

MBO Work Programme 2010-11

The proposed work programme below gives:

- a narrative overview of the EU agenda for 2010-2011;
- a table of more detailed priorities for the MBO, arranged under the relevant strategic priorities and enabling measures from the draft Liverpool City Region Strategic Framework.

The work programme is a dynamic document and can be updated for future board meetings to take into account emerging initiatives and any changes to MBO staffing and structures as a result of the ongoing MBO review.

Key EU developments 2010-2011

2010 is a year for implementing change in the EU: in June 2009 the European Parliament began its new mandate which will run until 2014; at the end of 2009 the Lisbon Treaty was adopted, amongst other things this moved more competences within the Parliament's co-decision remit; in early 2010 the Committee of the Regions started its new mandate, extended from four years to five years with the Lisbon Treaty; the first permanent president of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy and the first High Representative for Foreign Affairs, Catherine Ashton, were appointed; José Manuel Barroso was appointed for a second term as European Commission president; and his college of Commissioners was approved by the Parliament on 9th February. Two new Commissioner portfolios were created: Commissioner for Climate Change and Commissioner for Home Affairs (split from justice, fundamental rights and citizenship). Spain and Belgium hold the EU Council presidency for the first and second halves of 2010 respectively, followed by Hungary for the first half of 2011.

The EU published its consultation on the EU2020 jobs and growth strategy, the successor to the Lisbon Strategy, in November 2009. The Commission presented a communication on 3rd March, which was discussed at the European Council at the end of the month with a view to adoption at 17-18th June European Council. The budget review, expected to be presented after the summer, will take account of EU2020 priorities. A leaked draft document suggested much reform and strong investment in jobs and skills. Budget proposals for 2014 onwards are expected in early 2011. Much activity took place in 2009 on the future of Cohesion Policy including the Barca report, an independent review of Cohesion Policy; and Commissioners Hübner and Samecki's Orientation Papers. February 2010 saw an informal ministerial summit on the issue under the Spanish Presidency. A public consultation and the 5th Cohesion Report is expected in November 2010. The 5th Cohesion Forum will take place in 2011.

On the environment, the EU signed the Copenhagen Accord, a climate change agreement, in December 2009 and made its CO2 reduction pledges in January 2010. The COP 16 will take place in December 2010 in Cancún, Mexico although preparatory talks will take place all year. In the area of waste, the MBO continues to track the progress of proposed revision on EU electronic waste legislation (WEEE and RoHS Directives); final adoption is currently forecast for the end of 2010. Following a Green Paper on biowaste management in 2009, a draft opinion for which is expected from the European Parliament early in 2010, the Commission produced a biowaste management communication in May 2010, looking into how more sustainable treatment of kitchen and green

waste should be encouraged across the EU. A new EU strategy aiming to halt biodiversity loss by 2020 will be presented at the end of 2010, as will an action plan for improving market conditions for uptake of green innovation and jobs.

The EU's next Common Transport Policy (CTP), the ten year blueprint for its overall work on transport, is due to be published in December this year. The proposal follows a series of consultations undertaken throughout last year. The MBO facilitated Merseyside and pteg participation in these consultations. The next CTP will cover the period 2011-20 and will set out how the EU will work on helping European transport to meet the following needs and challenges: the ageing population, environmental pressures, scarcity of fossil fuels, increasing urbanisation and internationalisation. Before the year end there should also be important new rules set on the rights of bus passengers and proposals in the following areas, among others: developing the next stage of the Trans-European transport network; the next EU road safety action plan for the period up to 2020.

The Stockholm Programme, the EU's 5 year programme for justice and home affairs, was adopted in December 2009 and will serve as the basis for Commission proposals in this area. In February 2010 home affairs ministers adopted an internal security strategy and created a Standing Committee on Operational Co-operation on Internal Security (COSI) that will coordinate and evaluate EU security policies. The strategy will feed into a Commission communication on internal security and implementation of the Stockholm Programme. The overall goals of the Stockholm Programme for this year within immigration are to increase cooperation with non-EU countries of origin and transit and to harmonise national surveillance activities following a proposal from the Commission. A consultation on EU-US data protection and information sharing, also as part of the Stockholm programme, was launched in February 2010.

