



Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday 11 January 2021

Time: 2.00 pm **Public meeting** Yes

Venue: This meeting will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams
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Membership

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| Councillor Lisa Trickett (Chair) | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Cathy Bayton (Vice-Chair) | Association of Black Country Authorities |
| Councillor Naeem Akhtar | Coventry City Council |
| Councillor Ahmad Bostan | Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Paul Brown | Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership |
| Councillor Chris Cade | Warwickshire Non-Constituent Local Authorities |
| Councillor Dean Carroll | Shropshire Non-Constituent Local Authorities |
| Councillor Mike Chalk | Worcestershire Non-Constituent Local Authorities |
| Councillor Peter Fowler | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Robert Grinsell | Joint Coventry/Solihull Representative |
| Councillor Angus Lees | Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Mike Lyons | Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership |
| Councillor Suky Samra | Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Councillor Lucy Seymour-Smith | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Stephen Simkins | Association of Black Country Authorities |
| Councillor Paul Sweet | City of Wolverhampton Council |
| Councillor Diane Todd | Staffordshire Non-Constituent Authorities |
| Councillor Kate Wild | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Sarah Windrum | Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership |

Quorum for this meeting shall be 13 members

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AGENDA

| No. | Item | Presenting | Pages |
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| Meeting Business Items | | | |
| 1. | Apologies for Absence | Chair | None |
| 2. | Declarations of Interests Members are reminded of the need to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they have in an item being discussed during the course of the meeting. In addition, the receipt of any gift or hospitality should be declared where the value of it was thought to have exceeded £25 (gifts) or £40 (hospitality). | Chair | None |
| 3. | Minutes (a) Monday 2 November 2020 (b) Monday 23 November 2020 (Call-In) (c) Friday 11 December 2020 (Mayoral Q&A: Budget) | Chair | 1 - 18 |
| 4. | Chair's Remarks (if any) | Chair | None |
| Items for Discussion | | | |
| 5. | Mayoral Question Time: Policy - Response from the Mayor to recommendations presented to the WMCA Board on 13 November 2020 | Chair | 19 - 24 |
| 6. | The Health of the Region 2020 - Regional Health Impact COVID19 | Ed Cox | 25 - 38 |
| 7. | Housing & Land Portfolio Update | Gareth Bradford | 39 - 60 |
| 8. | Transport Scrutiny Sub - Committee Minutes (a) Monday 30 November 2020 | Councillor Cathy Bayton | 61 - 64 |
| 9. | Forward Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview & Scrutiny Committee • WMCA Board | Lyndsey Roberts | 65 - 72 |
| Date of the Next Meeting | | | |
| 10. | Monday 8 March 2021 at 10.00am | Chair | None |



West Midlands Combined Authority

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday 2 November 2020 at 2.00 pm

Minutes

Present

Councillor Lisa Trickett (Chair)
Councillor Cathy Bayton (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Ahmad Bostan
Councillor Richard Brown
Paul Brown

Councillor Chris Cade

Councillor Mike Chalk

Councillor Peter Fowler
Councillor Robert Grinsell
Councillor Angus Lees
Councillor Stephen Simkins
Councillor Diane Todd
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Authorities
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Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Association of Black Country Authorities
Staffordshire Non-Constituent Authorities
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

In Attendance

Michael-Akolade Ayodeji
Councillor Mike Bird

Gareth Bradford
Deborah Cadman
Louise Cowen
Dan Essex
Julia Goldsworthy
Linda Horne
Tim Martin
Aisha Masood
Lyndsey Roberts
Jonathan Skinner
Stephen Weir
Andy Williams
Martin Yardley

Young Combined Authority
Portfolio Lead for Housing &
Regeneration
West Midlands Combined Authority
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West Midlands Combined Authority
West Midlands Combined Authority
Coventry City Council
Coventry City Council
Coventry & Warwickshire LEP

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| 75. | <p>Inquorate Meeting</p> <p>The committee was inquorate for the majority of the meeting and therefore the decisions taken would be submitted to the WMCA board on 13 November 2020 for formal approval.</p> |
| 76. | <p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dean Carroll (Shropshire Non-Constituent Authorities), Mike Lyons (Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP) and Councillor Lucy Seymour-Smith (Birmingham City Council).</p> |
| 77. | <p>Declarations of Interests</p> <p>Councillor Stephen Simkins declared that he was the City of Wolverhampton Council's Cabinet Member for City Economy.</p> |
| 78. | <p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on the 7 September 2020 and 16 October 2020 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments in respect of minute no. 74 ('Questions to the Mayor'):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Robert Grinsell requested that his comment and the Mayor's response relating to the benefits of HS2 & UK Central be included, Councillor Peter Fowler's comments relating to the Community Recovery Prospectus be included, along with further details on Councillor Stephen Simkins question regarding joblessness, skills and training. |
| 79. | <p>Chair's Remarks</p> <p>(a) Councillor Richard Brown</p> <p>The Chair noted that this would be Councillor Richard Brown's last meeting due to him being appointed Coventry City Council's Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources. The new representative for Coventry City Council would be Councillor Naeem Akhtar.</p> <p>(b) Economic Funding Tracker</p> <p>The Chair noted that the committee had received a copy of the Economic Funding Tracker report being submitted to the WMCA Board on the 13 November and requested that any comments were feedback to her ahead of her meeting with the Director of Strategy.</p> <p>(c) Annual Delivery 2020/21 Mid-Year Update</p> <p>The Chair noted that the committee had received a copy of the Annual Delivery 2020/21 Mid-Year Update report. Upon reviewing the document, Councillor Stephen Simkin and Councillor Peter Fowler requested that future updates included spend broken down across the seven constituent authorities which would help identify a clearer picture of the allocations across the region in term of investment and resources.</p> |

80. Q&A with the WMCA Portfolio Lead for Housing & Regeneration Councillor Mike Bird

The Chair welcomed the Portfolio Lead for Housing & Regeneration Councillor Mike Bird, members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and representatives from the Young Combined Authority to the question time that was focussing on housing and regeneration-related matters.

