

CABINET

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Maher (in the Chair)
Councillors Atkinson, Cummins, Fairclough,
John Joseph Kelly, Lappin, Moncur and Veidman

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hardy.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest were received.

68. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY ORDER

Further to Minute No. 52 of the meeting held on 14 November 2016, the Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive which outlined the legal and governance requirements to establish the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral Model with devolved powers and functions agreed as part of the Devolution Deal by all of the constituent local authorities and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority in November 2015.

The report included the following appendices:

Appendix 1	Report to Council 19 November 2015
Appendix 1A	LCR Devolution Agreement
Appendix 1B	LCR Devolution Governance
Appendix 2	LCRCA Scrutiny Principles
Appendix 3	Draft LCRCA (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017
Appendix 4	LCR Devolution Deal – Powers and the exercise of those powers as contained within the LCRCA Order 2016
Appendix 5	Letter of Commitment from Government concerning Employment and Skills powers
Appendix 6	The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2016

Decision Made: That

- (1) the draft LCR Order as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report which sets out the powers to be devolved to the LCRCA and directly elected Mayor be approved;

- (2) the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority in consultation with the Leader of the Council and/or Deputy Leader of the Council to agree minor amendments with Government and subsequently to provide confirmation of Sefton Council's formal consent to Government in respect of the LCR Order;
- (3) the governance principles, previously agreed by the Council and LCRCA in November 2015 (as detailed in Appendix 1b to the report submitted), that will form the basis of the revised LCRCA constitution be noted and reaffirmed;
- (4) the scrutiny principles as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved and it be noted that these will be incorporated into the revised LCRCA constitution;
- (5) the assurances given as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report, in respect of employment, education and skills be noted. Should the Government fail to deliver on those assurances, then the Council shall take all actions considered necessary, including such legal action as may be considered appropriate, to compel Government to deliver the commitments made by Government in the 2015 Devolution Deal; and
- (6) It be noted that the proposal was a Key Decision but had not been included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions. Consequently, the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services) had been consulted under Rule 27 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and Rule 46 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Constitution for these decisions to be treated as urgent and not subject to "call in", because to do so would result in a failure to meet the required deadline for action as the Orders have been subject to a Government timetable which only became clear in recent days.

Reasons for the Recommendation:

Consent is required from all local authorities to the LCR Order which will give legal status to the powers and functions agreed as part of the devolution agreement.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None - On 19 November 2015, Council ratified (Appendix1A) the Devolution Agreement, the change to governance with a directly elected Mayor and the scope of the powers and functions to be devolved to the City Region. The report sought agreement to the final legal and governance steps required to implement that decision.

