

MBO Work Programme 2009-10

The proposed work programme below gives:

- a narrative overview of the EU agenda for 2009-10 and some of the key EU developments for Merseyside partners;
- a table of more detailed priorities for the MBO, arranged under the five Liverpool City Region Development Programme themes.

The work programme is a dynamic document and will be updated for future board meetings to take into account emerging initiatives, any changes to MBO staffing and structures as a result of the ongoing MBO review and any new initiatives for the first quarter of 2010 contained in the Commission work programme for 2010 (due out at the end of 2009).

Key EU developments 2009-10

2009 is a year of upheaval for the EU institutions. It is not yet certain when the change of Commission will take place; the current mandate ends on 31st October and the new president should be appointed in June but the current Commission may remain in place until the end of the year. This largely depends on whether or not there is a second Irish referendum on the Lisbon Treaty before the end of October as the result of this will affect the make-up of the Commission. There are also elections for the European Parliament in June. There will be eight NW MEPs after the elections (down one from the current nine) and three of the current NW MEPs will not be standing; one priority for all the NW Brussels offices will be to establish a good relationship with any new MEPs and their offices. CoR membership will be refreshed this year too. The Czech Republic and Sweden hold the EU Council presidency for the first and second halves of 2009 respectively, followed by Spain for the first half of 2010.

The debate on Structural Funds post-2013, which started in earnest with the 4th Cohesion Report, will continue through 2009-10. In particular, the delayed EU budget review will be published in 2009. This follows on from a 2007 consultation on the issue and will be a wide-ranging review covering all aspects of EU spending, including the Common Agricultural Policy and UK rebate. It will apply to the next EU budgetary period from 2014 onwards. Toward the end of 2009 a review and renewal of the EU's overarching Lisbon Strategy for growth and jobs will be proposed in preparation for the spring 2010 European Council. It will assess member state implementation of the existing strategy – how successfully we have accelerated the move to a knowledge-based, low carbon economy. It will also propose a new strategy beyond 2010, looking at encouraging growth and jobs within the new challenges and possibilities of globalisation.

The annual Open Days event on regional policy held every year in October is the biggest event in the regional calendar. It is a structured opportunity to engage with regional partners around themes identified as particularly important for regional development. Merseyside has been involved every year so far, and the MBO is currently in discussions MBO partners in regional consortia looking at up to two of the following three themes: European Capitals of Culture (in Liverpool's case focusing on the Impacts 08 study, work on the legacy of our year and building up our advisory role for future Capitals); "transition regions" from a cohesion policy perspective (Phasing-in and Phasing-out Regions); and the link between social inclusion and economic regeneration.

On transport, the publication of the Green Paper on Urban Transport was one of the major policy developments for Merseyside last year, and by the end of the Green Paper consultation process the MBO had facilitated no fewer than six consultation responses from Merseyside partners and PTEG, as well as organising several meetings with the European institutions for partners on this issue. Therefore, the upcoming action plan on urban mobility, which is the follow-up document to the green paper and is due out in the first half of 2009, will be a major development. The process of reflection for the next Common Transport Policy (the EU's overarching transport strategy) will also start this year. This will consist of stakeholder events in March, to which the MBO has been invited, followed by a communication in April. These will look at transport scenarios over the next 20-40 years in terms of demographic, environmental, social and technological aspects.

On the environment, an identified priority is proposals for new and revised legislation for various waste streams. The MWDA is responding to the current Commission Green Paper on Biowaste, so the follow up to this will be key, as will the progress through the Parliament and Council of a proposed revision of EU electronic waste legislation (the WEEE and RoHS Directives). The MBO's environment partners have also requested close monitoring of the EU's climate change agenda. The main element of this will be preparations for the Copenhagen summit in November, which is the deadline for a new international agreement on climate change beyond 2012; in January the European Commission adopted a communication preparing its part in the negotiations. Also on climate change, a white paper on measures the EU can take to adapt to the effects of climate change will be published in April; Merseyside partners responded to a previous green paper consultation on this issue, so this is an identified priority.

Over the last year, the MBO has reinvigorated its Social Inclusion Forum, which recently produced a position paper in response to the EU Education and Migration Green Paper. Over the next year, the group will focus each of its quarterly meetings on one specific aspect of the EU social inclusion agenda. The MBO has presented the legislative agenda for 2009 to the group and agreed with them a number of priorities for the year. These include: follow-up to the forum's recent green paper response through participation in an upcoming workshop of the ERLAI migration network on education and migration, where Merseyside good practice will be presented; monitoring the renewal of the EU Youth Strategy and a potential response to a related green paper on the cross-border mobility of young people, both of which will be published in 2009; and monitoring a number of initiatives with cross over to justice and home affairs, such as the completion of the second phase of the EU Common Asylum System.

