Executive Directors from the LCR Combined Authority to be appointed to the Delivery Company. The Combined Authority is asked to approve the following appointments:

Position	Name
Non-Executive Director	Aileen Jones, Executive Director Investment and Delivery
Non-Executive Director	Kirsty McLean, Executive Director Policy, Strategy and Government Relations

##### 4.4 Growth Platform Teckal Company

Appointments are sought for two non-Executive Directors from the LCR Combined Authority to be appointed to the Delivery Company. The Combined Authority is asked to approve the following appointments:

Position	Name
Non-Executive Director	Aileen Jones, Executive Director Investment and Delivery
Non-Executive Director	Kirsty McLean, Executive Director Policy, Strategy and Government Relations

4.5 Members will be aware that in April 2019 a four-company structure was agreed by the Combined Authority with respect to the Growth Platform. This included a Growth Platform Company Hold Company upon which the Metro Mayor and a

relevant portfolio holder were appointed. A recent review by external lawyers of the company structure has made a series of recommendations regarding this and a number of subsidiary companies. With respect to the Growth Platform Hold Company it is recommended that this company be dissolved and as an interim there will be a three company structure supporting the Growth Platform namely the Growth Platform and its subsidiary companies, the Teckal company and the Trading Company. The Growth Platform Hold Company had been inactive and held no assets.

- 4.6 Officers are working through the remainder of those recommendations, and they include the recent establishment of the Stakeholder Sub-Committee. Outstanding recommendations will be the subject of future reports either to the Combined Authority and/or the Stakeholder Sub-Committee.

## 5. CHRYSALIS FUND

- 5.1 The Chrysalis Fund's Board consists of five Board Directors of the company and is chaired independently and comprises three private consortium members and two representatives from the Liverpool City Region.
- 5.2 The Fund is reaching the end of its initial investment life and options for the future of the Fund are being explored and will be presented to a future meeting of the Combined Authority.
- 5.3 In the meantime the proposed representation for 2022/23 is detailed below:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Inclusive Economy and Third Sector Portfolio Holder - Board Director	Councillor J Williamson
Inclusive Economy and Third Sector Deputy Portfolio Holder – Substitute	Councillor K Groucutt
LCR Combined Authority Officer Representative	Raphael Miller
LCR Combined Authority Officer Representative – Substitute	John Gray

- 5.4 The Chrysalis Advisory Committee includes Officer representation from the City Region. The proposed representation for 2022/23 is detailed below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
John Gray	LCR Combined Authority
Wesley Rourke	Halton Borough Council
Alan Evans	Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

## 6. TRANSPORT

- 6.1 The Combined Authority is required to nominate Members to a number of transport bodies and the following nominations are proposed for 2022/23:

Organisation	Representative
Transport for the North (TfN) Board and Partnership Board	Board Member - Metro Mayor S Rotheram
	Substitute Member - Portfolio Holder for Transport and Air Quality
Rail North Committee Member	Committee Member – Metro Mayor S Rotheram
	Substitute Member – Portfolio Holder for Transport and Air Quality
General Purposes Committee	Committee Member – Metro Mayor S Rotheram
	Substitute Member – Portfolio Holder for Transport and Air Quality

- 6.2 There are a number of other transport bodies which require representation and it is proposed that the Combined Authority delegate this request to the Transport Committee for their consideration.

Details of these transport bodies and the representation required are set out below:

(a) TravelSafe Board

Three nominations from the membership of the Transport Committee comprising of two Labour Group Members and one Opposition Member

(b) LEP Advisory Council

Chair of the Transport Committee

(c) West Coast 250

One nomination from the membership of the Transport Committee

(d) Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee

Two nominations from the membership of the Transport Committee with one Member acting as the Substitute Member.

## 7. MERSEY DEE ALLIANCE

- 7.1 The Mersey Dee Alliance is a cross boundary alliance traditionally comprising the Local Authorities of Flintshire, Wrexham, Wirral, Cheshire West and Chester. Wirral Council and Merseytravel have been Members of the Alliance since its inception.

- 7.2 From 2018/19, Merseytravel ceased to be a member in its own right and the membership was transferred to the Combined Authority and replaced the dual subscriptions from Wirral MBC and Merseytravel. This was considered more efficient and reflected the new governance structures within the Liverpool City Region (i.e. the Combined Authority is the statutory body for strategic economic development).
- 7.3 In view of Wirral's natural boundaries with Cheshire West and Chester and North East Wales, it is proposed that the Combined Authority delegates lead member responsibility to Wirral MBC and for the Leader to agree representation from within Wirral MBC on behalf of the Combined Authority.
- 7.4 Accordingly, it is proposed that the following nomination be appointed as the Combined Authority's representatives to the Mersey Dee Alliance:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
To be confirmed	LCR Combined Authority

## **8. EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUND SUB COMMITTEE**

- 8.1 Following the final rounds of calls for ERDF in 2019 and ESF in 2020, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has advised that the requirement for local sub-committees to advise on investment decisions to maximise commitment of ESIF funding is no longer required. However, the ESIF Sub-Committee will continue until the end of the formal programme period (end 2023), receiving biannual reporting on programme performance circulated to all members. It is therefore proposed that the Portfolio Holder for Inclusive Economy and Third Sector retains membership of the ESIF Committee for the Combined Authority.

## **9. NORTH WEST REGIONAL LEADERS BOARD**

- 9.1 During 2021/22, Metro Mayor S Rotheram, Councillor D Baines and Councillor G Morgan were appointed to this body and represented the Combined Authority. For 2022/23 it is proposed that the following Members be appointed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Metro Mayor S Rotheram	LCR Combined Authority
Councillor D Baines	Leader of St Helens MBC
Councillor G Morgan	Leader of Knowsley MBC

## **10. NORTH WEST EMPLOYERS ORGANISATION**

- 10.1 For 2022/23 it is proposed that the following Member be appointed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Councillor Carla Thomas	Deputy Portfolio Holder, Policy, Reform and Resources, LCR Combined Authority

## **11. IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Financial Impact  
Not applicable

11.2 Supporting the Corporate Plan  
Not applicable

11.3 Climate Change Implications  
Not applicable

11.4 Equality and Diversity Implications  
Not applicable

11.5 Social Value Implications  
Not applicable

11.6 Human Resources Implications  
Not applicable

11.7 Physical Asset Implications  
Not applicable

11.8 Legal Implications  
The implementation of these recommendations are in accordance with the LCR Combined Authority Constitution. Failure to appoint Members to the Committees of the Combined Authority would have significant implications for its governance arrangements.

11.9 Risks and Mitigations  
Failure to appoint Members to the external organisations may result in the Combined Authority not being appropriately represented.

11.10 Privacy Implications  
Not applicable

11.11 Communication and consultation implications  
This agenda and the list of proposed nominations have been circulated to all Constituent Councils and is published on the Combined Authority's website. Subject to approval from the Combined Authority, details of the nominated Elected Members and Officers will be communicated to the relevant organisations.

## **12. CONCLUSION**

- 12.1 This report recommends a number of appointments which the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority makes to external bodies.

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