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1	Member of the Public	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCR should expand to include West Lancs, Warrington and CWAC • Would accord with original ideas for Merseyside • Would enable clear demarcation of boundary between Liverpool and Manchester • Would enable planning for expansion of Merseyrail • Would provide basis for election of Transport Commissioner
2	Member of the Public	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport conditions will improve if taken into public ownership[• Under proposals the region would be a better size for grant claiming • This area should have been in operation following the abolition of Merseyside County Council. • Other regions have had advantages of the Liverpool City Region in recent years
3	Member of the Public	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the change • Local authorities are linked so should work together • Move will strengthen local authorities' voices
4	Member of the Public	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for the region to employ its way out of child poverty are ambitious • Waterfront needs flood defence • Priority should be to combat climate change • Vacancy on industrial estates including Astmoor (Runcorn) • Investment in rehabilitation and education needed • Waterways for goods are under-invested and under-used
5	Member of the Public	Halton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question whether exclusion of Warrington would have disadvantages • Question whether the change would bring about cross-subsidy between participating authority areas • Question whether supplying of goods, services, etc between authorities could lead to additional taxes and charges • Question whether the move would lead to changing demographics / new communities across the area • Question the impact on political balance across participating authorities • Question the expected employment consequences • Question how there will be democratic control over decisions agreed between participating authorities • Question impact on tolls and traffic flows across the Mersey (bridge and tunnels) • Question frequent mention of the word "Liverpool" compared to "Halton" • Question how the scheme will affect the status of authorities at the European level • Question whether the scheme could provides for more combined cost saving utility supply arrangements for residents • Question impacts on the movement of criminal offenders, Council tax, sharing of personal information, public libraries, emergency services, medical treatment, and hospital access. • Question the impact on the relationship between Runcorn and Widnes
6	Other Public Sector Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for the proposals, which will build on existing arrangements, and offer the best opportunity for securing funding and improvements across the sub-region • Consider proposals offer opportunity for strategic partnership working
7	Other Political Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for and endorsement of the proposals, which would provide a mechanism for the LCR to make its voice heard by Government • Strategic leadership and sharing of responsibility will be beneficial for the member authorities, and present opportunity for devolution of powers and resources • A Combined Authority would bring greater clarity, more transparent governance arrangements and a stream-lined decision making process
8	Other Political Representative	Halton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the benefits of a Combined Authority for the former Merseyside local authorities • Question whether Halton Council should join the Combined Authority, and consider the costs and benefits needs to be investigated • Halton would have a much smaller voice than the other authorities • Halton Council should assure local people that the Combined Authority is only a pooling of powers for certain functions and that Halton will retain most of its independence
9	Other Political Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full support for the overall proposal • The Chair of the new body should rotate between the local authorities involved • Co-opted members should not have voting rights, with the exception of the LEP Chair who should be a full member of the authority will full voting rights • Support for the proposal that Knowsley act as a permanent secretariat for the authority • The authority should bid to extend its powers to take on DWP functions along with NCA housing powers and Connexions functions
10	Integrated Transport Authority Representative	LCR Wide / Cross Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome the governance review and associated reforms, which are essential to maximising the future success of the LCR • New structures will allow funding opportunities to be exploited and enable efficient service delivery for residents, businesses and investors • The proposals will provide a highly visible model of leadership, to aid negotiation and joint working with central government and other key partners • Welcome placing transport at the heart of the City Region's high level decision making structures • The Combined Authority proposals will help place transport considerations at the heart of

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			<p>economic development, regeneration and visitor economy considerations. This will maximise efforts to align proposals and funding sources and support delivery of shared outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal formalises strong joint working arrangements for transport, in particular with Halton • Transport strategic planning and delivery of services will be improved • Support for the creation of a Combined Authority with multi-modal transport responsibilities. Welcome bringing strategic traffic and highway management / coordination functions together, as will deliver integrated transport strategy. • Consider it necessary that a dedicated transport committee is formally established and constituted, to provide necessary advice and to delivery matters delegated to it by the Combined Authority. This committee should be permanent, democratically accountable with elected representatives drawn from the six LCR authorities on a proportional basis. • The ITA will need to be dissolved, but successes of this body over 40 years should be noted. Recent positive changes within the ITA realised through reform should not be lost as the Combined Authority proposals are finalised. • Consider that the revised ITA is well placed to fulfil the role of the Combined Authority's Joint Transport Committee, with additional proportional representation from Halton BC.
11	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	LCR Wide / Cross Boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the proposal for the Combined Authority, as it makes strategic sense to operate across the sub-region more formally. This should be used to realise opportunities for people and communities in St.Helens. • Support the model of autonomous local authorities that deliver together. • Keen to see equity between the authorities, by having one authority, one representative, by having a rotating chair and not allowing the chair to have a casting vote. Boroughs should not be absorbed or subsumed by Liverpool. • Agree that there is a sound track record of success already between the local authorities in the LCR to build on.
12	Member of the Public	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposed to Wirral joining the proposed Combined Authority, as this is an expensive tier of bureaucracy without a democratic mandate and would be dominated by Liverpool • Wirral should seek unitary status with and partnership with other Cheshire authorities on waste, transport and employment.
13	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note role of local churches in partnerships
14	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern regarding the need for ring-fencing of funds and revenue for transport • Not enough clarity, explanation of costs and Council involvement • There is a need for guarantees regarding clarity, openness, fair dealings, and accountability for employees and elected members • Combined Authority would not provide strong strategic leadership for Wirral • Relationship with the LEP would need clear accountability, honesty and transparency • Concern regarding the need for Wirral Council to deal with "scandal" and "disgrace" • The exercise of statutory functions will not improve if the example of the Mersey Tunnels is taken into account • Transport would not be improved as cross-river transport is at an all-time low and needs investigation • Economic conditions will never improve while there is distrust of the democratic process at Wirral Council • Liverpool City Region is a pipe dream until there is proper accountability in all local authorities • Strong strategic leadership is supported but question where this would come from • The membership of the Combined Authority cannot be supported until there are some important changes which will restore faith and belief in Wirral Council's ability to fulfil its obligations • The relationship between the LEP and the Combined Authority would only be strong enough with open and transparent dealings .
15	Other Public Sector Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome opportunity to discuss proposals in person
16	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government should be as close as possible to local people. Potential concern if this was watered down. • Would like reassurance that this is not the first stage in centralisation of local authorities • A more inclusive name should be found for the authority, preferably not "Liverpool" or "Merseyside".
17	Other Public Sector Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Combined Authority will need sufficient business leaders and public sector (other than local authority) leaders involved • Relationship with the LEP will require some thought to prevent duplication, and prescription and understanding of the different roles of the authority and the LEP • General support but duplication of responsibilities is a risk, local authorities must be prepared to give control to the combined authority
18	Member of the Public	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support for the proposal as the best idea in decades, as long as it isn't another "Merseyside County Council"

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given land, opportunity and workforce looking for work, this is an opportunity not to be missed Ellesmere Port is part of Wirral, and Chester also should be included in the plans The Combined Authority should bring together the best of all parties and best of local business, and report back to the electorate on progress on a regular basis The link with the LEP could be strengthened by bringing to the Combined Authority the best brains we have in the area through universities and colleges Combined Authority must have strong and dedicated leadership by Joe Anderson. In-fighting between parties must cease, and all parties should get behind the proposal.
19	Other Public Sector Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for proposals and for strengthening St.Helen's voice in the City Region It would be sensible to retain current Borough leads e.g. St.Helens on strategic housing and land-based assets Bringing links with higher education closer to the Strategic Employment and Skills function via the LCR Employment and Skills board will support health services to plan workforce for the future, e.g. GPs and practice nurses Useful links could be made to the Local Workforce and Education Group (LWEG) and Cheshire and Merseyside for the NHS (a sub group of LETB – Local Education and Training Board)
20	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescot / Whiston area has poor amenities including public transport services and leisure facilities Concern that if the authority area expands, Whiston / Prescot area will receive proportionally less funding Knowsley should prioritise its own areas before combining with other authorities
21	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowsley should not be part of the Combined Authority, as it is doing alright by itself
22	Other Public Sector Representative	Liverpool	n/a
23	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Totally against the proposals as Kirkby has previously lost out to other areas, and would have less chance of securing funding Kirkby town centre has poor amenities and shopping facilities, and the Council has failed to secure funding or improve amenities Questions regarding process with Tesco-led regeneration scheme in Kirkby town centre
24	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for Knowsley being part of the Combined Authority as long as there is no loss of jobs or services
25	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposition to Knowsley forming part of a "super Council", despite acknowledged opportunities associated with forming a larger scale economy Concerned that the merger would reduce the quality of Knowsley Council services due to a reduction in local focus, a reduction in local knowledge of officers and the influence of Liverpool City Council Concerned that the proposals would send an encouraging signal to central government to consider amalgamation of parliamentary constituencies
26	Local Business Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for the Combined Authority proposals The Combined Authority is a good strategy to pursue as it will bring together the City Region in a friendly way and where all parties are on one side A united front between authorities is essential to attract overseas investment and makes a more pleasant environment to work in The proposals will show a strength of scale Planning the Liverpool and Wirral Waters projects demonstrates the advantages of joint working and cooperation, and demonstrates to overseas investors that the LCR partners "get on"
27	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned that most of the funding would go to Wirral More should be done to enhance Kirkby
28	Member of the Public	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the proposal if it is a genuine bid to raise more funds for Merseyside A unified and ambitious collaborative approach would make realising Merseyside's status as one of the world's top municipal zones more likely
29	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the proposal as a very good idea
30	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to provide strong leadership will depend on who the leaders are Proposals sound "too good to be true".
31	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probably agree with questions 4 and 5
32	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals would enhance more opportunities for Wirral and would be excellent for the whole of Merseyside to attract investment
33	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is much to gain from the proposals Relationship with the LEP should be continually reviewed
34	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals are exciting
35	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% support for the establishment of strategic leadership
36	Local Authority	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the benefit of Merseyside the proposals should be progressed quickly