In the JHA field, the MBO's work on the EU legislative agenda will start, at the beginning of the year, with two mapping exercises of all current EU legislative proposals of relevance to fire safety and police co-operation respectively. The single most important policy development this year will be a communication in May on the "Stockholm Programme", the EU's blueprint for its work on JHA post-2010 and covering a period of up to ten years. On funding, the MBO will continue to work with MFRS and Merseyside Police on a number of funding bid ideas relating to civil protection, explosives, migration and international crime for submission under EU trans-national JHA funding calls. The MBO will also explore setting up a fire safety UKBO to co-operate with other Brussels offices with links to their fire services for peer-review purposes.

CREATIVE AND COMPETITIVE CITY REGION

	Activities (small number of key activities)	Milestones	By whom?	Outputs	Outcomes
Continuing engagement with the EU policy agenda on cohesion policy and economic development policy	<p>Briefings; input into consultation responses; information on NW REP and other regions' responses; liaison with the EU institutions.</p> <p>Involvement in economic-regeneration regional consortia in the CoR Open Days</p>	<p>EU budget review – to be proposed 2009 (month tbc)</p> <p>Review and renewal of the Lisbon Strategy – to be proposed Dec 09</p> <p>CoR Open Days – 5-8 Oct 09</p>	MBO/MPU / all MBO partners/ NW REP	<p>Merseyside input to NW level responses.</p> <p>Improved Merseyside partner awareness of the developing debate</p>	Merseyside needs are reflected in the EU policy agenda and emerging legislation.
Supporting engagement with trans-national funding opportunities under FP7, CIP and Interreg	<p>Call briefings; advice, liaison and partner searches on bids.</p> <p>Mapping of MBO partners' research interests to feed into ERRIN research network working groups</p> <p>Using West Midlands case study and MBO contacts to establish value of local authority involvement in CIP and FP7</p>	<p>Interreg IVB NW Europe – call deadline 17 Apr 09. Atlantic Area call – call to be published 1st qr 09 with a 2-3-month deadline. Interreg IVC call – tbc.</p> <p>FP7 2010 work programme and calls – spring and autumn 09 respectively</p> <p>ERRIN working group meetings – ongoing</p> <p>To be reported to EIG – Sept '09</p>	<p>MBO/ all MBO partners</p> <p>MBO (support)/ EIG lead</p>	<p>Greater Merseyside awareness of funding opportunities. Merseyside bids submitted to identified funds</p> <p>Establish local authority position on merit of further time spent on research and innovation funding. If necessary, earmark extra resource to</p>	<p>EU trans-national funding secured to support Merseyside projects.</p> <p>Agreed position on taking forward research and innovation funding.</p>

				pursuing this objective.	
Support on-the-ground implementation of the new European programme 07-13	<p>Monitor development of EU Economic Recovery Plan initiatives</p> <p>Liaise with UKREP, Commission and other regions on technical questions on delivery</p> <p>Monitor emerging good practice in delivery of new initiatives, such as JESSICA</p> <p>Support EIG policy leads</p>	<p>Final approval Recovery Plan revisions to General and ERDF Regulations – April '09</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Quarterly meetings</p>	<p>MBO/MPU /TMP/EIG</p> <p>MBO (support)/MPU/EIG/TMP</p>	Improved partner awareness of the possibilities	Full potential of new programme fully exploited
Exploring synergies with MPU communications activities	<p>Supporting consultation on communications plan and implementation of key proposals, where appropriate</p> <p>Inputting, where relevant, into MPU information service and events, when requested</p>	<p>Consultation – ends June '09</p> <p>Final plan – July '09</p> <p>Information service - from summer '09</p> <p>Events – as required</p>	<p>MBO (support)/MPU</p>	MPU input into MPU communications where relevant	Synergies between MBO and MPU communications fully exploited

