

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the WMCA Board on Friday 14 September 2018

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shaun Davies (Telford & Wrekin), Councillor Steve Eling (Sandwell), Councillor Paul Moore (Sandwell), Councillor Peter Nutting (Shropshire) and Stewart Towe (Black Country LEP).
2.	Chair's Remarks (if any)	The Mayor welcomed the region's recent success in being awarded up to £50m to trial high-speed 5G connectivity.
3.	Minutes - 20 July 2018	The minutes were agreed as a correct record.
4.	Forward Plan	The forward plan of items to be considered at future meetings was noted.
5.	Governance Review and Scheme for the Transfer of the Police & Crime Commissioner Functions	<p>(1) The progress on the development of the Governance Review and Scheme outlining the proposed model for Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority governance of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) functions was noted.</p> <p>(2) The report and attached Governance Review and Scheme was to be considered by Constituent Authorities and the PCC in line with the requirement to elect a Mayor with PCC responsibilities in 2020, as agreed by the Board on 20th July 2018.</p>

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		(3) It was agreed to receive a further report at November 2018 WMCA Board detailing the outcome of the Constituent Councils and PCC consideration of the content of the Governance Review and Scheme, and setting out the public consultation process.
6.	Governance of West Midlands Fire Service - Approval of Statutory Order	(1) The Home Office's response to the key asks set out in the Scheme document was noted. (2) Acceptance of the proposals set out in the report to progress the key asks locally was confirmed; and the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer of the WMCA were given delegated authority consent to the laying of the Order in Parliament subject to the outcome of the final local constituent council cabinet meeting.
7.	'Dying to Work' Charter	It was agreed to sign up to the Trade Union Congress's 'Dying to Work' Charter which was seeking to provide greater security for terminally ill employees, ensuring that they were not dismissed due to their condition.
8.	Financial Monitoring Report 2018/19	The financial position as at the end of July 2018 was noted.
9.	WMCA Funding for Growth Programme Update	The approach taken to date and the next steps being undertaken was noted.

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10.	Inclusive Growth Framework	<p>(1) The first iteration of the Inclusive Growth Framework was endorsed.</p> <p>(2) It was noted that the composition of the Inclusive Growth Framework and its underlying metrics would be adapted as the WMCA drew from Member, partner and citizen insight.</p>
11.	Housing First: Background, Principles, Governance and Delivery	<p>(1) It was noted that WMCA had been awarded £9.6m for the delivery of Housing First for the period 2018-21.</p> <p>(2) It was noted that Birmingham City Council had received £1.44m to cover the first year of the pilot.</p> <p>(3) It was noted that the Constituent Authorities had agreed to deliver 225 housing units per year, for three years, in order to conduct the pilot.</p> <p>(4) The principles of taking a Housing First approach to supporting people who were sleeping rough into secure accommodation was endorsed.</p>
12.	Congestion Management	<p>(1) The ten point plan summarised in 3.36 and the wider actions outlined within the Congestion Management Plan where they related to it was agreed.</p> <p>(2) The preferred option (option 6) for the development of the Regional Transport Coordination Centre and next steps in development was agreed.</p>

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		<p>(3) The Road Safety Memorandum of Understanding was agreed, and the development of a Regional Road Safety Strategy being led by Coventry City Council was noted.</p> <p>(4) The Key Route Network global evidence report and 23 detailed corridor reports were agreed for publishing, and the monitoring framework was approved.</p>
13.	Investment Board - 26 July 2018	The minutes of the meeting were noted.
14.	Wellbeing Board - 13 July 2018	The minutes of the meeting were noted.
15.	Housing & Land Delivery Board - 16 July 2018	The minutes of the meeting were noted.
16.	Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 16 July 2018	The minutes of the meeting were noted.
17.	Transport Delivery Committee - 16 July 2018	The minutes of the meeting were noted.
18.	Investment Board - 20 August	(1) The minutes of the meeting were noted.

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	2018	<p>(2) In respect of the Coventry South and A46 Link Road Phase 1 (minute no. 21):</p> <p>(a) The award of £6.6m development deal funding for the A46 Stoneleigh Junction (A46 Link Road Phase 1) was approved, subject to a successful confirmation from the Department for Transport of Local Growth Fund grant.</p> <p>(3) In respect of the A45 to Solihull Town Centre and UK Central Strategic Cycle Link (minute no. 22):</p> <p>(a) The Full Business Case for the UK Central Hub Strategic Cycle Link and the A45 to Solihull Town Centre (Damson Parkway) Cycle Link was approved.</p> <p>(b) The funding position was noted, with any underspend being considered as part of the work being undertaken across the Investment Programme.</p> <p>(c) The experiences gained by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council in encouraging behavioural change to increase cycling would be shared with other local authorities in the West Midlands.</p>
19.	Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 4 September 2018	The minutes of the meeting were noted.
20.	Exclusion of the Public and Press	The public and press were excluded from the remaining items of business.

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21.	Industrial Strategy	<p>(1) The emerging commitments and actions for informal consultation were endorsed.</p> <p>(2) The process to consult on a draft Local Industrial Strategy in September before considering a final strategy for publication in late Autumn, including retaining the existing SEP targets, was endorsed.</p> <p>(3) Responsibility was delegated to the portfolio holder and SEP Board and to sign off on the final wording of the consultation draft and to oversee the consultation process.</p>
22.	Friday 9 November 2018 at 11.00am	The date of the next meeting was noted.