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	Representative		
37	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough information regarding the economic rationale • Too early to say whether strategic leadership will be able to drive forward jobs and growth
38	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals are obvious position to enable the City Region to access funding streams • The area should grab the opportunity of devolved powers and extra funding • Strategic leadership is the logical way forwards. The alternative is to be relegated to “second division” status • The link with the LEP seems logical, strengthening of the link may need to be considered again in the future • The City Region should take this opportunity and not miss the opportunity for increased funding
39	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be more scrutiny of the LEP. There is a need to be more inclusive in relation to all authorities involved. • The City Region must take part in this initiative
40	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton has yet to agree with the proposals • The proposed membership will hopefully provide strategic leadership • The proposal and relationship with the LEP is the only way forwards. There is strength in numbers.
41	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for increased evidence around potential improvements brought by the Combined Authority, and around the economic rationale for the authorities to come together • Strategic leadership would need to be beneficial to all authorities • Links with LEP would be good in principle as long as this is beneficial to Wirral • Overall support for the scheme as long as it is beneficial to Wirral residents and for the future of Wirral
42	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive response is based on presentation from Wirral Chief Executive, but caution should be observed
43	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to strategic leadership, Wirral should be safeguarded • The LEP should work in partnership with selected task groups • Fear that input from local councillors may be diminished
44	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confident there will be a range of benefits from the proposals • Strength lies within a partnership approach • Strategic leadership will need to ensure that the Combined Authority delivers what it promises • The membership will be accountable with a strong scrutiny remit • The LEP have been given a place and their relationship with local businesses will be important • The proposals sound like an exciting development that will if regulated properly bear fruit for the LCR
45	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links with the LEP will depend on the final structure agreed. Better scrutiny of LEP decisions is welcome but questioned whether these will be deliverable agreements • The proposals are good and long overdue • Would be interested to know any impacts on tunnel tolls
46	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials seemed overly positive and a more balanced view would have been welcomed
47	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	
48	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links with the LEP should work • Advocate a Liverpool City Region which includes Ellesmere Port.
49	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider Combined Authority to be a good idea, as funding opportunities would be opened up. It is currently frustrating not to be able to access funding available for Liverpool-based organisations.
50	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no evidence to suggest that existing arrangements for statutory functions are not working • The proposals will not improve “taxpayer subsidised transport” and Merseytravel has no lack of power at the moment. • The economic conditions are caused by too little private sector job creation over many years, not too little political control • Question jargon around “driving” jobs • Question whether there is not strategic leadership already for issues of economic development, transport, housing and employment and skills • No mention of housing was made in the presentation to Wirral members • The LEP already has strong links with all of the member authorities; there is no evidence of poor relationships. • The questionnaire is biased and designed to secure a particular result
51	Other	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome move towards more open and accountable political leadership for the LCR • The city region is an economic, social and cultural entity, and a political reality, but governance structures have failed to keep pace • Reform is welcomed as current arrangements are weak and lack transparency • Concern about the speed of the process in terms of time given for consultation and time to properly evaluate governance options. • Timetable for the governance review is far too short, noting the lead in period for other city

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			<p>regions has been much longer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The structure for the LCR Cabinet should include a specific guarantee of representation for opposition voices, which is particularly important when all leaders are currently drawn from the same political party. • There should be a more democratic model with the necessary provision of checks and balance, scrutiny and transparency • There should be a City Region Mayor with a system of representation similar to that implemented in London, i.e. the six Local Council, a LCR Assembly, preferably elected with a proportional electoral system
52	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No evidence to support that the proposals would bring about improvements in statutory functions • Merseytravel already have adequate powers in their control to be effective on transport matters • Question what is meant by “drive” jobs • Presentation given to Wirral Councillors had no mention of housing, wonder what else has been omitted • The LEP has links and works well with LCR authorities. Any weaknesses should have been picked up and remedial action put in place • Very real concerns regarding the proposals • No compelling need to formalise existing successful joint working relationships • Wirral feels no affinity with Liverpool and hence partnership work and shared back office work has already been agreed with Cheshire West and Chester Council • Wirral residents have no desire to be part of a Merseyside authority, dominated by Liverpool, against their will
53	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong objection to the proposal on the basis that Knowsley Council is excellent in providing services to their residents • If Knowsley combined with Liverpool, then concerned that Knowsley residents would lose a lot of services
54	Other Public Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review concludes that informal arrangements with limited accountability have been outgrown • Creation of the Combined Authority will build on what has already been achieved, progress regeneration, and supported by the relevant statutory framework will enhance opportunities to provide strategic direction • The Combined Authority should strengthen existing arrangements through provision of governance and by enhancing accountability • Four thematic functions identified are consistent with and supportive of economic development, regeneration and transport objectives • The intention to establish a scrutiny function will enhance transparency and ensure delivery of priority investments • Combined Authority would be consistent with the findings of Heseltine / Leahy reviews • To achieve the vision authorities must work collaboratively to promote economic growth. No one authority can act in isolation and the region possesses a latent potential to improve its economic output • Joint approach will improve ability to attract inward investment • Section 2 of the scheme provides a clear rationale for the authorities to work together to drive jobs and growth • Regeneration will be even more significant in a City Region which has a reputation as being a safe place to live and work • Merseyside Police can support a Combined Authority by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour. Crime can undermine local communities and deter investors and employers. Joint approach to prevention, control and reduction of criminality already in place. • Option to co-opt additional members should be exercised to ensure a breadth of knowledge and experience – Merseyside Police could have a role in this, on highways / transport matters and on ensuring the City Region is a safe place in which to live and work • The Police and Crime Commissioner could provide a City Region perspective on police and crime issues, as an elected representative, which would boost democratic leadership, transparency and accountability • It may be considered appropriate to co-opt representatives from the LEP to ensure a private sector perspective • Merseyside Police have had many successes and are committed to making the LCR a safer place in which to live work and visit, and are willing to support a Combined Authority to ensure regeneration continues
55	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No to the super council
56	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined / Collaborating Authority sounds like a good idea • Many decisions and policies have cross-boundary impacts, and communities straddle electoral boundaries, so there should be a joined up approach • Benefits of greater integrated policy making and strategic direction should be maximised • Liverpool or Merseyside has a greater “brand recognition” as a larger strategic vehicle, which should help with national or international strategic issues and marketing • There could be exceptional economic benefits to Local Councils sharing systems and staff for