PREMIER DESTINATION

	Activities (small number of key activities)	Milestones	By whom?	Outputs	Outcomes
Liverpool Capital of Culture Brussels promotion	<p>Involvement in CoR Open Days Capitals of Culture conglomerate – Brussels seminars and cultural event</p> <p>Identifying promotional opportunities for Impacts 08 and legacy work; networking with other Brussels cultural actors; building Liverpool's advisory role for future Capitals</p> <p>Identifying trans-national funding opportunities for the Culture Company</p>	<p>CoR Open Days conglomerate final preparation – summer 08</p> <p>Capitals of Culture conglomerate's seminars and reception – 5-8 Oct 09</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	MBO/ Culture Company	At least one promotional opportunity prepared.	Liverpool Capital of Culture impacts analysis and legacy work fully promoted to EU cultural actors. Added-value networking of Capitals of Culture.
Networking and good practice on destination promotion	<p>Exploring Brussels good practice on destination promotion</p> <p>Exploring potential value for Merseyside of the new European Network of Cities for Sustainable Tourism</p>	<p>Meetings with other Brussels representations active on destination promotion – ongoing</p> <p>Meetings of European Network of Cities for Sustainable Tourism - ongoing</p>	MBO/ TMP	TMP fully aware of Brussels tourism promotion opportunities	Effective Brussels promotion of Merseyside as a destination

WELL-CONNECTED CITY REGION

	Activities (small number of key activities)	Milestones	By whom?	Outputs	Outcomes
Merseyside and PTEG engagement with EU urban transport policy	<p>Input into consultation responses; information on other organisations' responses; liaison with EU institutions</p> <p>Organisation of EPOMM (European Platform on Mobility Management) reception with new EP Transport Committee MEPs</p> <p>Exhaustive guide to all EU transport legislation for PTEG European Group</p> <p>To feed EU angle into Merseyside responses to UK transport agenda</p>	<p>Urban mobility action plan – to be proposed 1st half 09</p> <p>Reflection on future transport scenarios to prepare next Common Transport Policy – to be proposed Apr 09</p> <p>Green paper consultation on the future of the trans-European transport network – consultation deadline Apr 09</p> <p>Regulations on passenger rights on bus/coach and maritime transport – first reading Apr 09</p> <p>UKBO transport meetings and steering group meetings – ongoing</p> <p>EPOMM European Parliament reception – Dec 09</p> <p>PTEG European Group meeting – Nov 09</p> <p>Developing LTP 3 - ongoing</p>	<p>MBO/ MSTEG/ LTPSU/ PTEG</p> <p>MBO (support)/ LTPSU</p> <p>MBO/ Mersey-</p>	<p>PTEG, and potentially Merseyside, responses to proposals. Merseyside partners prepared for implementation of legislation</p> <p>Input to policy responses</p> <p>Greater Merseyside and PTEG</p>	<p>Merseyside and wider PTEs (through PTEG) priorities reflected in emerging EU urban transport policy. EU legislation appropriately resourced and implemented by Merseyside and PTEG partners</p> <p>Merseyside domestic transport responses fully exploit EU context</p> <p>EU trans-national funding secured to</p>
Supporting engagement	Call briefings; advice, liaison and partner searches on bids	STEER (alternative energy and energy efficiency for transport) – spring 09	MBO/ Mersey-	Greater Merseyside and PTEG	EU trans-national funding secured to

<p>with trans-national funding opportunities</p>	<p>Exhaustive guide to all EU transport funding for PTEG European Group</p>	<p>Interreg IVB NW Europe – call deadline 17 Apr 09. Atlantic Area call – call to be published 1st qr 09 with a 2-3-month deadline. Interreg IVC call – tbc.</p> <p>FP7 2010 work programme and calls – spring and autumn 09 respectively</p> <p>Marco Polo sustainable freight transport - call deadline 8 May 09</p> <p>PTEG European Group meeting – Nov 09</p>	<p>travel/ LTPSU/ PTEG</p>	<p>awareness of funding opportunities. Merseyside bids submitted to identified funds</p>	<p>support Merseyside projects</p>
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TALENTED AND ABLE CITY REGION

