
Report to:	Council	Date of Meeting: 27 September 2013
Subject:	Liverpool City Region Review of Strategic Governance	
Report of:	Chief Executive	Wards Affected: All
Is this a Key Decision?	Yes	Is it included in the Forward Plan? Yes
Exempt/Confidential	No	

Purpose/Summary:

- The Cabinet, at its meeting on 12 September 2013, considered a report on the Liverpool City Region Review of Strategic Governance.
- The report considered by Cabinet is attached at Appendix A.

Further appendices attached to this report include the following:

- Appendix 1 – Governance Review which includes the Legislative Requirements of the Governance Review and the Evaluation of Options Against the Tests
 - Appendix 2 – Scheme
 - Appendix 3 – Consultation Summary
 - Appendix 4 – Equality Impact Assessment
- The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the recommendations made by Cabinet.
 - A similar report has been presented to all Members in other Liverpool City Region authorities and the Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority (MITA).

Recommendations:

That Council be recommended to:

- a. Note the consultation responses to the Liverpool City Region Strategic Governance Review (Appendix 3).
- b. Approve the submission of the Liverpool City Region Strategic Governance Review and Scheme to the Department for Communities and Local Government for the establishment of a Liverpool City Region Combined Authority on the basis of the drafts attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;
- c. Agree that Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council should formally become a constituent member of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, thereby sharing appropriate economic development and transport powers with other Councils within the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority in accordance with

the provisions of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the Local Transport Act 2008; and,

- d. Agree that approval to make any technical amendments to the Liverpool City Region Strategic Governance Review and Scheme before it is submitted to the Secretary of State on 30 September 2013 be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

How does the decision contribute to the Council’s Corporate Objectives?

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	✓		
2	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
3	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
4	Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Children and Young People	✓		
6	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	✓		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	✓		

Reasons for the Recommendation:

Please refer to paragraph 7 of the enclosed Cabinet report (Appendix A)

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

Please refer to the Cabinet report (Appendix A)

(B) Capital Costs

Please refer to the Cabinet report (Appendix A)

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal

The review of strategic governance in the Liverpool City Region has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009

Human Resources

There are no specific Human Resource Implications associated with the recommendations to this report.

Equality

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| 1. | No Equality Implication | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | Equality Implications identified and mitigated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | Equality Implication identified and risk remains | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Impact on Service Delivery:

There are no impacts on service delivery arising from the recommendations within this report.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD2573.) and Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD.1878.) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

See paragraph 4 of the Report to Cabinet (Appendix A)

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Council meeting.

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Background Papers:

The anonymised detailed responses to the Consultation Exercise, which is summarised in Appendix 3 to this report, can be accessed on the Council's website via this link:

<http://modgov.sefton.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s48665/LCRGovernanceReviewAnonymisedDetailedResponses.pdf>

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 This report and enclosures informs Council of the current position in relation to the Liverpool City Region Strategic Governance Review and the proposals to establish a Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
- 1.2 Sefton Council is the last authority to consider these proposals following consideration being given by all other Members of the Liverpool City Region authorities and the Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority (MITA).
- 1.3 Should members be minded to approve these proposals, then the documentation will be submitted to the Government for consideration. Such submission needs to be made no later than 30 September 2013.