Councillor Mike Bird provided an opening statement to members of the committee. He informed them on the Government's Housing Deal with the WMCA sought to deliver at least 215,000 homes by 2031, with current evidence and assessments being undertaken confirming that the region would be on track to achieve that target. A number of funds had been secured to support brownfield remediation, including a £100m Housing Deal Land Fund, a £50m Brownfield Land & Property Development Fund and an £84m Brownfield Housing Fund, alongside residential and commercial loan funds.

Members in attendance, along with Aisha Masood and Michael-Akolade Ayodeji then questioned the Portfolio Lead for Housing & Regeneration on a range of housing and regeneration related topics. The Chair sought further information on the brownfield land funding, totality and the spend verses the number of housing units delivered to date. She was also keen to understand the context in which the WMCA was operating in terms of supporting the housing needs of the region. Councillor Mike Bird informed the committee that 4,466 housing units on brownfield sites had been developed, but was unable to confirm on what proportion of these were currently occupied. The Director of Housing & Regeneration informed the committee that the funding associated to the Housing Deal Land Fund would be paid in tranches and was issued based on performance. To date, £53m had been received with another payment due shortly. He also noted that the WMCA had set a target requirement of 20% affordable housing.

Further to the Chair's question relating to social housing, Councillor Mike Bird stated that the direct provision of social housing was not within the Housing & Land Delivery Board's remit and that this sat with housing associations and local Housing Authorities. The committee expressed concern that consideration had not been given to developing housing co-operatives in partnership with local authorities. Councillor Stephen Simkins enquired as to whether there was an opportunity to explore joint partnership with local authorities to develop their brownfield lands.

Following the committee's concern on addressing affordable housing and the importance of sufficient levels of social housing availability, the Director of Housing & Regeneration informed the committee that a regional affordable housing definition had been agreed, and work continued with the housing associations to achieve significant affordable housing on development sites within the region.

Councillor Richard Brown queried the future for housing in response to the Government's recent planning White Paper. Councillor Mike Bird informed the committee that the Housing & Land Delivery Board had received a report on the implications arising within the White Paper, which could be shared with the committee.

Recommended:

The Portfolio Lead for Housing & Regeneration be thanked for his participation in this question and answer session with the committee and that the committee consider what further work it would like to do in the important area of housing and regeneration at its meeting on 11 January 2020.

81. Recharge West Midlands - Investment Case to Government - Battery Gigafactory

The committee received a presentation from the Chief Executive of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership and the Director of Business, Investment & Culture for Coventry City Council on the Gigafactory proposition. The information presented to the committee related to the importance of the automotive industry for the region, what a Gigafactory was, further information on the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre, the opportunities proposed for the region on creating green manufacturing jobs and the role the WMCA would play in this.

The Chair was keen to understand the readiness of the WMCA in terms of re-skilling and re-training, particularly in respect of those individuals who may have lost their jobs during the pandemic. She also sought assurance on the WMCA's efforts to support the Gigafactory bid going forward. The Director of Business, Investment & Culture highlighted that majority of employment would be within the supply chain and discussions had highlighted the support needed to have a mixture of capital and revenue support to enable businesses to become more innovative. He also highlighted that UK Battery Industrialisation Centre were in the process of developing battery manufacturing apprenticeships to help engage and bring in those new skills, but recognised the need to further support businesses in retraining their workforces. The Chief Executive for Coventry & Warwickshire LEP indicated that an electrification taskforce had been created as well as the training and automotive skills taskforce, and that the bid made to Government should not only focus on the building options but should also seek to address the training need.

Councillor Stephen Simkins expressed his concern on how the Gigafactory would have a beneficial impact for the Black Country, with a strategic outlook on how the West Midlands moves into a greener future. He understood the benefits this programme brought to both Coventry and Solihull, but looked for a more strategic approach across the WMCA to address issues such as deprivation, educational attainment and poor health. The Director of Strategy highlighted that key taskforces had been explicitly looking at the cross-regional geography to better understand the supply chain across the whole region to ensure all parts fitted together.

The committee were keen to ensure that the correct skill set for employment in this sector started in the West Midlands with the right training opportunities being provided. In terms of supporting the bid going forward, the committee would be provided with a copy of the script being provided to MPs on the Gigafactory.

Recommendation to the WMCA Board:

- (1) The presentation be noted.
- (2) The comments made by members of the committee on this item be noted.

82. Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee Minutes

The committee consider the minutes of the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee held on 14 September 2020 and 19 October 2020.

Councillor Peter Fowler sought assurances that concerns around face coverings being correctly worn on public transportation had been raised during the question and answer session with the Portfolio Lead for Transport. Councillor Cathy Bayton confirmed this had been the case. It was also noted that a 'deep dive' look at the concessionary fares schemes would be undertaken.

Recommended to the WMCA Board:

The minutes of the meetings held on 14 September 2020 and 19 October 2020 be approved.

83. Forward Plan

The committee noted a forward plan of items that were to be reported to future meetings of the committee and the WMCA Board.

The committee were also made aware of a budget workshop being held on 27 November from 1.30pm in preparation for the Mayoral question time being held in December 2020.

84. Date of the Next Meeting

Friday 11 December 2020 at 11.00am.

The meeting ended at 4.20 pm.

