

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the WMCA Board on Friday 8 February 2019

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Jonathan Browning (Coventry & Warwickshire LEP), Councillor Steve Eling (Sandwell), Councillor David Humphreys (North Warwickshire), Councillor Julie Jackson (Nuneaton & Bedworth), Councillor Peter Nutting (Shropshire), Councillor Michael Stokes (Rugby), Stewart Towe (Black Country LEP) and Councillor Ian Ward (Birmingham).
2.	Chair's Remarks (if any)	<p>(a) Councillor Steven Claymore (Tamworth) Members observed a minute's silence following the recent death of WMCA Board and Housing & Land Delivery Board member Councillor Steven Claymore.</p> <p>(b) Mayoral Statement The Mayor made a personal statement regarding social media comments published in his name during the previous day.</p> <p>(c) Future Governance of the West Midlands Fire Service The Mayor referred members to a briefing note circulated earlier in the week setting out the latest position regarding the proposed governance changes for the West Midlands Fire Service. A full report would be submitted to the next meeting of the WMCA Board on 22 March.</p>
3.	Minutes - 11 January 2019	The minutes of the meeting were agreed.
4.	Forward Plan	The plan of items to be reported to future meetings was noted.

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5.	WMCA Budget 2019/20	<p>(1) The consolidated revenue budget monitoring position as at 31 December 2018 was noted;</p> <p>(2) The West Midlands Combined Authority consolidated revenue budget was approved, including:</p> <p>(a) the budget requirement for transport delivery 2019/20 comprising two elements:</p> <p>(i) £114.7m a year to be funded from the existing transport levy mechanism; and</p> <p>(ii) a transfer from earmarked reserves of £1.0m.</p> <p>(b) the West Midlands Combined Authority operational budget requirement for 2019/20 of £103.1m comprising of six elements:</p> <p>(i) £84.2m Adult Education spending to be funded for the first time from Adult Education Budget funding devolved by the Department for Education;</p> <p>(ii) £10.6m to be funded from other devolution deal grants;</p> <p>(iii) £4.6m to be funded from Constituent Authority fees (fees to remain at the same level as 2018/19);</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) £0.4m to be funded from Non-Constituent Authority and Observer fees (fees to remain at the same level as 2018/19); (v) £2.2m to be funded from other income; and (vi) a transfer from reserves of £1.1m. <p>(3) The Mayoral Office budget for 2019/20 of £0.8m, to be funded from existing Mayoral capacity funding of £0.8m, was approved.</p> <p>(4) It was noted that the Mayor had indicated that there would be no mayoral precept during the remainder of his current term of office.</p> <p>(5) The Summary Capital Programme was approved.</p> <p>(6) The planned spend on the Investment Programme over the 5 year period was noted.</p> <p>(7) The West Midlands Combined Authority indicative 5 year Medium Term Financial Plan was noted.</p> <p>(8) Surplus cash balances generated from the Collective Investment Fund were approved to be used to support the West Midlands Combined Authority operational budget, thus minimising Constituent and Non-Constituent Authority contributions.</p> <p>(9) Authority was delegated to the Interim Director of Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Finance & Investments to make any final changes that may result from the final Local Government Finance Settlement;</p>

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		<p>(10) The following policies and strategies were approved, as required by statute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the West Midlands Combined Authority Pay Policy Statement; (b) the West Midlands Combined Authority Treasury Management Strategy; and (c) the West Midlands Combined Authority Prudential Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy and Capital Strategy.
6.	Leadership Commission: Developing and Delivering a Youth Combined Authority	<p>(1) The establishment of a Youth Combined Authority, as recommended by the WMCA Leadership Commission, was approved.</p> <p>(2) Investment of £50,000 to support the establishment of a Youth Combined Authority was approved.</p> <p>(3) It was agreed that the Youth Combined Authority would have Observer status on WMCA Board.</p> <p>(4) It was noted that this investment contributed to meeting recommendation 5a of the WMCA’s Leadership Commission report.</p>
7.	A Common Approach to Cycling and Walking in the West Midlands	<p>(1) The approach to investing in cycling and walking in the West Midlands and for raising the profile of cycling and walking through effective leadership was</p>

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		<p>endorsed.</p> <p>(2) Capital investment was to be focused on the corridors and zones identified by local authorities, as set out in the West Midlands Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.</p> <p>(3) The transition to a West Midlands cycle brand for future cycling initiatives in the West Midlands was endorsed.</p>
8.	Housing & Land Delivery Board - 20 December 2018	The minutes were noted.
9.	Transport Delivery Committee - 7 January 2019	The minutes were noted.
10.	Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee - 14 January 2019	The minutes were noted.
11.	Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 16 January 2019	The minutes were approved.
12.	Wellbeing Board - 18 January 2019	The minutes were noted.

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13.	Investment Board - 21 January 2019	The minutes were noted.
14.	Friday 22 March 2019 at 11.00am	The date of the next meeting was noted.