



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

ISLE OF MAN GOVERNMENT, LIVERPOOL CITY, AND LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

The parties to this Cooperation Agreement are:

- Isle of Man Government, represented by Chief Minister, Hon Alfred Cannan MHK;
- Liverpool City Council, represented by the Leader of the Council, Cllr. Liam Robinson; and
- Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, represented by Mayor Steve Rotheram.

Each party wishes to build upon the long-standing friendship, existing relationships and strong mutual interests between Liverpool and the Isle of Man, through this formal Cooperation Agreement.

Our mutual goal is to improve the prosperity and wellbeing of our communities through further strengthening our economic, cultural, and political ties.

Actions in support of this Agreement will be guided by, but not limited to, the following opportunities for cooperation.

- **Economic Opportunities:** We will build upon the existing strategic partnership between the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and the Isle of Man Department for Enterprise to increase trade and investment between our regions, strengthen business ties, and pursue new opportunities for promoting inclusive economic growth.
- **Tourism and Cultural Cooperation:** We will encourage tourism between the two regions, continuing to nurture cultural exchange, share expertise and celebrate the long history of tourism between the Isle of Man and Liverpool. We will pursue new opportunities for further collaboration between our cultural and creative industries, in areas such as festivals, film and music.

- **Transport Connections:** We will work together to improve the quality and frequency of transport connections by sea and air between the two regions to support and grow social and economic engagement. We will also endeavour to share expertise on transport investment decision making, unlocking further economic growth and housing development.
- **Health and Public Services:** We will endeavour to share expertise and collaborate further on public service delivery and governance, promoting positive outcomes through service delivery for those living in both regions. Both parties in particular wish to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for their residents, including through the support provided within Liverpool's NHS institutions for health care for Isle of Man residents.
- **Infrastructure, Energy and Net Zero:** Both parties are committed to the need to transition towards a net zero carbon future and recognise the scale of the opportunities this brings. We will endeavour to share expertise and discuss with one another on infrastructure projects, particularly on new energy infrastructure to ensure economic and energy security on the road to net zero. We will also share knowledge and expertise on house building, including a focus on modern and sustainable construction methods and retrofit.
- **Education collaboration:** We will endeavour to enhance educational opportunities and promote lifelong learning for our residents by collaborating, sharing best practice and drawing on the strengths and expertise of both Liverpool and Isle of Man education systems.

All parties are committed to continuous exchange and regular meetings to collaborate and mark progress on these commitments. This would include an annual conference between partners, alternating between the Isle of Man and Liverpool as hosts.

This Memorandum will be regularly reviewed by the leadership of Liverpool and the Isle of Man and expanded where possible to further enhance cooperation.

Liverpool and the Isle of Man are honoured to be collaborating on this proposal and are confident that sharing this Agreement will ensure a lasting relationship and renewed joint commitment.

Hon Alfred Cannan MHK,
Chief Minister, Isle of Man

Councillor Liam Robinson,
Leader, Liverpool City Council

Mayor Steve Rotheram,
Mayor, Liverpool City Region