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			<p>back of office functions e.g. transactional centre model – functions like planning, highways, accounting, rates, procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consistent policy across all the boroughs would be extremely positive for the Third Sector and collaborations would maximise success / inward investment in this sector • Local offices should be maintained to avoid perception that some areas will receive majority of benefits. • Local representation and links with the community must not be lost.
57	Local Business Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals are good news for the region • Should be extended to involve local MPs • Local chambers are now thinking about extended collaboration, which will move the region forward • The way Manchester has gathered funding publicity demonstrates what can be done to regenerate areas • Question why the Liverpool City Region has not done this sooner • Hard work with business leaders, the community and newer councillors has brought major benefits and regional funding to Scarborough.
58	Local Business Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully support the option to establish a Combined Authority • Key challenge which has not been addressed is the access to the Port of Liverpool, the rail link appears weak and the current road access is inadequate to cope with a significant increase in HGV traffic. Question whether the CA will address this. • Question where the political accountability for the new CA would rest. This is unclear from the documents, but suspect that as the CA will be made up from senior members of existing authorities, this will be via existing local government processes.
59	Local Transport Provider Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full support for the vision for the Liverpool City Region to create a thriving international City Region, as transport is recognised as a critical enabler of wider economic, social and environmental priorities and it should align proposals, priorities and funding sources • The CA will make leadership very clear, where at present it can be confusing • Transport funding which comes as specific grants from DfT must be ring fenced for transport projects • The combined view must be better for than individual Councils making decisions that can detrimentally affect the whole region, e.g. deciding to suspend bus lanes in one area but not in others. The proposal should deliver an integrated transport strategy for the whole region • Having one standard region with highways powers would be an advantage as there are examples where road standards are different in different council areas, e.g. potholes, snow • Arriva is excluded from the City Region Transport Board and other influential bodies, operators should have their representatives on these boards
60	Other Public Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed Combined Authority would improve effectiveness and promote efficiencies in key areas. As a larger entity there is the platform to maximise opportunities. • The authorities working together will promote employment and skills in the City Region • Strategic leadership will be improved significantly • Each of the Local Authority members will contribute towards the CA ensuring representation of all areas, enabling high level strategic decisions and thus promoting employment and growth. • The LEP will be an integral part of the Combined Authority
61	Other Public Sector Representative	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liverpool City Region should establish a Combined Authority model, which will accelerate economic growth and improve economic conditions in the City Region • The MITA should be dissolved and its functions transferred to the Combined Authority • Strategic transport powers should be transferred from Halton Borough Council to the LCR Combined Authority.
62	Government Department / Agency Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One consistent strategic voice in relation to employment and skills would be far more effective. Currently priorities are set by local authorities and can be subject to change, which results in different approaches in each area. • It makes sense for the Combined Authority to fulfil the role of Transport Authority for each of the six local authorities rather than have separate arrangements • One strategic voice will encouraged closer collaboration, less duplication of service and would realise some efficiencies and ensure the cost neutral stipulation • Employers could be offered a single cohesive offer of help and all residents would benefit from receiving the same consistent service. • The economic climate for employers could be further enhanced by all Local Authorities agreeing to use DWP mainstream offers first and where able add or compliment to incentivise the help available for employers. • Current use of Section 106 agreements obstructive, which insist employers only recruit residents that live in that authority area. Local authority deliverers also inform employers that they cannot use JCP services and must use the local authorities instead. This may lead to employers missing out on incentives, etc that a mainstream government department can provide and can lead to confusion for employers. • DWP/JCP priorities and departmental objectives must be clearly appreciated and understood by the Combined Authority in order to reduce duplication of activities. • Strategic leadership must set objectives that are effectively translated and acted upon locally. • The work of the LEP is not immediately apparent. Communication could be strengthened to clarify the links.

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63	Other Political Representative	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wholly opposed to the proposals • No evidence that functions are not able to be administered by existing six local authorities, in cooperation with the LEP, Chambers of Commerce and Merseytravel • Economic growth stagnated during the period of Merseyside County Council and the creation of new jobs only occurs with the right economic conditions, such as low taxation, minimum regulation and well qualified employees. • Do not see how a Combined Authority could more efficiently enable conditions which are not already being addressed by government. Question the need for an additional layer of bureaucracy. • Strategic leadership is already provided on economic development and employment and skills (The LEP and Sector Skills Councils), transport (Merseytravel in terms of public transport). • Unclear why housing has been added into the responsibilities as each local authority has a wide range of powers to intervene and most stock is owned by housing associations • Disagree that the proposed membership will provide strong strategic leadership as this implies the six local authority leaders are currently unable to do this and work with the LEP • There is no mention of how the Combined Authority would be held accountable for decisions or performance against stated objectives • There is no indication of how the functions which would be transferred to the Combined Authority would work in practice – for example will local authority staff be transferred?
64	Member of the Public	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any move such as this proposal would inevitably mean that St.Helens would be subsumed eventually by Liverpool • Agree that joint working with neighbouring authorities is vital but would prefer St.Helens to work with similar authorities like Wigan, Leigh, Culceth, Warrington and Widnes
65	Member of the Public	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in St.Helens do not want to be part of any Liverpool region • St.Helens residents would vote against anyone promoting this idea, as they would believe that their wishes had not been taken into account
66	Member of the Public	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working more strategically should increase the efficiency and effectiveness of all Councils to deliver on statutory functions • Transport efficiency and effectiveness won't be affected as Merseytravel are already in place as a regional organisation • Working collaboratively across the region should improve the economic stability of the region as a whole. It may also increase partnership working. • Concern that Liverpool and larger towns in the region will get the majority of any monies or development opportunities • St.Helens is one of the smallest towns in the Liverpool City Region and will be last in line for anything, with Liverpool getting the majority and Knowsley next as they are the most deprived after Liverpool.
67	Other Public Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the growth of jobs and the delivery of employment and skills opportunities has to be a strong driver for the Combined Authority. • Hope that the strong history and current practices of partnership working would be incorporated in the work of the Combined Authority. • The statutory membership has to be supported by strong partnership working and stakeholder involvement. • The Combined Authority should become the focus of some of the wider work of the City Region. For example, bringing together the work on Fairness, Child Poverty and Life Chances, and establishing opportunities for networks and partnerships to develop in support of the key areas of work.
68	Other Public Sector Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question how competitiveness of transport would be affected, if at all • Offer support for proposed strategic leadership as long as this is transparent and there is accountability • Links between Combined Authority and the LEP would be strong enough due to the unique structure of the LEP
69	Local Authority Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the proposal to create a Combined Authority which covers economic development and transport functions • Greater Liverpool is an area that will prosper or decline together, and closer joint working will encourage prosperity • Liverpool has a world-wide reputation and acts as the magnet for inward investment and visitors • A job created in Liverpool could be filled by people in any of the other five Boroughs and vice-versa. The case for change seems unanswerable. • Question whether the body will be called the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority rather than Merseyside • Question whether inward investment for the area will be undertaken using the Liverpool

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			<p>branding, while ensuring that appropriate interventions are made by other Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question whether Liverpool Vision will be merged with similar bodies throughout the City Region • Question how the relationship with the LEP will work as the document mentions that the LEP will help discharge functions of the Authority while another part acknowledges the independence of the LEP • Question what the relationship will be with other contiguous areas such as Ellesmere Port and Skelmersdale which are part of the City Region but whose Councils are outside the city region boundaries • Question how the authority will exercise its functions and how decisions will be scrutinised, including scrutiny by opposition party members. • Question how scrutiny will operate within the authority and also in the constituent Councils • Question whether an annual plan for the Authority will be brought for discussion with all constituent Councils. • Would be pleased to discuss concerns at any time with the collective leadership of the authority.
70	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the proposals with the proviso that the “area” includes the whole of the City Region, not just the centres of Liverpool and Birkenhead • More explicit commitment to towns and villages on the periphery of the City Region, both individually and as grouped sub-regions (e.g. West Wirral) needs to be made. • Concern that recognition of the potential of towns such as Hoylake will be muted in favour of the larger projects such as Liverpool Waters and Wirral Waters. • The periphery of the City Region as a whole has enormous potential and there exists a significant requirement for investment at all levels in order to realise that potential, which will be of lasting benefit to the wider region. • We are an exemplar of a locally driven, volunteer-led organisation who have pioneered local regeneration, but greater private and public funding will be needed in the near future • Would like to present Hoylake as a test case for a Combined Authority pilot project
71	Other Public Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamental that the Liverpool City Region develops a real and tangible offer to current and future residents and businesses that the Region is ‘the place to be’. • Supportive of taking a Liverpool City Region approach around economic growth and setting priorities at a regional level that can provide improved resources and decisions that maximise the outcomes for the Region. • It is sensible to link together Economic Development, Transport, Housing and Assets and Employment and skills as collectively they form a powerful combination that if correctly aligned will synergistically support economic growth within the City Region. • Welcome the strategic proposals to seek approval to create a Combined Authority for the purpose of creating economic growth and agree that the LEP’s involvement in these arrangements is fundamental. • The high level proposals will need to be underpinned by practical operational arrangements that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow priorities to be properly evaluated and relative merits set between different schemes and priorities • Ensure benefits flow throughout the whole of the Liverpool City Region • Resources available are spent or utilised to obtain the maximum value • There is a way of working that achieves the ‘greater good’ for the Region as against the competing priorities of all areas getting a relevant share – by that the focus should be on the outcomes and where they are likely to be rather than on the inputs • Thematic groupings have to work together as joined up thinking gets the best from the resources. • The Combined Authority must be able to set and demonstrate that it is more effective than before – both in setting aims to gain more resources and in maximising outcomes from working together • Turning strategy into action is vital and the arrangements must ensure that priorities are set, decisions made and resources deployed quickly so that it encourages growth as soon as possible. • A high level set of priorities drawn from what is already there plus building on the opportunities the new arrangements offer is vital to proving the new arrangements work for and do not stifle the City Region • An effective way of working through disagreements is necessary so that the Combined Authority members can focus on the future • Success will depend upon effective governance arrangements being in place with skills and representation on the thematic groups and any advisory panels or other bodies needing to be drawn from across the City Region • The City Region will need to adopt a more joined up approach to marketing the City Region as a place • Time needs to be spent building trust in a different way to before, trust for example in ensuring the priorities are set to maximise City Region economic growth potential and set against a real desire to ensure all areas can benefit • First Ark would be delighted to help in making the new arrangements if approved work
72	Local Business	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The links between the Combined Authority and the LEP should be strong enough, but it will

