

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the WMCA Board on Friday 9 March 2018

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1.	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Jonathan Browning, Councillor Steve Eling, Councillor Peter Nutting and Stewart Towe.
2.	Chair's Remarks (if any)	The Mayor noted that this was the last meeting before Stella Manzie stood down as Interim Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council and he thanked her for the work she has done supporting the WMCA during her time in post.
3.	Minutes - 9 February 2018	Agreed as a correct record.
4.	Forward Plan	Noted.
5.	Devolution Action Plan	The approach to further work with government on devolution described in the report, with the coverage and portfolio leadership set out in the high level Action Plan, was approved.
6.	Establishment of West Midlands Innovation Board	<p>(1) The creation of the West Midlands Innovation Board was approved, reporting to the SEP Board, to take a strategic lead in ensuring that innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) drives economic growth and public service reform, and (ii) was embedded across the activities of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

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		(2) The West Midlands Innovation Board would take a new delivery orientated approach for innovation, building on the findings of the West Midlands Science and Innovation Audit, to ensure that innovation delivered tangible economic growth and public service reform across the West Midlands Combined Authority geography.
7.	WMCA Digital Board	The current progress and focus areas of the Digital Board was approved.
8.	Financial Monitoring 2018/19	The financial position as at the end of January 2018 was noted.
9.	WMCA Funding for Growth Programme Update	The approach taken to date and the next steps being undertaken were noted.
10.	Coventry Station Masterplan	<p>(1) The award of £39.4 million Devolution Deal funding to Coventry Rail Station Masterplan project, which was promoted by Coventry City Council based on assurance work completed and the endorsement of the Project by the Investment Board on 29 January 2018 was approved.</p> <p>(2) Delegated authority was given to the Monitoring Officer and the Director of Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Finance to conclude the grant agreement with Coventry City Council in accordance with this report.</p>

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11.	Coventry Friargate Business District Phase 1	<p>(1) The award of £51.0 million Devolution Deal funding to Coventry Friargate Business District Phase 1, which was promoted by Coventry City Council based on the assurance work completed and the endorsement of the Project by the Investment Board on 29 January 2018 was approved.</p> <p>(2) Authority was delegated to the Monitoring Officer and the Director of Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Finance to conclude the grant agreement with Coventry.</p>
12.	Commonwealth Games Athletes Village - WMCA Contribution	<p>(1) The award of a grant to Birmingham City Council from the WMCA Brownfield Land and Property Development Fund to the Commonwealth Games Village application as set out in Paragraph 4.2 totalling no more than £20.075 million was approved subject to:</p> <p>(a) The final independent valuations being in line with the current estimates underpinning the £20.075 million estimate, as detailed in Section 5.</p> <p>(b) In the event there is a surplus on the Athletes' Village scheme following sale of the residential units, this surplus is shared with WMCA up to a maximum of £20.075 million in line with the principles detailed in section 5.</p> <p>(2) The elements of the bid with a particular reference to grant conditions A4 (Learning Institutions) were approved as contained in paragraph 4.1 given that this was the first time that this type of expenditure would be funded under the</p>

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		<p align="center">Brownfield Land and Property Development.</p> <p>(3) The principle that the contribution be subject to the successful shortlisting of the Housing Infrastructure Fund announcement which provided the 39% (£144 million) of the overall funding for the village was agreed.</p> <p>(4) A one off variation to the basis of the Brownfield Land and Private Development Fund be agreed for this project to recognise that the outcomes of this application would not be delivered until 2022 for the Commonwealth Games Village and 2023 to 2025 for the permanent scheme as this fell outside the time period indicated in the originating Fund documents approved by the Board.</p>
13.	Implementation of Devolution Agreement - Adult Education Budget - Transfer of Powers to WMCA	<p>(1) The transfer of functions to WMCA as set out in section 2.3 to ensure the successful devolution of the Adult Education Budget in 2019 was approved.</p> <p>(2) Consent was given on behalf of the West Midlands Combined Authority to the making of an Order giving effect to this transfer.</p> <p>(3) Delegated authority was given to the WMCA Section 151 Officer together with the WMCA Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Lead Member to approve the final draft Devolution Order in order to meet the timetable for agreement as set out in the report.</p> <p>(4) Constituent authorities were requested to give their consent to the making of an Order giving effect to this transfer including the necessary delegation to approve the final draft Order as set out in (3) above.</p>

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14.	Swift Programme Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The progress of the Swift Programme was welcomed. (2) The delivery of the Swift pilot in Redditch which was successfully launched on the 10 January 2018 was welcomed. (3) It was agreed that TfWM would begin discussions with all other non-constituent members of the WMCA to enable the development of a programme that would see, subject to their agreement, the rollout of Swift into their areas.
15.	Devolved Transport Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The Devolved Transport Grant allocations, including Integrated Transport Block for 2018/19 were agreed, and the anticipated grant allocations through to 2020/21 were noted. (2) A Joint Initiatives Top Slice of £90,000 was agreed. (3) The continuation of a ring fenced development funding pot within individual Local Authority annual allocations was agreed.
16.	West Midlands Mental Health Commission Update	The progress and update on the current position of the West Midlands Mental Health Commission Action Plan and the work undertaken since the launch of the programme on 31 January 2017 was noted.

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17.	Minutes - Investment Board - 29 January 2018	The minutes were noted.
18.	Minutes - Transport Delivery Committee - 5 February 2018	The minutes were noted.
19.	Minutes - Investment Board - 13 February 2018	The minutes were noted.
20.	Minutes - Public Service Reform Board - 22 February 2018	The minutes were noted.
21.	Friday 11 May 2018 at 11.00am	The date of the next meeting was noted.
22.	Exclusion of the Public and Press	The public and press were excluded for the remainder of the meeting.
23.	West Midlands HS2 Growth Board - Future Governance and Programme Support	<p>(1) The existing HS2 Growth Strategy Programme Team be transferred based on TUPE to the West Midlands Combined Authority.</p> <p>(2) The Monitoring Officer of the West Midlands Combined Authority was authorised to make all necessary arrangements to enact the recommendation of this report. This superseded the original decision taken on 23 June 2017 by the WMCA Board where the HS2 Growth Strategy Programme Team were to move the</p>

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		West Midlands Combined Authority via a secondment arrangement.