2010 is the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, the key objective of which is to raise awareness about these issues and renew the political commitment of the EU and its member states in this area. Two European-level conferences will take place in January and December and national and local events will take place in every member state. Organisations can actively participate in the year by organising activities under the year's banner, joining the year's social networks, or signing the year's online commitment. There is also the Social Inclusion Regional Group initiative, an official partner of the year, which aims to be a platform for local and regional actors to disseminate and exchange good practice throughout the year. The SIRG will organise a number of meetings in various thematic areas that the MBO could be involved in, including: equalities and non-discrimination; financial inclusion; inclusive labour markets; cultural showcasing; child poverty; decent housing and quality social services.

On the policy side of social inclusion, a number of overarching strategies and initiatives are due to be presented this year. These include a disability strategy for the period up to 2020 (to be proposed in October), a platform for stakeholders to share good practice on fighting poverty (October), a communication on stimulating youth employment (November) and a strategy on the rights of the child (December). There will also be EU 2020 follow-up measures in this field: the "new skills new jobs" initiative to map the EU's skills needs, ensure a better match-up between labour supply and demand and encourage lifelong learning and labour mobility; and the "youth on the move" initiative, to make Europe's HE sector more attractive, boost take up of HE, stimulate youth engagement in society and encourage young people to do part of their education abroad.

LCRSF Strategic Priority: MORE AND BETTER JOBS

	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 relevant Brussels lobbying networks of regions, such as the Transition Regions Group or Cities for Cohesion</p>	<p>EU budget review – to be proposed early 2011</p> <p>Europe 2020 strategy (successor to the Lisbon Strategy) – to be agreed June 2010</p> <p>5th Cohesion Report consultation – November 2010</p> <p>Cohesion Forum – early 2011</p> <p>Transition Regions Group and Cities for Cohesion events and activities – tbc</p>	MBO/MPU / all MBO partners/ NW REP	<p>Merseyside input to NW level and European groups' responses.</p> <p>Improved Merseyside partner awareness of the developing debate</p>	<p>Merseyside needs are reflected in the EU policy agenda and emerging legislation.</p> <p>Effective Transition Regions lobbying reflecting Merseyside need.</p>
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>Interreg IVB NW Europe call – closes April 2010. Atlantic Area call – tbc. Interreg IVC call – tbc.</p> <p>FP7 2011 work programme and calls – summer 2010</p> <p>ERRIN working group meetings – ongoing</p>	MBO/ all MBO partners	<p>Greater Merseyside awareness of funding opportunities.</p> <p>Merseyside bids submitted to identified funds</p>	<p>EU trans-national funding secured to support Merseyside projects.</p>
Promoting Merseyside good practice on economic development	<p>Organising two promotional seminars with the CoR and a European regional conglomerate respectively - both focused on female entrepreneurship and showcasing the WICED project. Liaison between Brussels organisers and Merseyside speakers/participants.</p>	<p>CoR Open Days – 4-7 October 2010</p>	MBO/ Liverpool/ NWBO	<p>Two promotional events for WICED organised</p>	<p>WICED and related Merseyside good practice fully promoted to EU economic development actors.</p> <p>Added value networking with other leader regions.</p>

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Brussels promotion of Liverpool 08 legacy	<p>Promotional of 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>Final Brussels dissemination event for Liverpool-led ECoC Policy Group (EU Culture Fund supported TN project on measuring ECoC impact) – July 2010</p> <p>Crime Prevention Fund – call due March 2010. Culture 2007 fund – call deadline October 2010. Interreg Atlantic Area - call tbc</p>	MBO/ Culture Liverpool	<p>At least one promotional opportunity prepared.</p> <p>Merseyside bids submitted to identified funds, such as for development of current It's Not OK youth crime project into a trans-national project.</p>	<p>Liverpool Capital of Culture impacts analysis and legacy work fully promoted to EU cultural actors. Added-value networking of Capitals of Culture.</p> <p>EU trans-national funding secured to support Merseyside projects.</p>
Networking and good practice on destination promotion	<p>Exploring Brussels good practice on destination promotion</p> <p>Working with other NW offices on joint promotion of NW tourism practice and as a destination.</p>	<p>Meetings with other Brussels representations active on destination promotion – ongoing</p> <p>EU tourism policy framework – to be proposed October 2010</p>	MBO/ TMP	TMP fully aware of Brussels tourism promotion opportunities	Effective Brussels promotion of Merseyside as a destination