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	Representative		<p>depend on the skills of the LEP representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the concept and the proposals, success will depend on having clear agreement on the major regional issues that will drive prosperity, while recognising and allowing "local" issues to be decided locally.
73	Other Public Sector Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals will enable strengths in one area to be enhanced throughout the Liverpool City Region.
74	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The region has lost a significant proportion of its traditional industries e.g. manufacturing over the last 30 years. It is not a viable option to try to reverse this trend. There are new opportunities in creating manufactured items relating to growth sectors of green investment, ecological businesses, and environmental issues. The region could become a hub for this type of innovative manufacturing, similar to parts of the USA and The Netherlands.
75	Other Public Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the proposals as very exciting and compelling. The City Region must act now or lose competitive advantage Integration of strategic leadership could be very powerful Democratic leadership is essential There will be a job to ensure the LEP engages regularly with its membership Expect the importance of place, neighbourhoods and housing to be at the heart of this new approach.
76	Local Business Representative	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only weakness of the proposal may be the relationship of the Combined Authority with the LEP. This is essential and needs to be strong. It relies on the strength of the LEP chair in being able to represent the voice of the private sector. The LEP needs to continue to have the unanimous voice of the private sector is the region. Question whether this is clear enough to all partners in the region.
77	Local Transport Provider Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the proposals for a Combined Authority A Combined Authority would bring huge benefits to the Liverpool City Region, strengthening the delivery of strategic economic development, regeneration and transport and boosting economic growth and jobs The Combined Authority would provide clear leadership and greater transparency and would formalise the effective but informal current arrangements The Combined Authority would create a legal entity which would be in a position to attract funding and devolved powers, boosting Liverpool City Region's competitiveness with other parts of the UK The Combined Authority would bolster the role of the LEP within the City Region, heightening the potential for the city region as a whole to increase gross value added.
78	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Liverpool	
79	Local Business Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance review is well thought through and well structured Recent successes of City Region working have included improved support for businesses to grow and to create jobs, this needs to be continued There is more to be done to streamline support for businesses, and it is hoped the Combined Authority will lead on this work Hope that support from the team at Knowsley Council will continue and will be included in the support arrangements for the Combined Authority.
80	Local Business Representative	Halton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals will create stability and more efficient coordination of activities It is essential to have a joined up plan across the sub-regions in order to have any real impact on economic development Must ensure leadership input from the local business community Very clear distinctions between the different roles and responsibilities of both bodies should be made very clear to avoid duplication etc The overall objectives of the CA and measurable targets be need to be put in place in order to properly drive and measure the impact of the CA
81	Other Public Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The membership of the Combined Authority will provide strategic leadership when working in partnership with the LEP as is proposed. Co-opting the LEP Chair onto the Combined Authority as suggested, would be essential. But it is not clear from the documentation how much influence this would allow the LEP chair to have. Some clarity in this area would be useful. Benefits from the creation of a Combined Authority that would reach further than the strategic level, e.g. responsibility for housing could enable a more cohesive approach to the support of vulnerable neighbourhoods, including the management of void housing. The Combined Authority if approved, might wish to consider how it can effectively work with partner authorities
82	Local Business Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Combined Authority will enable a more structured and uniform approach to deliver improvements in statutory functions, transport and economic conditions. Pleased to see that the LEP will have representation at the highest level of the Combined Authority, representing the view of the private sector.
83	Local Business Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It makes sense to operate a joined-up approach to benefit the whole area and to give the Combined Authority greater influence with central government

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84	Local Business Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals represent a sensible way forward. Support this in principle and would wish to be part of the process to review the implications when more detail emerges. It would be important that all Merseyside Boroughs had an equal standing, for example by rotating the chair of the Combined Authority between the six Boroughs annually.
85	Local Business Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supportive of anything that can strengthen the economy of the Liverpool City Region and attract more investment into it. Keen to strengthen the Employment and Skills Board's ability to drive employment and skills improvement across the city region. Keen to ensure the City Region has a clear and unified voice to articulate priorities and to ensure they are driven through. Streamlining the structures and clarifying accountability should help to do this – and will benefit conversations with central government as well as with national organisations delivering in the city region The quality of the officer support to the CA will be vital. Would strongly support devolving the majority of the employment and skills activity to the ESB – with the CA and LEP having a scrutiny role over the ESB's work The CA should represent the local-authority element of the LEP – being the accountable body for public funding held on behalf of the LEP and ensuring that the councils are supporting the LEP agenda throughout all their activity. The ESB secretariat have been invaluable in brokering strategic links to the Work Programme, and being an impartial and sensible link into complementary activity in the city region. Would be very keen to see their role at least continue and ideally be strengthened.
86	Other Public Sector Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully support recommendations of the governance review The governance review is a further sign of commitments to develop new and deeper collaborations to deliver key objectives The creation of a Combined Authority will lead to an improvement in the local economic environment through transparent, visible and accountable leadership which should command greater confidence from businesses. It will also lead to improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of transport delivery The proposal articulates the relationship with the LEP Board and other groups, supportive of continued focus of collaborative leadership on economic development Fully support recommendations and willing to support implementation
87	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence was fully explained during consultation The proposals would formalise what is occurring at the moment in terms of the economic rationale of bringing areas together There is a requirement for cohesive geographical boroughs that are intrinsic to drive the agenda forward Companies within Chamber of Commerce continue to articulate the need for clear, consistent and visible leadership of economic development in the City Region The provision of accountable leadership will inspire businesses to invest and grow There is a tremendous medium term opportunity for business growth and the proposals will help improve the prospects of growth in Knowsley business Focussing efforts in one organisation will lead to improvements in efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery Reassuring to see integration of services across economic development, transport, housing, employment and skills Having an economic development approach to transport issues should lead to improvements in the transport network and the delivery of services, both of which are clear needs of businesses
88	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome the initiative
89	Integrated Transport Authority Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal to bring together strategic traffic and highway coordination under the Combined Authority is welcome, as a means of delivering a truly integrated transport strategy for the City Region The service delivery and policy development activities of the PTE will continue to be required, in order to deliver in terms of operational transport arrangements. The Merseytravel brand means the PTE is well placed and recognised as a body able to take on the transport requirements of the Combined Authority for the City Region Welcome the governance review and reforms, which are essential for the City Region to maximise its full potential in the context of devolved funding The proposed governance structures will allow the Local Growth Fund and other funding opportunities to be fully exploited and enable services to be delivered in a more efficient and effective way The Combined Authority model is fully supported as it will provide a highly visible model of leadership, to aid negotiation and joint working with central government and key partners Greater clarity is needed for the relationship between transport, housing and employment and skills, in terms of a consistent approach to project appraisals and in terms of bidding for funding and developing economic business cases The proposed membership is supported as it recognises Halton as an integral part of the LCR's economy and travel-to-work area. Co-opting the chair of the LEP onto the Combined Authority will demonstrate an

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			<p>acknowledgement of the need to formalise working arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LEP will remain vitally important, as share in Local Growth fund will be determined by the quality of the Strategic Economic Plan. The relationship with the LEP must be specified from the outset. Essential that a dedicated transport committee is formally established as part of the Combined Authority structure. This is necessary to provide advice and support to the Combined Authority, to deliver matters delegated to it and allow the Combined Authority to focus on its strategic coordinating role
90	Other Public Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not clear on the benefits of integrated transport strategy as would need to see more detail of how this would work in practice The proposals are an absolute must if we are to realise ambitions to bring jobs and economic growth at a time of diminishing resources The Combined Authority represents a great opportunity to promote the region and market its major economic benefits, and leverage in both public and private investment The self-interest of local authorities must not get in the way of developing a strategic City Region voice Fully support the LEP as a voting rights partner The LEP should provide more of the needed connections between private, public and voluntary sectors The proposal is very positive and will strengthen collaboration which already exists. It will enable a coherent strategic vision for the City Region which hopefully will bring jobs and economic growth The key challenge will be how this plays out when different local authorities implement the strategy, and the LEP should have a key role in this Where the partners' Local Strategic Partnerships and internal structures fit into the emerging Combined Authority will be the key to successful delivery of strategies in the future
91	Local Business Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome the proposal and the opportunity to comment, and any further opportunities for dialogue There isn't a single economic strategy for the Combined Authority area and this should be delivered as a priority action The Combined Authority provides a great opportunity to be more efficient and to develop a joined up brand for the area with decisions made based on strategic fit and benefit for the wider area Setting out how the Combined Authority and the LEP will operate together without conflict will be a priority Liverpool must be the "attack brand" for the area but how this works in practice and maintaining an equitable balance between authorities will be a challenge Through LEP links there is a great opportunity of significant private sector engagement
92	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The arguments for a Combined Authority are sound and the proposals are robust and coherent Value the inclusion of Halton, but regret that it is not yet part of Merseyside emergency services coverage. This is required for consistency. There could be more recognition of tourism as a key factor in regeneration, and also of the voluntary / community / faith / social enterprise sector as agents of regeneration The arguments for the proposals are robust and build on effective operations by other consortia Greater emphasis should be given to other key statutory bodies e.g. Hospital Trusts and CCGs who through their role in health and as employers are key partners Strong strategic leadership can be delivered through enlarging membership of the Cabinet to include voting or advisory members The LEP chair should be a formal member of the Cabinet, and there should be industry and voluntary sector representation A consultative structure should be established to bring representatives from the business, learning and voluntary sectors There should be some formal mechanism for consulting with neighbouring authorities as sharing resources across boundaries may be increasing necessary There should be increased engagement of the VCFSE sector in the structure of the LEP and the structures of the new Combined Authority In appointing staff to the Combined Authority there must be senior posts dedicated to promoting VCFSE engagement and overseeing the equality and diversity agenda
93	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confident that the aims of the Combined Authority can be achieved Relationships and cooperation will be important The current LEP relationship gives confidence that the links with the Combined Authority would be strong enough.
94	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence presented gives hope but is not conclusive LEP is very heavy with large commercial players – there is a need to include SMEs and voluntary and community sector organisations in order to ensure cross sector support and solutions There is a need to make proposals Merseyside specific and learn lessons from Greater Manchester to proceed better and differently

