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**From:** Mark Dickens/urbreg/STHMBC [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 November 2015 16:19  
**To:** Steve Matthews  
**Cc:** Alan Young; Ian Loughlin; Ingrid Berry; Tom Hatfield  
**Subject:** Re: LCR joint study - confirmation of timescales

Steve,

As the Chair of the Liverpool City Region District Planning Officers Group I am writing to confirm the following:-

The LCR DPOs agreed that the 6 LCR Authorities plus West Lancashire (associate member of the LCR Combined Authority) would produce a joint LCR SHELMA and the timescale for formal agreement was before Christmas (this year). The slightly longer timescale than expected is due to some of the Authorities formal procedures for agreement.

I would look for the procurement of GL Hearn to commence in January 2016 (St.Helens Council will be the procuring Authority). St.Helens Council Procurement Service have confirmed that we can appoint GL Hearn directly as they have already undertaken significant SHELMA work for St.Helens, Halton and Liverpool.

This will be reported to the next available Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Housing and Spatial Planning Co-Ordinating Group which meets on 14th December.

I hope that this is sufficient to demonstrate to your Inspector that the Liverpool City Region has a clear programme for delivering a City Region wide SHELMA. If you have any further queries relating to this please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Subject: LCR joint study - confirmation of timescales

Hi Mark

As discussed at DPOs last Friday, given the urgency of the need to commission the joint housing and employment land study and Sefton's imminent Local Plan hearings (starting Tuesday 17th November), it will help greatly if we are able to advise the Inspector of the likely timescale for this study and in particular the date by which it is expected to commission the study.

At our meeting we anticipated that all Liverpool City Region authorities expected to have secured political support for this joint study before Christmas. Sefton is hoping to get Cabinet member approval on 25th November.

Can you confirm the date by which this agreement will have been given by all the authorities, assuming that all sign up to it as agreed?

Can you also confirm that the study will be able to be commissioned just as soon as all member authorities have signed up? In particular, have you been able to confirm that we might be able to avoid the tender process and appoint GL Hearn?

We also noted that the study would be reported to the Housing and Spatial Planning Board (I think we agreed that this would be for information only) but that the only meeting before Christmas had been cancelled. Can you let me know when that next meeting is likely to take place?

Give me a call if you need to discuss any of this.

Thanks

Steve

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