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Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday 23 November 2020 at 11.00 am

Minutes

Present

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| Councillor Lisa Trickett (Chair) | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Cathy Bayton (Vice-Chair) | Association of Black Country Authorities |
| Councillor Ahmad Bostan | Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Councillor Chris Cade | Warwickshire Non-Constituent Local Authorities |
| Councillor Dean Carroll | Shropshire Non-Constituent Local Authorities |
| Councillor Peter Fowler | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Robert Grinsell | Joint Coventry/Solihull Representative |
| Councillor Julian Grubb | Worcestershire Non-Constituent Local Authorities |
| Councillor Angus Lees | Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Councillor Kindy Sandhu | Coventry City Council |
| Councillor Suky Samra | Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Councillor Lucy Seymour-Smith | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Stephen Simkins | Association of Black Country Authorities |
| Councillor Diane Todd | Staffordshire Non-Constituent Authorities |
| Councillor Kate Wild | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council |

In Attendance

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| Allan Andrews | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Michael-Akolade Ayodeji | Young Combined Authority |
| Councillor Mike Bird | Portfolio Lead of Housing & Regeneration |
| Gareth Bradford | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Deborah Cadman | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Louise Cowen | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Dan Essex | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Linda Horne | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Rob Lamond | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Tim Martin | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Lyndsey Roberts | West Midlands Combined Authority |

Item No. Title

85. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from, Councillor Naeem Akhtar (Coventry), Councillor Mike Chalk (Worcestershire non-constituent authorities), Mike Lyons (Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP) and Sarah Windrum (Coventry & Warwickshire LEP).

86. Chair's Remarks

The Chair indicated that although the 'Affordable Housing Collaborative Delivery Vehicle: Progress Update' report considered by the Housing & Land Delivery Board on 2 November 2020 had been considered as a private item of business, it was her intention to hold as much of this meeting in public so as to ensure scrutiny was being undertaken in an open and transparent way. She requested members to consider the nature of their questioning and to avoid quoting confidential information in public.

87. Call In Procedure

(a) Provisions within the Constitution relating to Call In

The Governance Services Manager outlined the requirements for a call in as outlined within the constitution, highlighted the timescales involved and the options available to the committee to take no further action or to refer the report back to the Housing & Land Delivery Board to be re-considered, along with the comments and observations of this committee.

(b) Call In - Affordable Housing Collaborative Delivery Vehicle: Progress Update

The Chair provided an overview of the stated reason for the call-in, which was initiated by Councillor Naeem Akhtar, Councillor Cathy Bayton, Councillor Ahmed Bostan, Councillor Stephen Simkins and Councillor Lisa Trickett, namely:

'The Housing & Land Delivery Board was not made aware of the extent of need and the possibility of specifying a purpose to deliver on social housing requirements. Our concern is that members have not been given the information required to make an informed decision and that this report unduly fetters the opportunity to use such a vehicle to deliver on housing need in the region.'

88. Affordable Housing Collaborative Delivery Vehicle: Progress Update

The Chair welcomed the Chair of the Housing & Land Delivery Board and the Director of Housing & Regeneration to the meeting and invited them to give an outline of the Affordable Housing Collaborative Delivery Vehicle: Progress Update report considered by the Housing & Land Delivery Board on 2 November 2020.

The Chair of the Housing & Land Delivery Board reported that his committee had expressed concerns in 2017 that the supply of affordable housing was not matching the housing need of the region. Discussions had been

undertaken between WMCA, the West Midlands Housing Association Partnership and the National Housing Federation to take forward the proposals for a bespoke affordable housing delivery vehicle that would help secure affordable housing delivery above and beyond those of the housing associations' committed and approved business plans. At its meeting on 4 November 2019, the board approved a report setting out the Heads of Terms and key criteria for a new regional affordable housing delivery vehicle focussed on increasing the supply of new homes, particularly affordable housing, on some of the most challenging sites in the region. The report to the board that had been called in by this committee provided an update on the work being undertaken to date, with an expectation that a full business case would be submitted through the WMCA's governance approvals process in January/February 2021.

The Director of Housing & Regeneration indicated that the aims of this project were to bring forward affordable homes that would otherwise not be delivered, allow for the development of brownfield land, and to promote innovative methods of construction. He noted the previous close working between this committee and the Housing & Land Delivery Board, and would welcome this being renewed so as to ensure the views of overview and scrutiny members were able to help shape the development of policies and proposals.

The Chair expressed her concern that there had been little apparent progress in delivering affordable housing for the region since these discussions had commenced in 2017. She considered that the report as presented did not set out the relevant considerations that would enable the Housing & Land Delivery Board to make an informed decision. The Chair also drew attention to the proposed return on investment and questioned the efficacy of this as a means of delivering affordable housing. She enquired whether there was a shared understanding of the purpose for the delivery vehicle so as to ensure that the region and its communities had confidence in the delivery of this policy.

Councillor Cathy Bayton highlighted the lack of governance oversight evidenced within the report for this vehicle and requested reassurance on how this was going to be taken forward, given that the proposals would result in public money supporting a private asset. She also requested a clear understanding on the plan for delivery, referencing how social housing was being addressed within local development plans, which would help enable the demand seen in the region for social housing to be better targeted. She also felt that local authorities had been excluded from the development of the vehicle, suggesting their involvement was key to properly understand differentials in local demand.

Councillor Angus Lees also considered that it would be useful to understand the rate of social housing building that was proposed, and how that compared to the actual demand for social housing.

The Chair of the Housing & Land Delivery Board indicated that the development of these proposals had brought together and strengthened the relationship with housing associations and that the vehicle was not inclusive to just them.

Councillor Lucy Seymour-Smith stressed the importance of getting the detail of the proposed delivery vehicle right at this stage. She expressed her concern at the lack of information on democratic governance and accountability, and was concerned that this was highlighting a disconnect between the WMCA and local authorities. She considered that the proposals needed to demonstrate greater strategic inclusivity to ensure that stakeholders and partners were involved at an early stage and could help address social housing need.