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95	Other Public Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals are a step in the right direction Partnerships and leaderships should use the opportunity to develop, grown and learn together to sustain implementation, therefore giving people sustained time to show communities that strong leadership is working well Commitment and collaboration should be sustained with honesty and trust Personal values and missions need to be clear an agreed to avoid stronger people having a louder voice
96	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the GVA gap between Merseyside and the rest of the country it is essential for raising the rate of growth to have a Combined Authority as proposed. The local authorities comprising the scheme make up a coherent economic area and will benefit from the proposed scheme's strategic arrangements The powers proposed are essential to providing clear strategic leadership for economic growth It is useful to have a representative from the LEP on the Combined Authority, but there should be further cooperation between the two.
97	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sooner the better.
98	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	
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100	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priorities established will help all the authorities Working in partnership can only improve authorities and communities Jobs and growth are important to all Welcome working with the City Region Closer working can improve service delivery to residents
101	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The gamble is worth taking and hope everything is successful for local authority status and bring jobs which are much needed The authorities working with each other will benefit all Absolute support for a Combined Authority Hopeful that proposals will drive jobs and growth in the City Region Links with the LEP could be strengthened through fairness and monitoring Feel excited to "sing from the same hymn sheet"
102	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	
103	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals would formalise the relationship between the local authorities, however not fully convinced that it will create much of a difference to the people of Knowsley. The economic rationale is demonstrated to some extent, however front line services should be kept in the loop in order that residents of Knowsley are equipped to compete for jobs Can support strategic leadership by ensuring potential applicants for jobs roles are equipped for work Work programmes are not going to support Knowsley residents. A more promotional, up skilling service is needed. The proposals will ensure Knowsley has a formal input to the jobs available All jobs should be filtered down ensuring that residents are prepared and equipped to apply for roles Engagement with businesses should be done as soon as possible to ensure that Knowsley residents can compete for the jobs.
104	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciate that the proposals are an essential move forward, but do not see how it would address skills in order to drive economic development in Knowsley The ability to fill jobs with residents of Knowsley was vague. Barriers to learning need to be addressed in school to help bridge the gap in employment and skills There should be more opportunity for private businesses to work with schools Businesses needs assistance and more fluid processes to access issues
105	Other Public Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree proposals can bring improvements if local politics can be overcome Proposals for jobs and growth need to link to training and to ensure local people have the skills to secure jobs There should be encouragement for lower level collaboration, Chambers and CVS operating at City Region level.
106	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals will provide an excellent opportunity for local authorities to work together strategically to improve local opportunities for the area Economic rationale for city region could prove to be too remote Strategic leadership would need to make sure that infrastructure is in place to support local businesses and providers of services across the authority Proposed membership should be able to provide strong strategic leadership to drive jobs and growth but would also need to work closely with the private and voluntary sector
107	Other Public Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for an excellent proposal that can only be good for the Liverpool City Region Would like to see how this governance proposal cascades down through the LSP, Area Boards, etc to a local level. Question how local communities can influence policy and decisions

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108	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	
109	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some reservations regarding the proposals • Would be happy to be co-opted onto any of the boards • More local people need to have a stake in the bigger picture • Links between the Combined Authority and the LEP could be improved through the democratic election of a scrutiny panel
110	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like reassurance that the partnership will bring better care services, better support for carers, better rates of pay for care staff. • Knowsley can learn from other authorities who often pay higher rates for care support
111	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great idea with strategic potential that could bring desired improvements • Not convinced about the proposed relationship with the LEP. Not convinced that the LEP has enough involvement with local businesses. Question how the LEP can be influential when it is only one out of seven voting members • Difficult to comment on a technical proposal without any previous consultation or discussion • Potential for a new class of bureaucrat removed from local enterprise • Key concern is accountability and local influence
112	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopefully the links between the Combined Authority and the LEP should be strong enough, but the private sector will be working hard to ensure its voice will be heard and aired at the Combined Authority
113	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full support for the conclusion that the Combined Authority will improve all services • The scheme supports the economic rationale for the proposals and it will open up lots more opportunities and the chance to collaborate and work together • All individual authorities have a lot to offer and by combining will make a stronger force • Strong support for the partnership and it will be of great benefit to join forces • It is too big a risk not to become a Combined Authority and Knowsley does not want to be left out
114	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The membership will be able to provide strong strategic leadership as long as members keep the bigger strategic picture in mind.
115	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals could be further strengthened by a combined mayor • The Combined Authority is very much needed to drive forward
116	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly endorse the proposal for a Combined Authority • Greater recognition needed of the third sector's role in relation to tourism, economic growth • Integrating transport should be a priority, alongside increased focus on green options e.g. trams and rail improvements • The proposals build on efforts made by a range of bodies but must be widened to involve more statutory and third sector partners, including Chambers of Commerce etc. • Support for engagement of Halton and hope all its functions will be transferred to Merseyside. • The LEP Chair among other additional members should be a member of the Cabinet. • Advisory structures should be established to ensure robust and proactive sharing with the voluntary and community sector and others • Importance of European funding to community led regeneration should be recognised • Concerned that there is a lack of recognition to the part played by the third sector and the faith sector • The third sector requires financial support from the Combined Authority to develop a robust infrastructure so that it can play a full part at Liverpool City Region level
117	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evidence presented does not lead to the conclusion that the Combined Authority would result in improvements • There is no evidence that statutory functions are not being successfully administered by the existing six local authorities • Merseytravel already has substantial powers in delivering effective and efficient transport • Economic conditions in the City Region are determined by the lack of private investment, not by a lack of political power • There is no reason to add an additional layer or bureaucracy to the existing structures • The creation of a Combined Authority will not assist job creation, which relies on the right economic conditions, which are being addressed by government • Opposition to proposals for strategic leadership, as this suggests the area currently does not have this. this dismisses the skills and experience of the LEP, six local authorities and Merseytravel • No mention of housing was given in the presentation to Wirral members. Each local authority already has wide ranging powers in this regard. • The LEP already has links to member authorities and there is no evidence of poor relations or inability to work together hence the creation of a Combined Authority is unnecessary • The consultation is biased and designed to secure a particular result • Councils in the Liverpool City Region already have a proven track record of working together