	Activities (small number of key activities)	Milestones	By whom?	Outputs	Outcomes
Supporting engagement with new transnational funding opportunities	Call briefings; advice, liaison and partner searches on bids	<p>PROGRESS – various calls – ongoing. 2010 work programme due out end 09.</p> <p>YOUTH –call deadlines 1 June and 1 Sept, 1 Nov, 1 Feb, 1 Apr</p> <p>UK European Refugee Fund call - publication date tbc</p> <p>Lifelong Learning Programme – various 2009</p>	MBO/ MNE/ LAs/ Police/ Mersey Fire	<p>Better awareness in Merseyside of the new funds</p> <p>Merseyside bids submitted to identified funds, for instance re-submission of MFRS asylum seeker advocacy project to UK ERF</p>	EU trans-national funding secured to support Merseyside projects
Tracking and potential lobbying on ongoing and upcoming EU social legislation	Briefings, attendance at network meetings, input into consultation responses. Possible lead on centralized CoR Open Days seminar on the economic crisis and the third sector	<p>Renewal of EU Youth Strategy – to be published 2009 (month tbc)</p> <p>Assessment of EU preparedness for demographic change – to be published spring 09</p> <p>Consultative green paper on cross-border mobility of young people – to be published June 09</p> <p>Completion second phase of EU Common Asylum System – ongoing in EP and Council 2009</p> <p>Review and renewal of Lisbon Strategy – to be proposed Dec 09</p>	MBO/ LAs/ MNE/ Mersey Fire/ Police/ MBO Social Inclusion Forum	Consultation responses submitted where relevant	The emerging EU policy agenda reflects Merseyside priorities.
Continued participation in	Attending network meetings; establishing partnerships with regions with shared	ENSA AGM – 11-13 May 09	MBO/ MNE/	Merseyside participation in	EU trans-national funding secured for

<p>the ENSA social policy network and ERLAI asylum and immigration network</p>	<p>interests; disseminating project proposals from network partners to Merseyside partners and vice versa; supporting resulting funding bids</p>	<p>Meetings of ENSA youth, children, elderly and disability working groups – ongoing</p> <p>ERLAI network and steering group meetings – ongoing</p> <p>ERLAI schedule of specialist workshops on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - economic migration – first half 09 - migration and health – July 09 - education and migration – Oct 09 - social inclusion of migrants – 2nd half 09 	<p>LAs/ Mersey Fire/ Police/ MBO Social Inclusion Forum</p>	<p>funding bids and other partnership opportunities resulting from the networks. Merseyside good practice on education and migration showcased at ERLAI workshop</p>	<p>Merseyside priorities. Merseyside best practice promoted; Merseyside activity harnesses other EU regions' best practice.</p>
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JHA and community safety		women and young people – deadline 22 Apr 09		MFRS project for an EU network on improvised explosive devices or Police bid related to Prum Convention provisions	
Engaging with EU legislative agenda on the environment	Briefings and supporting consultation responses	<p>White paper on adaptation to climate change – to be proposed Apr 09</p> <p>Follow-up to EU Biowaste Green Paper – Council conclusions June 09</p> <p>Soil protection framework directive – first reading to conclude June 09</p> <p>Revisions of 2 directives on electronic waste (WEEE and RoHS Directives) – first reading to conclude end 09</p> <p>EU preparations for post-Kyoto international negotiations – ongoing up to Copenhagen summit in Nov 09</p> <p>Green paper consultation on life-cycle thinking guidelines for municipal biodegradable waste management – to be proposed end 09</p> <p>EPRO and UKBO environment network meetings – ongoing</p>	MBO/MPU/MWDA/LAs	Merseyside responses to consultations and new proposals. Merseyside partners prepared for implementation of legislation	EU legislation reflects Merseyside priorities. EU legislation appropriately resourced and implemented by Merseyside partners.
	To feed the EU angle into Merseyside local work on climate change and Merseyside	Transport partnership response to government directives on climate change – ongoing	MBO (support)/	Input to policy response on	Merseyside domestic climate change work

	engagement with domestic climate change agenda	<p>Regional Climate Change Transport Group and climate Change Partnership – ongoing</p> <p>Heat and Energy Saving Strategy – May '09</p> <p>Refresh NW Climate Change Action Plan – Dec '09</p>	MPU/MW DA	climate change agenda	fully exploits EU context.
Supporting engagement with trans-national funding opportunities on the environment	Call briefings; liaison, advice and partner searches on bids	<p>Interreg IVB NW Europe – call deadline 17 Apr 09. Atlantic Area call – call to be published 1st qr 09 with a 2-3-month deadline. Interreg IVC call – tbc.</p> <p>Intelligent Energy Europe – call to be published spring 09</p> <p>FP7 2010 work programme and calls – spring and autumn 09 respectively</p> <p>LIFE+ – call to be published 15 May 09</p>	MBO/ MPU/ MWDA/ LAs	Better awareness in Merseyside of the new funds. Merseyside bids submitted to identified funding opportunities	EU trans-national funding secured to support Merseyside projects

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