Councillor Ahmad Bostan noted the disproportionate effect on black, minority ethnic and Asian communities within the provision of adequate housing and requested that a full equalities impact assessment was undertaken to ensure that this project addressed these effects. Councillor Kindy Sandhu was disappointed that the return on investment did not focus on helping wealth building in communities and suggested that further detail be provided on how communities had access to the construction work this initiative would support, along with how the investment made was targeting the area of need.

With regard to housing associations, local housing companies and local authorities being able to access brownfield funds to support the development of housing, the Director of Housing & Regeneration confirmed that these bodies did have access to funds. The Chair requested a breakdown on the allocation of funds that had been allocated to private developers, local authorities and housing companies. In response to comments raised on the lack of social housing referenced within the report, the Director of Housing & Regeneration added that the Government defined affordable housing to include social rented housing, shared ownership and 'other'. It was agreed that future reports would refer to affordable housing and social housing.

The Chair of the Housing & Land Delivery Board stressed that his board welcomed scrutiny, and noted that as no formal decision had yet been made on this scheme any comments or suggestions could still be included within the final agreement plans.

The committee highlighted the importance for the business cases justifying this project to be explicit on the purpose, remit and those areas that would be targeted. In relation to potential timescales, the Director of Housing & Regeneration stated that the expectation was that the scheme would roll out during early 2021, subject to appropriate approval process.

The Chair noted that the scheme had sought to bring forward affordable housing, develop brownfield land and to be an exemplar in construction methods but considered that the report had failed to demonstrate how these objectives would be achieved, made no reference to targeting housing need where it occurred, and sought a return on investment at a level that would prevent the delivery of social housing units that were affordable.

Resolved:

That in accordance with the provisions of call-in set out within the constitution, the Affordable Housing Collaborative Delivery Vehicle: Progress Update report be referred back to the Housing & Land Delivery Board for further consideration in order that the members of that board can be assured that the proposals and the full business case provided sufficient evidence that the proposals would deliver on the intended objectives as stated at this committee by the Chair of the Housing & Land Delivery Board and the Director of Housing & Regeneration.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm.

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Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Friday 11 December 2020 at 11.00 am

Minutes

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| Councillor Mike Chalk | Worcestershire Non-Constituent Local Authorities |
| Councillor Peter Fowler | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Robert Grinsell | Joint Coventry/Solihull Representative |
| Councillor Penny Holbrook | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Suky Samra | Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Councillor Diane Todd | Staffordshire Non-Constituent Authorities |
| Councillor Kate Wild | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council |

In Attendance

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| Michael-Akolade Ayodeji | Young Combined Authority |
| Councillor Philip Bateman | Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee |
| Deborah Cadman | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Louise Cowen | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Dan Essex | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Kashmire Hawker | Young Combined Authority |
| Linda Horne | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Tim Martin | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Lyndsey Roberts | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Councillor Bob Sleigh | Portfolio Lead for Finance |
| Laura Shoaf | Transport for West Midlands |
| Andy Street | Mayor of the West Midlands |

**Item Title
No.**

89. Welcome & Introductions

The Chair welcomed the Mayor, members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, members of the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee and representatives from the Young Combined Authority to the second mayoral question time of 2020/21 that was focussing on WMCA budget-related matters.

90. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lucy Seymour-Smith (Birmingham City Council), Councillor Angus Lees (Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council) and Councillor Stephen Simkins (Association of Black Country Authorities).

91. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Philip Bateman declared a non-prejudicial interest in respect of his membership of the Canal & River Trust Advisory Board and his receipt of a transport worker's pension.

92. Question to the Mayor

The Mayor provided an opening statement to members of the committee. He offered his thanks to both the Portfolio Lead for Finance and the WMCA Finance team for their work on achieving a balanced budget. The Mayor acknowledged the challenges of funding within the capital programme but did not expect any immediate changes to it to be made. The Mayor informed the committee of a positive outcome from an external review of investment funding arrangements.

Councillor Robert Grinsell sought further information on how the balanced budget had been achieved, along with how the WMCA would be protecting activities such as transport, investment, skills and training. The Portfolio Lead for Finance confirmed that the WMCA had received a level of support from the Government similarly to other local authorities during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also indicated that the WMCA was undertaking a transformation programme to better position it for a post-COVID-19 environment, and this could result in further savings being found. The Mayor indicated that significant work had been undertaken to ensure that all frontline services continued to be fully funded.

Councillor Dean Carroll sought further information on the regeneration budget. The Mayor reported that the Housing & Land Delivery Board oversaw £625m of funds which had already supported 17 projects, created 2,502 jobs and created 820 new homes within the region. He also stressed that those housing regeneration opportunities would not have been delivered by relying entirely on the private sector. The Chair was keen to understand how the fund for brownfield land remediation had addressed market failures. The Mayor indicated that majority of the developed land had been vacant for significant periods and the WMCA had therefore been able to address this market failure. It was also noted that work had been undertaken by the Housing & Regeneration team to address affordable housing and produce a more realistic and relevant regional definition.

Councillor Cathy Bayton noted that the 2021/22 budget could not be sustained in future years through a reliance on the use of reserves. The Director of Finance confirmed that the use of reserves would be used to achieve a balanced budget next year, but acknowledged the level of risk involved in this approach. The Mayor also confirmed that fees for both constituent and non-constituent authorities would remain unchanged. It was recognised that constituent authorities were the WMCA's largest single

contributor, and the Chair enquired as to how an individual Council Tax payer might recognise the value of the WMCA. The Mayor highlighted various ways in which the budget was used to benefit individuals within the region, including the use of the concessionary fares scheme to help disadvantage communities.

Councillor Kate Wild was keen to understand the Mayor's response to the recent Government announcement on the Comprehensive Spending Review and the potential it had to improve the West Midlands. The Mayor indicated that the Comprehensive Spending Review provided a number of new funding streams, including a fully devolved transport package to which new funds would be available from April 2021.

