## **Prospective Timeline**

Governance Review  July 2015 – The governance review will determine whether the area covered by the constituent councils could properly be seen as constituting a functional economic area and whether the existing governance arrangements for economic development, regeneration and transport are effective or would benefit from changes.

Proposals for Combined Authority • July 2015 – The proposals for a Combined Authority summarises the outcome of the Governance review and the recommendations for the way forward.

Draft Scheme

• September 2015 – The scheme will outline the area that will be covered, the constitution and functions. This will include details of membership of the authority, voting and how meetings will be chaired and recorded.

Consultation

• September 2015 – The consultation lends weight to the case that the Secretary of State must consider. It is recommended to consult stakeholders such as the ITA, neighbouring authorities, LEPs, regional MPs, regional public bodies, the third sector and the public.

Scheme Published  Nov 2015 – Each constituent council obtains Cabinet and full Council approval of the scheme and subsequently submits this to the DCLG

DCLG draft & consult on order

• Nov 2015 – Jan 2016 – The scheme is then considered and a DCLG led consultation carried out. If the consultation is supportive of a Combined Authority, an order is created and laid before Parliament.

Parliamentary Approval • April 2016 – The order is debated in both houses and ratified in Parliament.