LCRSF Strategic Priority: REDUCING WORKLESSNESS AND IMPROVING SKILLS

	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. 2011 work programme due out end 2010</p> <p>YOUTH –call deadlines 1 June and 1 Sept, 1 Nov, 1 Feb, 1 Apr</p> <p>UK European Refugee Fund call - 2011-13 funding call due out 2010</p> <p>Lifelong Learning Programme – various 2010</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.	<p>Youth on the move strategy – to be proposed June 2010</p> <p>Europe 2020 strategy (successor to the Lisbon Strategy) – to be agreed June 2010</p> <p>New skills new jobs initiative – to be proposed Sept 2010</p> <p>EU disability strategy – to be proposed Oct 2010</p> <p>Youth employment communication – to be proposed Nov 2010</p> <p>Strategy on the rights of the child – to be proposed Dec 2010</p>	MBO/ LAs/ MNE/ Mersey Fire/ Police/ MBO Social Inclusion Forum	Consultation responses submitted where relevant	The emerging EU policy agenda reflects Merseyside priorities.

<p>Continued participation in the ENSA social policy network and ERLAI asylum and immigration network</p>	<p>Attending network meetings; establishing partnerships with regions with shared 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"> - Unaccompanied minors – 1st half 2010 - Migrants’ integration in the labour market – 2nd half 2010 	<p>MBO/ MNE/ LAs/ Mersey Fire/ Police/ MBO Social Inclusion Forum</p>	<p>Merseyside participation in funding bids and other partnership opportunities resulting from the networks. Merseyside good practice on education and migration showcased at ERLAI workshop</p>	<p>EU trans-national funding secured for Merseyside priorities. Merseyside best practice promoted; Merseyside activity harnesses other EU regions’ best practice.</p>
<p>Participation in 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion</p>	<p>Attending meetings of the SIRG (the Social Inclusion Regional Group, special European regional grouping to engage with EY2010).</p> <p>Facilitating active Merseyside participation in SIRG seminar and in events organised by the EU institutions.</p> <p>Encouraging the use of EY2010 branding and promotion for relevant Merseyside events and initiatives.</p>	<p>SIRG specialist workshops on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - financial inclusion – May 2010 - inclusive labour markets – June 2010 - child poverty – September 2010-03-01 - housing and social services – October 2010 	<p>MBO/ MNE/ LAs/ Mersey Fire/ Police/ MBO Social Inclusion Forum</p>	<p>Merseyside best practice on combating poverty and social exclusion showcased at relevant Brussels events.</p> <p>EY2010 branding and promotion exploited for Merseyside initiatives.</p>	<p>Synergies between EY2010 and Merseyside fully exploited</p>

LCRSF Strategic Priority: HEALTHIER, SAFER COMMUNITIES

	Activities (small number of key activities)	Milestones	By whom?	Outputs	Outcomes
Tracking and potential lobbying on ongoing and upcoming EU JHA and civil protection legislation	<p>Briefings and supporting consultation responses</p> <p>Exhaustive guides to current EU legislative agenda for fire safety and JHA respectively</p> <p>Exploring setting up UKBO on fire safety or wider network of all regional Brussels offices that work with their fire services</p>	<p>Follow up to Stockholm Programme – ongoing 2010</p> <p>Directive on marketing and use of explosives precursors – to be proposed Sept 2010</p> <p>Summer 2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	MBO/ LAs/ Police/ Fire Service/ MBO Social Inclusion Forum	<p>Merseyside responses to consultations and new proposals.</p> <p>Merseyside partners prepared for implementation of legislation.</p> <p>Merseyside participation in peer review and partnership opportunities on fire safety</p>	<p>EU legislation reflects Merseyside priorities.</p> <p>EU legislation appropriately resourced and implemented by Merseyside partners.</p>
Supporting engagement with trans-national funding opportunities on JHA and community safety	<p>Call briefings; liaison, advice and partner searches on bids</p>	<p>Prevention of and Fight against Crime fund – call due March 2010</p> <p>Daphne call for prevention of violence against women and young people – call due March 2010</p> <p>UK Home Office info day on DG JLS funding calls – spring 2010</p>	MBO/ Police/ Fire	<p>Better awareness in Merseyside of the new funds.</p> <p>Merseyside bids submitted, i.e. MFRS project on combating youth peer-to-peer violence or Merseyside Police project on Merseyside organised crime gangs operating elsewhere in Europe</p>	<p>EU trans-national funding secured to support Merseyside projects</p>