The Chair expressed some concern over the delivery of investment programme projects and the costs associated with delivery delays. The Mayor confirmed that a workshop had been undertaken with Constituent Leaders to confirm that where funds had been received for certain investment programme projects, these would not be spent on other projects. Work also continued to be undertaken on seeking funding for those identified to have a funding short fall.

Councillor Penny Holbrook sought information on the funds being made available for upskilling and education within the region to ensure individuals had access to good quality training that could lead to higher paid jobs. The Mayor highlighted that there had been an increase in benefit claimants and work had been undertaken to ensure funds from the Adult Education Budget was used to reskill and ensure that there was greater partnership with colleges and universities to support the new economic circumstances. It was also noted that a new Skills & Jobs Delivery Board, to be chaired by the Portfolio Lead for Economy & Skills, had been established to address this issue. It was noted that following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and the loss of European Social Fund monies, there had been no confirmation from the Government on the proposed Shared Prosperity Fund, but a commitment had been given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for a similar scheme to ESF funding.

Kashmire Hawker noted that there continued to be a rise in youth unemployment and enquired as to what was being done to tackle this issue. The Mayor highlighted the launch of the Kickstart programme as being of benefit to younger people finding themselves without employment.

The Chair expressed concern over the confirmation of funding for the upcoming Mayoral elections. The Director of Finance suggested that work was currently being undertaken amongst all combined authorities to secure Government funding for the elections. The Mayor confirmed that contingency plans had been discussed with Constituent Leaders and there would be no circumstances in which the elections would not be funded.

Councillor Cathy Bayton highlighted the pressures on the transport budget and questioned as to when within the next 12 months would the WMCA be looking to address the longer term funding challenges within transport. The Mayor confirmed that he understood the difficulties referred to and he

expected discussions would be held with Constituent Leaders in early summer on these matters. This timeframe would also hopefully give a better indication of likely post-pandemic patronage and how Transport for West Midlands might wish to tailor services accordingly.

Councillor Ahmad Bostan expressed his concern that accessible transport for individuals with disabilities could be reduced due to budgetary pressures and sought assurance that those services would be retained. The Mayor understood the criticality of continuing the funding for accessible transport and committed to doing everything he could to protect these services. He also confirmed that National Express West Midlands was continuing to follow its policy of not purchasing any further diesel buses within the region and to upgrade those existing buses to environmentally cleaner versions.

Further to the Chair's question relating to free transport for 16-18 year olds, the Mayor indicated that unfortunately there were no active proposals being brought forward, however Transport for West Midlands would continue with its current offers to young people and would actively look at future feasible options.

Councillor Chris Cade enquired as to what work was being considered for training opportunities for mechanics to service new and upcoming electric vehicles. The Mayor indicated that this was being considered by the Skills team and assured that a fuller update would be provided to committee.

Following Councillor Philip Bateman's question relating to the possibility of support for coach companies serving the leisure and tourism industry, night time economy and schools, the Mayor agreed that some coach operators were providing crucial services within the region, although he was unaware of any additional funding support that could be made available to coach operators.

Resolved:

The following observations be shared with the Mayor for consideration and reflection:

- (1) The need to use reserves to achieve a balanced budget for 2021/22 was noted, but concern was expressed as to the risks associated with this and the limitations it had as a longer term approach to budget planning.
- (2) The WMCA should continue to seek to achieve longer term financial stability that would better enable it to plan for and respond to the needs of the region.
- (3) The Medium Term Financial Plan currently included a number of risky assumptions that could have a significant negative impact on the WMCA's financial base. It was important that difficult decisions were considered early on in the financial planning process to help to better mitigate potential consequences.

- (4) All future financial planning and modelling should ensure that it reflected and addressed the priorities and needs of the region and its diverse communities.
- (5) The WMCA should lobby for greater flexibility over the use of its direct funding, with which it has previously achieved better outcomes when it has been able to use it in an innovatively way.
- (6) The desire to seek to protect accessible and supported transport services from potential reductions in funding be welcomed.
- (7) Concern be expressed over the possible longer term viability of the transport budget given the likely changes in travel patterns linked to evolving ways of working that could see a permanent reduction in the number of employees commuting into town and city centre locations.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm.

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Cllr Lisa Trickett
Chair of WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Cc: Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

31 December 2020

Dear Cllr Trickett

I'm writing in response to the observations included in the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny meeting on Policy, which you kindly invited me to reflect upon.

Our plans to Recharge the West Midlands and address inequalities and challenges as we recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.

There is no doubt about the scale of the challenge ahead of us. Before the pandemic we were the fastest-growing region outside London. Our economic output had increased by 25% over the previous five years, and we had increased the number of people in work by nearly 20% before the pandemic.

However, over the past year our region has faced unprecedented challenges, impacting the health and economic wellbeing of so many of our citizens. That's why it was so important to come together as a region, across political boundaries, to develop the plans needed to help our economy and our community recover. And it's why we should continually challenge ourselves to ensure that we are doing all we can as a region to help people from all our communities have access to the opportunities they need for a secure future.

The Recharge proposals were developed by the region for the region. The WMCA, our local authority leadership and the business community all demonstrating the importance of this shared endeavour. Over the past months, it has been a testament to this partnership approach that we have maintained that sense of common purpose, with all portfolio leaders working together to respond to the challenges we've faced.

At the heart of 'Recharge the West Midlands' was the importance of creating jobs and securing investment as the best way of improving opportunities for all our citizens. Whilst there is more work to be done and more investment to be won, we should welcome the funding we've worked together to secure so far. And we should look positively upon the announcements made by government in the recent Spending Review. These provide the region the opportunity to unlock substantial

investment in many of our Recharge projects, notably with regard to transport, housing and regeneration and our plans for a Gigafactory in the region.