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			and it is unnecessary to formalise these arrangements in the form of a Combined Authority
118	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No evidence to suggest that the Combined Authority would deliver improvements. This should be achievable by each local authority. The scheme supports the economic rationale for the Combined Authority, but so does professional collaborative working There is no evidence of effectiveness and no guarantee of controlling fairness and costs incurred
119	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is not enough evidence presented to comment on the proposals
120	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals are an excellent idea, but with a poor name
121	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal to create a Combined Authority would benefit the residents of Knowsley in improving employment opportunities, access to such opportunities and quality of life.
122	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciation for the problems a lack of a joined-up approach creates currently, as there is natural movement of people between boroughs for housing, jobs and education. The proposals could be very beneficial particularly with employment and jobs.
123	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fear that if the authorities do not combine then the area will lose out on opportunities and not be considered at a higher level in the future
124	Member of the Public	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed membership will provide strong strategic leadership, as long as it is always equitable The links between the Combined Authority and the LEP should be strong enough but working as a team with the whole region in mind can only strengthen this.
125	Other Political Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consultation website has not been published enough.
126	Other Public Sector Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full support for the creation of a Combined Authority, which whilst not being overly bureaucratic, would create the right structure to attract additional resources to the region and make the best possible use of them.
127	Other Public Sector Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals represent a good strategic step forward.
128	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no economic rationale for the areas to come together The local authorities north of the Mersey should combine into a single authority The Wirral should amalgamate with Cheshire West and Chester Council, making it part of the North West Region. Cheshire is keen to explore joint working. Wirral and Cheshire would form a powerful regional block and continue to cooperate with Merseyside on matters of mutual interest Strong links between all public bodies, inside and outside of the region, are encouraged The Wirral should get out of Merseyside all together
129	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area is clearly a labour market as a whole and it makes sense to work for the City Region's benefit as a whole. Functions of economic development, transport, housing and employment and skills need to be better integrated The proposed membership will provide strong strategic leadership and the involvement of the private sector through the LEP chair is good. The proposed links between the Combined Authority and the LEP should be strong enough, and these need to be worked through in detail.
130	Other Public Sector Representative	Halton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The governance review will have important implications for the Halton Housing Trust's existing and future customers. Opportunity to comment on the proposals is welcomed. The proposals set out in the consultation documents are well presented and argued. None of the alternative options appear viable in comparison It will be vital that appropriate scrutiny arrangements are in place, especially considering increased powers and areas of responsibility. Support is offered to proposals for an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with the ability to co-opt specialists on the to committee for certain scrutiny tasks It would be useful to clarify the period that Halton BC would continue its existing passenger transport delivery arrangements, and the issue of a levy being applied on a differential basis Fully support the approach detailed for Strategic Housing; require more detail re Private Sector Stock Condition work Question the extent to which the Combined Authority would have any influence on individual decisions made in the local context about new development. There would need to be a balance between local and regional priorities.
131	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the proposal and rationale to create a Combined Authority The proposals create a vital springboard to support the best chance of underpinning sustained economic growth An integrated approach to transport will create efficiencies and enhance effectiveness

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strategic governance approach is essential to achieve transformational change and to acquire investment to maximise growth • The inclusion of Halton is definitive and welcome, as historically its status in Merseyside has been ambiguous and lacked consistency • The draft scheme would be enhanced by recognising and actively involving SMEs and third sector partners at all levels as active contributors to economic inclusion, job creation and growth • Support for the Combined Authority as improving connectivity and linkages will help to create an environment for social and economic growth and continued and sustained investment • The proposed membership will be able to provide strong strategic leadership but there needs to be a place within proposed structures and memberships to consider the inclusion of business and third sector involvement. • There are opportunities being generated through social investment and new finance models which can support jobs and growth. Also EU programmes with social inclusion and community led regeneration having a more prominent place will need to see a more proactive connection with those sectors. It is suggested inclusion could be a cross-cutting theme across the proposed thematic functions • Wherever possible, links between the Combined Authority and the LEP should be strengthened so we create a symbiotic approach for strategy and leadership. Suggest the LEP Chair should be a member of the Cabinet. Joint memberships of the proposed thematic functions of the Combined Authority. Advisory structures need to be established to ensure engagement of wider stakeholders such as third sector. • The Combined Authority model going forward must look at its processes to engage stakeholders building on existing mechanisms either at sub regional or borough wide or both. • There is little reference to the significance of health and wellbeing. Question whether this will be clearer in forthcoming documents.
132	Other Political Representative	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals should be welcomed • Looking forward, will want to work jointly with the City Region around transportation, economic development and planning issues and are keen to develop working relationships regarding key cross border issues. • Explore 'observer status' within the City Region Cabinet
133	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals make a great deal of sense and are supported • The proposals do not make any mention of regional road safety initiatives and where this responsibility would lie. There is no mention in the transport plan regarding drivers, including ageing population and those with restrictive medical conditions. Question whether Liverpool City Region could lead the way in addressing this through governance changes. • The proposals would give the City Region a single, coherent and strategic approach to regional development • The proposals would allow the interlinked needs of the sub-region to be given due consideration by government • The proposals would create a powerful voice for the area in attracting private sector inward investment • None of the identified economic strategy themes are a good fit for the social enterprise sector. The Combined Authority's focus for economic development should make explicit reference to the value of this sector • Latent potential for economic activity is unlikely to be addressed to any great extent without a focus on including the organisations within the social enterprise sector. This could be done through amending the LEP economic development strategy or through the creation of a City Region Board within the Combined Authority • A combined commissioning based authority would present growth opportunities for the social enterprise sector in terms of public sector contracts, spin outs and delivering services under different business models
134	Other Political Representative	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full support for the proposals to establish a Combined Authority • The Combined Authority model provides statutory powers in relation to economic development, regeneration and transport. It enables the city region to have more influence over the drivers of growth and brings the democratic and financial accountability on which to build future devolution of powers. • Liverpool City Region as a coherent functional economic area is well placed to benefit from a Combined Authority working to a shared strategy for growth • Partnerships will be able to build on the working relationships which have been established for many years after the conurbation e.g. City Region Cabinet and the LEP • The proposals will serve to support collaboration between Greater Manchester and the Liverpool City Region and other regional partners • Happy to offer any support to assist taking the proposals forward
135	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no evidence that the existing structures do not function perfectly well • To create jobs requires high standards of education, an incentive economy for businesses and employees along with low taxation and minimum regulation • Areas are already provided with effective strategic leadership based on co-operation across all authorities with cross-party involvement • An unelected organisation should not be determining what type of housing might be provided and where. This is a matter for local authorities to determine with voluntary cooperation being

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			<p>beneficial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed Combined Authority would have no electoral mandate for the activities mentioned, including regeneration where beneficial cooperation already exists At present the LEP works well with all individual authorities with excellent relations. Therefore the creation of a Combined Authority is unnecessary. Existing arrangements should not be altered when they already work well. Questions are biased, therefore conclude that the consultation is an attempt to restart a Merseyside County Council type of authority with one party representation and no electoral mandate.
136	Local Business Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Chambers of Commerce or business leaders should be involved in certain elements of decision making Concern that the benefits will not be spread evenly throughout the areas. Question whether there are any guarantees that will ensure all areas reap benefits of partnership Expect that the tunnel tolls for Wirral businesses will be abolished as this is an unfair charge to Wirral residents and its something no businesses from neighbouring areas have to pay
137	Other	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Liverpool City Region LEP is unique within England as it operates a Private Company with over 400 business members The LEP have been actively involved in the governance review. The LEP Board welcomes the fact that a Combined Authority may be formed. The LEP will continue to engage pro-actively with the process over upcoming months and will continue to take regular updates to the LEP Board
138	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
139	Other Public Sector Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new proposed footprint is different from the current strategic arrangements for health. Consideration will need to be given as to how the appropriate links with health will be made.
140	Other Public Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for proposal of co-opting LEP Chair to the Combined Authority, but there should also be greater linkages Structures and officers at different levels need to be easily accessible so that businesses know who to contact and where they can / should link in
141	Other Public Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overall strength in terms of strategic thinking should have a positive impact and enable the sub region to gain more creditability at the negotiating table Any streamlining should create an efficiency – the key will be the ability of the strategic decision makers to see the bigger picture and make decisions based upon the benefit to the whole wider region The ability to create the correct economic conditions, climate and opportunity should flow from a joined up approach to job creation and the infrastructure needed to support this The title of this is misleading and if community buy in is to be achieved how this is pitched will need to be considered. The role of the sub region and local council powers will need to be clearly stated. Housing appears to be an afterthought and needs to figure at the heart of any decision making body. Housing relates so much to economic prosperity, opportunity, job creation, community cohesion and health.
142	Other Political Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong support for the proposals. Have long argued for Councils in the City Region to work together more to support jobs and growth, and the proposal is welcomed in this context Welcome focus on integrating activities across economic development, transport, employment and skills and housing, as this will improve outcomes and delivery Organisational boundaries get in the way of effective support to businesses and residents. Looking forward to seeing how the Combined Authority will address this It is important to reassure people that this development will not undermine continued existence of local authorities Positive commitment to transparency and accountability within the proposals. The sharing of leadership across the City Region is also a helpful development. There must be a focus on the good of the City Region as a whole Proposals meet the tests around improving economic conditions and will improve the delivery of economic development, transport and regeneration. This is an opportunity which must be seized if the area is to secure jobs for residents and growth for businesses.
143	Other Public Sector Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A good explanation was provided of the options and the advantages of a Combined Authority The proposals would appear to be an appropriate way forward in terms of developing a relationship with central government The authorities may want to consider extending membership in terms of skills development for emerging markets, although this could come through the LEP Scrutiny role needs to be enhanced, suggest possible buddy role with other LAs outside of Merseyside as well as elected members Housing should be included in the Combined Authority's agenda
144	Local Business Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal to create a Combined Authority is clear, well-evidenced and thought through, and is fully supported Pleased to see the Employment and Skills Board at the heart of the review and proposed governance arrangements. The Board has a strong record in delivery and advocacy and this

