

Report Title	Associate Members of the Combined Authority
Portfolio Holder	Portfolio Holder for Policy Reform and Resources
Summary of report	This report proposes amendments to the Constitution to allow new Associate Members of the Combined Authority
Is this report exempt?	No
Is this a Key Decision	No
Is the report urgent	No
Is this decision to be exempt from call in	No
Local Authorities affected	(All Local Authorities);
Impact and implications of this report	
Financial impact	None
Delegation (s) sought	None
Supporting the Corporate Plan	A Fairer City Region ✓ A Stronger City Region ✓ A Cleaner City Region ✓ A Connected City Region ✓ A Vibrant City Region ✓
Climate Change Implications	No
Equality and Diversity implications	No
Social Value implications	No
Human Resources implications	No
Physical Assets implications	No
Information Technology implications	No
Legal implications	Yes see paragraph 4.3
Risk and Mitigation	No
Privacy implications	No

Communication and consultation implications

No

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Appendices

No

Background Documents

No

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

Friday, 15 March 2024

Report of the Monitoring Officer and the Portfolio Holder for Policy Reform and Resources

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to allow more associate members of the Combined Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority:
 - (a) approves the amendment to the Constitution of the Combined Authority to allow for additional associate Members contained in the Head of Paid Service Delegations Part 3, Section H, Article 3.7, so the delegation reads

“To determine applications from adjacent local authorities and other third party strategic stakeholders to become associate Members, subject to consultation with the Mayor”; and
 - (b) authorises the Head of Paid Service to agree and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with any new Associate Members.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Members are reminded that currently in addition to the existing Members of the Combined Authority, the Co-opted Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside ('PCC') and the Chair of the Business and Enterprise Board, the Combined Authority also has two associate members West Lancashire Borough Council and Warrington Borough Council ('Associate Members'). Whilst the Co-opted and Associate Members are not entitled to vote at the meetings of the Combined Authority, they provide valuable input into strategic decisions made by the Combined Authority and vice versa.
- 3.2. The Combined Authority Constitution allows the Head of Paid Service to determine applications from adjacent local authorities to become Associate Members, subject to consultation with the Mayor (Part 3, Section H, paragraph 3.7).
- 3.3. Officers believe that other statutory bodies may wish to be associate members of the Combined Authority. In order to facilitate this an amendment to the Constitution will be required (to add the wording in bold) to the Head of Paid Service Delegations Part 3, Section H, paragraph 3.7:

“To determine applications from adjacent local authorities **and other third party strategic stakeholders** to become associate Members, subject to consultation with the Mayor.”

4. IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

There are no additional costs to the Combined Authority arising from the recommendations in this report. There would be no financial implications for a new Associate Member, although an Associate Member may choose to contribute to or fund a project within the Liverpool City Region. This would be by way of a separate agreement.

4.2 Supporting the Corporate Plan

Additional engagement of other statutory bodies at the Combined Authority supports the delivery of the Combined Authority Corporate Plan.

4.3 Legal

Amendments to the Constitution will be required to effect the wishes of the Combined Authority to accept more associate members.

A Memorandum of Understanding will be entered into in respect of the new Associate Members.

5. CONCLUSION

This report sets out some of the benefits and positive outcomes that furthering the Combined Authority’s Associate Membership could bring. It suggests several areas where greater strategic alliance on matters would strengthen the role of all parties in delivering for the Liverpool City Region and its communities.

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Appendices:

None

Background Documents:

None