However, Recharge was about more than just our economic recovery. With plans including tackling fuel poverty with investment in a regional retrofit programme and our proposals for a Radical Health Prevention Fund to target key drivers of health inequality, our Recharge proposals demonstrated the importance of ensuring we tackle the underlying causes of inequality across the region and spread opportunity throughout all our communities.

Our work to improve opportunity for all our citizens isn't limited to our Recharge proposals. For example, you'll be aware that our investigation into health inequalities across the region was commissioned before the pandemic hit, although the findings have highlighted long-standing issues that have been exacerbated over recent months. The WMCA can be proud of the role we've played in leading this work and I was personally pleased that the Health of the Region report was endorsed by the WMCA board, including the commitments of action made by the WMCA and our partners. Let's all be determined to ensure that this report and its recommendations become a tool for action. For my part, I will be taking a detailed interest in progress made against each of the commitments we've made and the response to the recommendations the report makes to government.

WMCA plans to review our policy objectives to meet new and emerging challenges, including tackling climate change, and to help communities impacted by previous transitions.

After the pandemic hit, a review of deliverables and activity was undertaken across all WMCA portfolios in light of the pandemic. A report on this work and progress made was presented and adopted by the WMCA Board on 13th November. There are a couple of notable achievements which deserve highlighting:

- Transport for West Midlands' work to ensure those people who rely upon public transport could continue to travel safely and reliably, which is of particular value to those on low incomes.
- Our skills team's speedy response to the pandemic and our securing of additional government funding for our adult education programmes to increase the level of support we could provide for those looking to retrain or improve their skills. As you will be aware, the majority of our Adult Education Budget funding was already going to support BAME communities, but the team increased efforts to ensure opportunities were available to people from all communities. For example, efforts were stepped up to target under-represented groups in sector specific initiatives, particularly through our Digital Retraining Fund. To address the challenges being faced by young people, the WMCA is playing an active role in helping businesses take advantage of the government's Kickstart employment scheme. We moved fast to provide more courses in those sectors that were recruiting, such as health and social care, digital and construction. We have

worked with colleges and training providers to support people who have sadly been made redundant and to improve opportunities for those seeking new employment.

As we work together as a region to progress our plans for recovery, transition our economy for the future and seek the government funding that we require, support for investment in the automotive sector is obviously vital. That's why our plans for a Gigafactory in the region are so important, and I know members of the committee will welcome the Government's recent announcement of £500m being made available for battery production on a mass scale. I met again with the Business Secretary Alok Sharma only recently to argue our case, and I continue to work with our partners in making every effort to ensure we obtain the funding we need to secure the future of our region's automotive sector. Not least given the Gigafactory's significant potential to protect and create tens of thousands of jobs.

In relation to climate change, the WMCA is progressing with the detailed development of our first Five Year Plan in support of our ambitious #WM2041 plan to become a net zero region. The WMCA Environment and Energy Board has recently endorsed the way forward, including plans for a WM2041 pledge which we will be asking people and business across the region to sign-up to. On that note, it was very encouraging to meet recently with business leaders from across the region discussing our Business Pledge and their role in working collaboratively with the WMCA to secure clear actions by business to help the region achieve our ambitious targets.

However, we haven't waited for the detailed Five-Year Plan to make progress or work with Government to secure funding. For example, we are already using funding secured to enable Energy Capital to establish an implementation plan for the Fuel Poverty and Regional Retrofit programme. This is a crucial project which we included in our Recharge proposals and our CSR submission to the Treasury, to secure funding for a regional approach to both tackling fuel poverty and supporting our net zero objectives. This is another project which we have raised again only recently with the Business Secretary and his officials.

Other examples of activity include a programme to deliver zero carbon homes by 2025, including production of a zero carbon homes charter and route map which was approved by the WMCA Housing and Land Delivery Board. We now have just under 8000 trees registered on our virtual forest, a project designed to highlight the opportunities for everyone to play their part, and we're encouraging people and business to get more involved. In a clear demonstration of the link between tackling climate change and job creation, in collaboration with 5PRING, we recently launched a Green Innovation Challenge, encouraging small businesses looking to develop cutting edge technologies that reduce carbon emissions and create jobs along the way. In a similar vein, our 'Circular Economy' Taskforce has been launched to identify business opportunities linked to resource efficiency.

The level of ambition in our discussions with Government regarding devolution to deliver powers and resources to meet economic and social challenges.

The WMCA's submission to the Government's Local Recovery and Devolution White Paper emphasised the importance of our region securing both the powers and the funding required to drive forward economic recovery and create a more prosperous community. Our submission focused on the need for the Government to provide greater financial freedoms for the Combined Authority and local authorities in the region, to grant further powers with a longer-term approach to enable us to plan ahead more effectively, and crucially to enable us to adopt the systems we need locally to meet the needs of our local communities.

Whilst it is clearly disappointing that the Government has delayed the publication of its devolution proposals, we have continued to press the case for increased funding and the ability to work with Government to deliver benefits for our citizens.

For example, in the important area of skills and training, we have submitted proposals to the Secretary of State for Education

- to extend the successful National Retraining Scheme (NRS) pilots in Construction and Digital - to provide more retraining opportunities for adults in sectors critical to the region's economic recovery,
- to scale up our successful bootcamp approaches in digital skills, and to extend the bootcamp model to other sectors with immediate retraining needs, including health and social care, logistics, and new green jobs.

We are also in discussion with Government regarding our proposals for Energy Devolution, seeking powers to develop a Local Energy Plan and have a strong voice in energy infrastructure investment to allow our region to take more responsibility in meeting climate change goals.

We would all agree that local authorities have demonstrated their crucial role during the coronavirus crisis and achieved critical results despite limited powers and resources, and we must continue to argue that central government must learn from this experience when it does come to set out plans for further devolution.