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			<p>should be continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly support integrated approach to economic development, including support for businesses and people • If proposals are to improve economic conditions then information for young people, schools and colleges about employment opportunities is essential • Organisation and support for the Combined Authority is imperative. Support provided by Knowsley Council has been valued, and any support provided to the Combined Authority will also be high quality professional support.
145	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evidence is based on conclusions drawn from some desk top studies and a gut feeling • Better links across old Borough boundaries might have been secured by joint approaches or cooperation in the past, had funding been aligned • A pooling of sovereignty in favour of a big project of widespread benefit may assist • The scheme is inconclusive but expresses the hope that coordinated strategies and marketing might encourage investment • There is a need to improve infrastructure and seek markets for products, attract investment and home grown businesses • Question whether the projects that are worked up are widely shared, fully costs and can withstand cost benefits studies. The errors of past projects cannot be repeated • The redevelopment of housing and provision of new housing is bound to create construction work • Getting Council leaders singing from the same hymn sheet may impress investors • Councils need to try this approach given other regions are doing the same or similar • Question whether there are adequate mechanisms to develop projects in each Borough so that all areas have an opportunity to benefit
146	Other Political Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No evidence has been provided to determine whether the improvements to statutory functions will be delivered • Merseytravel have enough powers for transport issues across Merseyside • All authorities work together now so there would be no improvements • The LEP has a good working relationship and works with the local authorities already • Concerns around the governance of a Combined Authority, which will create another layer of bureaucracy and will struggle to deliver meaningful outcomes • One vote per authority proposals would remove fair representation of people in the area and would create an undemocratic decision making body • Concerns regarding geographical differences with everything directed towards Liverpool as the largest authority, with outlying conurbations left behind, and without a true representation of more rural areas • Six Councils already work together on areas of mutual benefit, there is no need to change that position • Wirral leans towards Cheshire on many issues and has agreed to share services with Cheshire West and Chester Council • Wirral is happy to work with other local authorities to the benefit of the taxpayer, but should be free to make its own decisions regarding sharing of services.
147	Other	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise that the Combined Authority will lead to a more integrated and effective approach to sustainable economic growth, but would encourage Liverpool City Region partners to continue to work with neighbouring authorities and partnerships e.g. Atlantic Gateway and Mersey Dee Alliance • Improving transport and infrastructure services between North Wales and the Liverpool City Region will benefit the City Region economy
148	Other Public Sector Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding a statutory element to the regions collaboration may add further legitimacy to funding applications. This process would also be strengthened by the Combined Authority displaying a united front and having a clear, single voice. • Exercising of statutory functions within the Combined Authority around economic development, regeneration and transport, would all benefit from being made by decision makers specifically accountable to the public • Transparency would be added through the creation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which would also ensure priorities are met and delivered too. • It is clear that a clear and firm partnership is recognised as a necessary step to address the key challenges in the Liverpool City Region including transport issues. Transport is also an important enabler for economic development and regeneration. • Combined Authority could help meet a range of constraints including congestion, overcrowding, health and wellbeing, and decarbonising transport • Links between transport and Merseyside's road policing responsibilities which could benefit from a consistent joined up approach via interaction between the Combined Authority and both the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. This could be explored. • The approach to representation would provide each area with an opportunity to share any economic needs and provide members with a platform for a consistent message. This would be strengthened by the provision of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. • The Combined Authority would be able to demonstrate that the area is united in its priorities, which would attract businesses, funding and benefit other partners • There are strong links between economic regeneration and crime, and hence governance changes would be felt by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Merseyside Police.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciate existing positive relationship between the Liverpool City Region Cabinet and the Police and Crime Commissioner, and keen for this to continue. The Commissioner would also be well placed to offer advice and perspective on any crime or police related matter (except in Halton). • Grateful for the information supplied and the opportunity to contribute to the process.
149	Other	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is essential that the City Region “punches its weight” at National Government level to access funding, and the proposed establishment of the Combined Authority is a very positive step in creating the right conditions to enhance the LCR’s influence as a leading City Region. • The natural economy and health and well being sectors should be embedded into the “DNA” of the proposed Combined Authority and are essential for a growing economy, resilient infrastructure and an innovative City Region economy. A reference to these matters is required to ensure strategic alignment, and they should be integrated into the work of the Combined Authority and represented through the strategic governance arrangements. • The proposals are a significant step forward within the context of the LCR responding to the new Government agenda and being able to access funds for major strategic infrastructure and regeneration projects and influence at the highest level • The proposals should enable the LCR to compete more effectively with other Combined Authority areas whilst also promoting the unique assets of the City Region including the Port, River Mersey, Universities and Health sectors • There is logic to having a single strategic “funding pot” for economic investment that integrates the major funding streams and provides the overall decision making mechanism, and it will be important to understand how this can be accessed. • There is a need to bring together transport considerations in a more integrated way and welcome the inclusion of Halton Council Transport Authority into the Combined Authority as well as assuming the responsibilities of the Integrated Transport Authority • Proposals are likely to improve economic conditions through a more integrated, strategic approach and through increasing the likelihood of successfully securing regeneration funds via an integrated approach. • The simplified Governance arrangements are seen as a much needed and more direct mechanism for agreeing priorities for intervention • It will be important to better understand the detail of the strategic housing role within the Combined Authority model given the obvious read across the natural economy, green infrastructure, resilience and health and wellbeing agendas. • The proposals should provide a more effective framework for collaboration and a stronger ability to make the case with investors and Government. Many of the major economic schemes in the City Region are not restricted to a single District area by means of supply chains, logistic chains etc, so a clearer framework for economic collaboration is essential and highly relevant • It is important to include linkages to other key strategic groups within the draft Scheme of Establishment to ensure that crucially important agendas such as health and environmental (natural) economy are also explicitly recognised • The Local Nature Partnership may have an important leadership role to play in that respect but also as a delivery partner for strategic programmes through for example green infrastructure interventions and the competence and experience of the environmental NGO sector in skills and training • Further consideration needs to be given to the adequacy of representation. For example, a number of the LEP Committees, such as the Low Carbon Economy Committee could also be considered in an advisory capacity • Consideration needs to be given to the relationship between the Combined Authority and statutory planning and regulatory processes. The Combined Authority’s view of significant strategic projects is likely to be influential and will need to be factored into the decision taking and consultation processes as well as through the Duty to Co-operate • It would be helpful to be provided with information on the hard economic case and case for increased influence from existing Combined Authorities in other areas • The Combined Authority will need to clearly articulate and agree how it collaborates with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority in order to drive the maximum benefit and influence of the Mersey Belt and Atlantic Gateway area • The proposed Combined Authority is a logical “next step” for the Liverpool City Region within the context of EU and national funding and the Growth Plan. It also provides a more formal mechanism for creating projects and programmes of substantial economic scale • Clarification would be appreciated on administrative and executive arrangements for the Combined Authority • Clarification is sought on the absence of any references to waste management and waste strategy within the consultation
150	Other Public Sector Representative	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the need for a strong authority which can compete successfully for resources at a national level • Note the rationale outlined in the consultation documents and the details of the options appraisal • Support the proposal since it will allow for economies of scale in planning, synergies in developments and facilitating economic growth by stimulating investment • Proposed governance arrangements appear to be transparent and fair

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals will benefit the population and improve health and well-being, if a better economic environment and infrastructure for the region is achieved.
151	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality partnerships with bus operators should be strengthened and more active controls of transport Scheme is supported if it is directed to the right areas to deal with child poverty and inequality and quality jobs through apprenticeships
152	Other Public Sector Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the proposals in essence, with some reservations and concerns re: housing, employment, missing off Ministry of Justice and Health. There is an economic rationale for the scheme, albeit relative to key big flag business schemes which may be problematic in terms of competition and available funding Support for the Combined Authority providing it involves representation from the private and voluntary sectors and excellent collaboration from the local communities. Proposed membership will provide strategic leadership so as long as the drivers have the proven background successes to enable progress to be made and ideals/ aspirations realised Links between the Combined Authority and the LEP should be strong enough providing new government does not wish to defer or dismiss the ideology behind the proposal. Request that smaller businesses including those which champion vulnerable people in housing/ jobs are not overlooked.
153	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would not like to lose the opportunity to create jobs for people in Wirral in Cheshire or in the Ellesmere Port car plant. Neutral cost or cost savings would be important
154	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed links between the Combined Authority and the LEP look good initially but once up and running, any weaknesses will be identified and steps taken to rectify. The proposals are a wonderful opportunity to bring investment to the Merseyside area and create jobs for young people.
155	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	
156	Local Authority Representative	Wirral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals will formalise existing arrangements, making people accountable. The Integrated Transport Authority will support the strategic direction set by leaders The economic conditions in the area can only improve The area is better united as the jobs market is regional and the region is a travel to work area. Jobs on Merseyside are good news for Wirral. The proposals should not lead to the abandoning of other relationships such as the Mersey Dee Alliance and joint work with Cheshire. Police, fire and waste authorities could also attend The Combined Authority should consume the skills, talent and private sector input of the LEP To do nothing or a weak resolution would be a disaster.
157	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals appear to be the only logical way forward
158	Government Department / Agency Representative	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A key conclusion of the report by Lord Heseltine and Sir Terry Leahy was that leadership needed to be strengthened in the city region. Arrangements need to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver effective democratic accountability for local growth fund money Get the best out of the area's resources on economic development Provide collective and binding decision making to make Strategic Economic Plans a reality The city region's economic assets are widespread and the private sector must have a say in how these are maximised and developed Strategic decisions on economic growth need to be taken by the Combined Authority in the light of advice from the Local Enterprise Partnership. The active engagement of the private sector will be critical to the success of a Combined Authority. This is best achieved by the Local Enterprise Partnership taking an active role in decision-making by being a full member of the Combined Authority Board
159	Local Authority Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LCR as presently constituted is neither effective, transparent nor accountable. The options outlined in the Governance Review merely formalise the existing arrangements, albeit with the inclusion of transport. Disappointed that the opportunity for a more fundamental review has not been taken. The geographical area of the existing City Region is a problem. It is neither small enough to be local, nor large enough to be truly effective in the stated aim of creating jobs and driving economic growth at a sub-regional level. There is no recognition given to the strategic importance of co-operation with Lancashire County Council. Important parts of Liverpool's economic hinterland and travel to work area are excluded from the LCR, including areas such as Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and Ellesmere Port The opportunity must be taken to negotiate with West Lancashire District Council and Cheshire West & Chester Unitary Authority with a view to their participation in the proposed Combined Authority. This would add economic clout and go some way to mitigate the over-dominance of Liverpool City itself in the sub-region. There are a range of poor transport links between parts of Sefton and Lancashire, Manchester and Preston. Improving road and rail links east and north-east from Sefton should be a priority for the LCR's transport strategy