LCRSF Enabling Measure: TRANSPORT

	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>Organising EP reception for LINK (FP6 funded TN intermodal transport project) to lobby for LINK policy recommendations to be incorporated into next EU Common Transport Policy</p>	<p>Urban Mobility Action Plan follow up actions on transport and health, passenger rights, user behaviour, eco-driving, future EU funding for transport and data and statistics – ongoing 2010</p> <p>Next 10-year EU Common Transport Policy – to be proposed Dec 2010</p> <p>Communication on the future of the trans-European transport network and guidelines on developing the network – to be proposed 1st half 2010 and 4th qr 2010 respectively</p> <p>Regulations on passenger rights on bus/coach and maritime transport – 2nd reading EP July 2010</p> <p>The next 10-year EU road safety action plan – to be proposed 2010</p> <p>UKBO transport meetings and steering group meetings – ongoing</p> <p>LINK EP reception – autumn 2010</p>	MBO/ MSTEG/ LTPSU/ PTEG	PTEG, and potentially Merseyside, responses to proposals. Merseyside partners prepared for implementation of legislation	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
	Exhaustive guide to all EU transport legislation for PTEG European Group	PTEG European Group meeting – autumn 2010	MBO/pteg		

	To feed EU angle into Merseyside responses to UK transport agenda	Developing LTP 3 - ongoing	MBO (support)/ LTPSU	Input to policy responses	Merseyside domestic transport responses fully exploit EU context
Supporting engagement with trans-national funding opportunities	<p>Call briefings; advice, liaison and partner searches on bids</p> <p>Exhaustive guide to all EU transport funding for PTEG European Group</p>	<p>STEER (alternative energy and energy efficiency for transport) – call March 2010</p> <p>Interreg IVB NW Europe call – closes April 2010. Atlantic Area call – tbc. Interreg IVC call – tbc.</p> <p>FP7 2010 work programme and calls – summer 2010</p> <p>Marco Polo sustainable freight transport - call March 2010</p> <p>PTEG European Group meeting – autumn 2010</p>	MBO/ Mersey-travel/ LTPSU/ PTEG	Greater Merseyside and PTEG awareness of funding opportunities. Merseyside bids submitted to identified funds	EU trans-national funding secured to support Merseyside projects

LCRSF Enabling Measure: ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE

<p>Engaging with EU legislative agenda on the environment</p>	<p>Briefings and supporting consultation responses</p> <p>Liaison with EU institutions and sectoral and regional representations at relevant stages</p> <p>To feed the EU angle into Merseyside local work on the environment and waste agenda</p>	<p>Revisions of two directives on electronic waste (WEEE and RoHS Directives) – EP 1st reading Sept 2010</p> <p>New communication on biowaste – proposed May 2010</p> <p>Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive recast – EP 2nd reading May 2010</p> <p>EU work on post-Copenhagen international climate change negotiations – ongoing at least up to Mexico summit in December 2010</p> <p>Eco-innovation action plan – to be proposed 4th qr 2010</p> <p>Waste strategy review – ongoing</p> <p>Renewable energy/low-carbon agenda – to be advised</p>	<p>MBO/ MPU/ MWDA/ LAs</p> <p>MBO (support)/ MPU/MW DA</p>	<p>Merseyside responses to consultations and new proposals. Merseyside partners prepared for implementation of legislation</p> <p>Input to local policy responses/ formulation</p>	<p>EU legislation reflects Merseyside priorities. EU legislation appropriately resourced and implemented by Merseyside partners.</p> <p>Merseyside domestic work on the environment and waste fully exploits EU context.</p>
<p>Supporting engagement with trans-national funding opportunities on the environment</p>	<p>Call briefings; liaison, advice and partner searches on bids</p>	<p>Interreg IVB NW Europe call – closes April 2010. Atlantic Area call – tbc. Interreg IVC call – tbc.</p> <p>Intelligent Energy Europe – call March 2010</p> <p>FP7 2010 work programme and calls – summer 2010</p> <p>LIFE+ – call May 2010</p>	<p>MBO/ MPU/ MWDA/ LAs</p>	<p>Better awareness in Merseyside of the new funds. Merseyside bids submitted to identified funding opportunities</p>	<p>EU trans-national funding secured to support Merseyside projects</p>

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