With regard to the WMCA's own role in maximising use of our resources to meet the economic and social challenges of the region, we can be proud of what we have achieved working together. You will note from our discussions at the recent Overview and Scrutiny meeting to discuss Budget issues, that we have been successful in protecting front-line budgets and projects that directly benefit the economy of the region, including our efforts to progress our expansion of the metro and our development of brownfield sites, bringing good affordable homes and jobs to so many parts of the region.

The WMCA role in delivering lasting inclusive growth and helping close the inequality gap.

Ensuring that people from all communities across the region have the opportunities they need to benefit from our region's economic development is vital.

That's one reason why our work on economic recovery and community recovery goes hand in hand. It was pleasing when our Community Recovery roadmap was endorsed by local authority Leaders at a recent meeting of the Recovery Forum, and we can look forward to its endorsement at the next meeting of the WMCA Board in January. The roadmap sets out a collaborative approach between the WMCA, local authorities and our partners, working together to improve access to jobs and training, to further close the attainability gap in education and improve employment opportunities for young people who have been so severely impacted by the pandemic.

To ensure that all the work of the WMCA is focussed on addressing inequalities, you will be aware that through the Single Commissioning Framework and other processes we are taking steps to ensure that the need for inclusive growth is taken into account when developing projects. Inclusive Growth Business Partners are now working with each WMCA Directorate to ensure the impacts on opportunities for BAME communities, women and those with disabilities are factored in.

We have made good progress already. We've developed our affordable housing definition, linking affordability criteria to income levels rather than house prices, which together with our 20% affordable housing targets will help more local families have the opportunity of purchasing an affordable home. Our brownfield first approach to development means that not only are we offering more people the chance of an affordable home, but also helping to bring regeneration and jobs to some of the poorest parts of our region. And I'm sure members of the committee will welcome the recent announcement of more government funding to help us do just that, including on the former MG Rover site in Longbridge.

I've already referred to the significant percentage of our AEB budget that is helping members of BAME communities access training opportunities but it's important to reemphasise the work we are undertaking to target underrepresented groups in sector specific schemes, such as courses offered through our Digital Retraining Fund, together with efforts being made to help those who have taken ESOL courses move onto higher levels of training.

It's also important to highlight the significance to those on low incomes of the support we offer to enable people to access public transport, such as the 'Workwise' scheme which offers a discount for 3 months to people securing new jobs, and half-price travel for young people to help them access education and training. As you'll know from our discussions at the recent OSC to discuss next year's budget, this is something we are all determined to protect.

Finally, it's only right to mention two important schemes that have recently achieved great milestones and which are particularly designed to help people in need. Our Housing First initiative has now secured accommodation for more than 300 people, setting them on a path to a more secure future with the foundations upon which to turn their lives around and hopefully enter the workforce. And our Thrive into Work programme, which has now helped more than 600 people back into work – and for which we have secured additional funding from government to continue.

I hope this has been a good overview of the work we're doing together as a Combined Authority in partnership with our local authorities, to ensure that our region recovers from the impact of the pandemic and addresses the social and economic challenges of the future. And in doing so, we continue to seek further powers and funding from government to help ensure that people from all communities have access to the opportunities they need for a secure future.

Yours sincerely



Andy Street
Mayor of the West Midlands

The Health of the Region 2020 Regional Health Impact of COVID19 11 January 2021

Overview & Scrutiny Committee



Regional Health Impact of Covid19



- Health of the Region report commissioned in WMCA Annual Plan – work suspended due to COVID-19
- Task & Finish Group established in June 2020 as part of wider ‘Community Recovery’ work made up of representatives from WMCA, PHE, local authorities, the NHS, universities and the voluntary & community sector
- Published an Interim Report in August 2020
- Call for evidence sought to understand experiences and impacts of COVID-19 among individuals and communities; challenges and barriers for citizens, communities and organisations; examples of good practice; and changes in approach and further support needs
- Health of the Region Report 2020
 - Counterpart to State of the Region report
 - A call to action for all of our partners and stakeholders to work together to address long-standing inequalities in the West Midlands
 - A collective commitment to achieving positive change in our region

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Why is this important? Why WMCA?



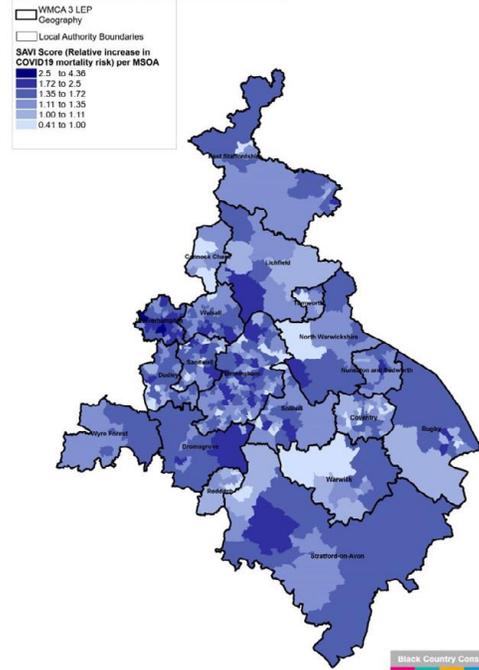
- The COVID-19 crisis has exposed the profound health inequalities that characterise the population in the West Midlands
- It gives us a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to re-evaluate, reset and redress the balance when it comes to tackling health inequalities
This means addressing the 'causes of the causes' - individual health-related behaviours must be seen in their social, cultural, economic and environmental contexts (e.g. income, food poverty, limited time or skills, or lack of access to green space) rather than only targeting the behaviours themselves
- **The interdependence between health and wealth is a core theme that unites the work of the WMCA with that of health partners in the region**
- This is the foundation for resilience to future pandemics and shocks

