

APPENDIX 2

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

Friday, 3 March 2023

WAYS TO WORK – STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PANEL CONSIDERATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF NOTE

- 1.1. This note seeks to update the Combined Authority with the considerations of the Strategic Investment Panel following their consideration of the Ways to Work programme on the 23rd February 2023.

2. STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PANEL COMMENTS

- 2.1. The Strategic Investment Panel (“the Panel”) considered the Ways to Work project at their meeting on the 23rd February 2023.
- 2.2. The Panel recognised that the need for continuity in provision, particularly given the uncertainties linked to National provision and UK Shared Prosperity Funding not being available until April 2024 for the programme. The panel were supportive of, and recognised the need for, reshaping of the programme to ensure that it is both efficient and effective within the changing policy and funding landscape.
- 2.3. As part of the reshaping work, Panel would welcome Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, social value and modern slavery considered as key issues within the reshaping work to ensure the future service is inclusive by design.
- 2.4. Panel also advised the CA to explore where impact could be increased through aligning delivery models and creating a more streamlined and consistent offer across the region to avoid duplication.
- 2.5. There was a broader discussion around the difference between unemployment and economically inactive and how we define this locally. The Panel also asked for clarity on how the breakdown of figures provided in the paper presented.
- 2.6. The Panel concluded to recommend that the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority approved the funding, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) LAs provide the CA with a delivery plan for how they will transition to the new UKSPF funding regime over the next 12 months.
 - 2) The methodology for the allocation of the funding is agreed by senior LA officers and Leaders and Mayors.
- 2.7. Panel also requested further consideration be given to the CA playing a key role in setting the framework for the reshaping work in relation to designing of the objectives, targets and delivery.