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None of the options outlined will effectively meet the criteria of promoting economic regeneration, development and transport. Particularly concerned about the inadequacy, and uncertainty, of the proposed scrutiny arrangements, as there are no clear terms of reference or powers outlined
160	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General welcome for these proposals, support for the principle of working collaboratively across the region and also support for St Helens Council in proceeding with the development Support for the approach being for a Combined Authority model rather than the alternatives. Recognised that prioritisation of investment in cross-boundary working will maximise development opportunities which will be to the benefit of all authority areas. There is a risk of the Combined Authority being too Liverpool-centric and diluting local governance, with the proposed name contributing to this issue Strongly urge and support a rotational approach to chairing the new authority once constituted.
161	Local Business Representative	LCR wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree with the conclusions set out in the review, they are in the economic interest of the region The Combined Authority model of governance will benefit private investments and provide long term certainty for businesses in decision making
162	Local Authority Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the case for a Combined Authority but disagree with the current proposals Accept that a Combined Authority may be necessary to unlock government funding streams Disagree with the overriding aim to promote perpetual economic growth. Growth should be sustainable and strategy should aim towards a steady state economy. However, recognise that a period of catch up on the sub-regional level is needed now. Proposals say little about fostering economic resilience, ability to shorten supply chains, and prospects for a local currency. Proposals are weak on non-economic issues like health and the local environment Accept that proposals for governance should cost no more than existing arrangements and there should be no expansion of bureaucracy Proposals for Cabinet and Scrutiny are weak. There is a strong case for a directly elected assembly, similar to the Greater London Assembly, with proportional representation. There could be a reduction in the number of councillors in each district to pay for the introduction of such an assembly Opposition to the timing and duration of the consultation period All responses should be seen as provisional response but not a definitive position of the Liverpool Green Party
163	Other	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the case for a Combined Authority but disagree with the current proposals Accept that a Combined Authority may be necessary to unlock government funding streams Disagree with the overriding aim to promote perpetual economic growth. Growth should be sustainable and strategy should aim towards a steady state economy. Proposals say little about fostering economic resilience, ability to shorten supply chains, and prospects for a local currency. Proposals are weak on non-economic issues like health and the local environment Accept that proposals for governance should cost no more than existing arrangements and there should be no expansion of bureaucracy Proposals for Cabinet and Scrutiny are weak. There is a strong case for a directly elected assembly, similar to the Greater London Assembly, with proportional representation. There could be a reduction in the number of councillors in each district to pay for the introduction of such an assembly Opposition to the timing and duration of the consultation period
164	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully support the proposals
165	Other Political Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support proposals for membership of the Combined Authority, which will promote closer working relationships between the public and private sector in the region Fully support overall proposal that Liverpool City Region should become a Combined Authority
166	Voluntary / Community Sector Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current governance for St.Helens is adequate. The status quo should be maintained There is no evidence that any proposed changes will improve anything for St.Helens Proposals would dis-empower residents and back bench councillors and increase democratic deficit, as communities would have no more say in localism due to centralised decision making Proposals ignore all party support for Localism All transport decision making should involve local residents at every level, and should not be left to politicians alone or businesses There is no factual evidence that economic conditions will improve if the recommendations are approved Question the legitimacy of decisions made by Council leaders Would like to see the Cabinet system scrapped with a return to full Council decision making St.Helens is part of Lancashire and its residents want as little as possible to do with Merseyside City Region-wide governance will permanently exclude residents and neighbourhood groups from influence
167	Other	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the principle of councils co-operating on regional, strategic matters. Doubts that the creation of a Combined Authority will really unlock new streams of government funding – and that those pushing for such an authority can deliver.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who have for decades overseen the region's decline should not be in charge of the solution. The current crop of politicians struggle to make things work/deliver on a smaller scale – handing them greater, more far-reaching responsibilities could be disastrous. There is a worrying lack of hard evidence to support the claims being made in the consultation document There is no hard evidence that this Combined Authority structure would make a difference – and plenty of historical evidence to suggest it will fail. Where is the democracy, transparency and accountability? This will be another unnecessary bureaucracy, funded by local taxpayers It's another step down the road to St Helens being annexed by Liverpool and its Labour Party. Who is going to stand up for St Helens? If politicians want to revive the failed Merseyside County Council by the backdoor, the St Helens public should be given a choice in a referendum. We need a stronger North West to 'compete' with the South-east, not a weaker one divided by internal futile rivalries. We recognise that a period of catch-up growth is needed now – but this won't be achieved by competing artificially with our neighbours. Power should be closer to people – not further away. We disagree fundamentally with the focus on promoting perpetual economic growth. Sooner rather than later there needs to be a transition to the aim of a 'steady state' economy. Traditional models of 'regeneration' and 'economic growth' being espoused are outdated and irrelevant. We need sustainable development, shared equally across our communities to reduce inequality. Little or nothing is said about economic resilience. If the 'Supervisory Board' model is good enough for Birmingham, why isn't it good enough for Liverpool?
168	Other Political Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Sefton's plans to join the proposed Merseyside Combined Authority. It clearly makes sense for authorities across Merseyside to work together to provide a comprehensive and efficient service beyond authority boundaries, to promote service delivery efficiencies and investment as part of a wider strategy for the economic benefit of residents across Merseyside. A combined authority will also secure both additional investment and financial services which will be invested to develop the local economy for the benefit of communities in Sefton and across Merseyside.
169	Other Political Representative	Sefton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome the ambition expressed in the proposals, by bringing together a more strategic approach to economic growth, transport, infrastructure, skills, development and employment opportunities The proposals will add much more coordinated thinking and action and substantial added value to the City Region economy Support assertion that the creation of Combined Authorities is an important step in "The Government's arrangements to fitting the economy, rather than the other way around."
170	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals can only improve things in the area.
171	Other Public Sector Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support proposals to establish a Combined Authority
172	Other Public Sector Representative	St.Helens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support proposals to establish a Combined Authority Recent history has demonstrated the willingness of the six local authorities to work together and be seen as a consistent and functional economic area. It makes sense to strengthen this further.
173	Local Authority Representative	Knowsley	
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175	Other Public Sector Representative	Liverpool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposals will provide strong strategic leadership if the Cabinet/Board has appropriate infrastructure and formal communication routes to ensure action is aligned, managed and delivered Both the LEP and Combined Authority will need sufficient resource to get the job done Wholeheartedly welcome Combined Authority approach which will help officers to be able to pull together more efficiently on shared agendas Challenge of climate change needs to be recognised at the strategic level
176	Other Public Sector Representative	Knowsley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combined authority would provide more effective arrangements for key strategic decision making in the Liverpool City Region and strengthen competitiveness in attracting inward investment for economic development and regeneration There are clear benefits to a more joined up approach to transport planning, which would be more efficient and effective Each borough would benefit from increased powers and investment from Government. It is important that there is fair representation of the specific needs and priorities of each borough, and that decision-making and investment reflects the need for jobs and growth in the more economically deprived parts of the City Region The proposals will assist the city region in planning and leading key strategic projects that will

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			<p>enhance economic development, transport, housing and employment and skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome the representation of the LEP along side representation of the Boroughs, as this will ensure the voice of business is heard • LEP representation is important, but this can be strengthened by involving local employers in more consultations about strategic decisions by using local Chambers of Commerce • There is a need to be mindful that SMEs and micro businesses are not always represented at the LEP level or within Boroughs. It is important to engage more at this level so the voice of large businesses and the public sector do not dominate discussions.