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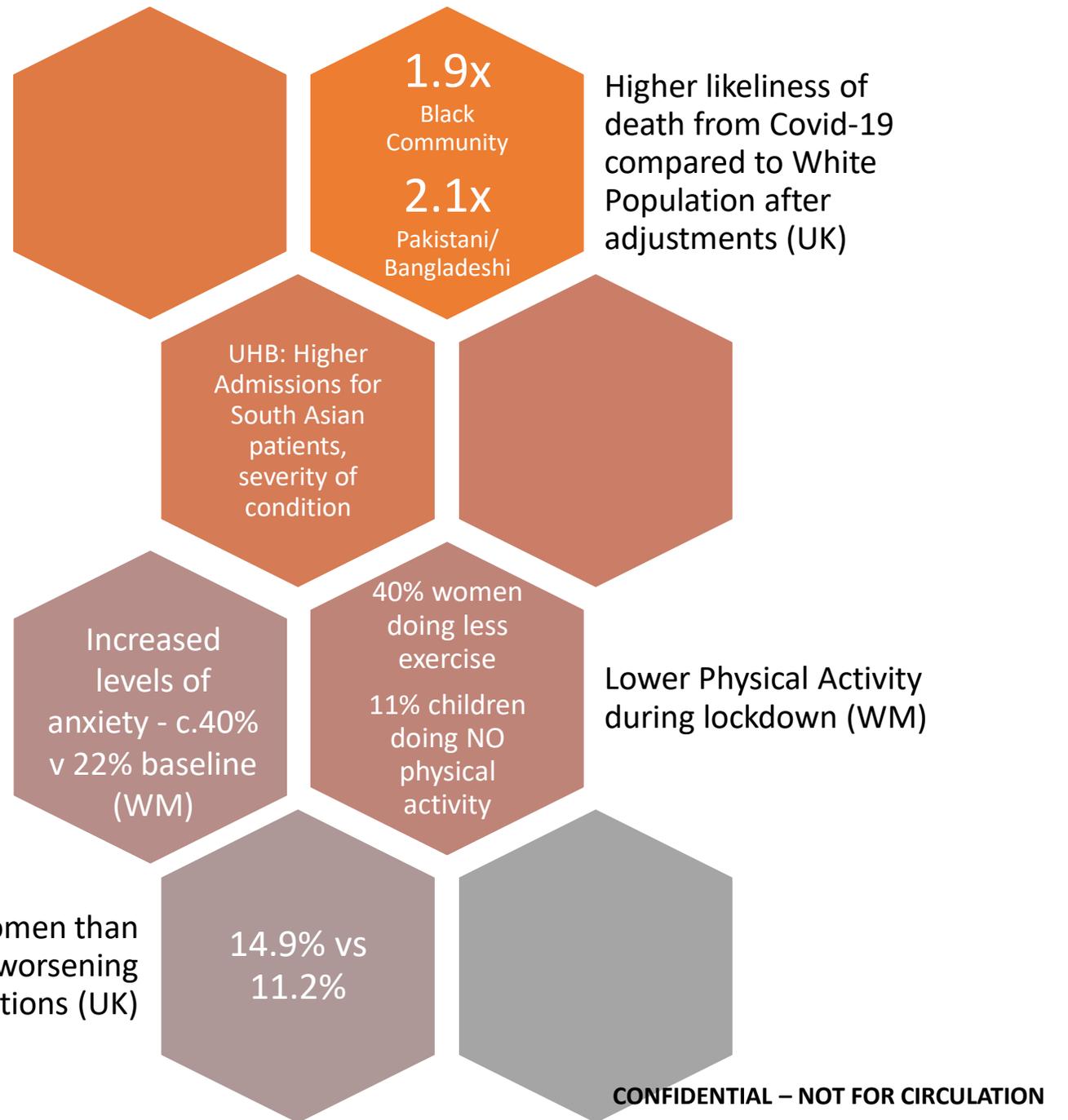


Health of the Region Report – key figures

SMALL AREA VULNERABILITY INDEX



**Clear relationship
between Covid-related
deaths and area
deprivation**



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A framework for action



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- We must begin with the urgent task of **improving outcomes for BAME communities**. Targeted and immediate action to tackle structural racism is an urgent and immediate priority.
- But lasting change will only happen when we take a systemic approach to **tackling the wider determinants of health** and dealing with the structural inequalities we find in our economy, housing market, education and transport systems.
- Similarly, we must tackle inequalities in the health and care system and **widen access to health and care services**. This requires a fundamental rebalancing of funding and focus on primary and preventative care.
- These challenges, in turn, will create the conditions in which **people-powered health** can flourish and healthy lifestyles can become the norm.

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Commitments and recommendations to government



Improving outcomes for BAME communities

WMCA Commitments

- Leadership Commission - advancing opportunity and mobility within the healthcare sector a key priority
- **Targeted Thrive mental health programme** co-designed with BAME employers and employees
- Rigorous equalities impact assessments across all directorates
- Mayor's **WM BAME roundtable meetings** every 6 months

Partner Commitments (selected)

- **Multi-agency System Transformation Recovery (STaR) Board** to evaluate regional NHS programmes through a Black Lives Matter and post-COVID lens.
- PHE West Midlands will develop a BAME and Disparities workplan.
- **West Midlands Police have set a target of recruiting 1,000 BAME officers** over the next three years.
- The Walsall Together Partnership is committed to the Workforce Race Equality Standard and seek to hear BAME views through engagement

Tackling the wider determinants of health

WMCA Commitments

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- Work with partners to become a 'Marmot City-Region'.
- Incorporate a **Health In All Policies (HIAP) approach** into inclusive growth framework.
- Continue to pay the Real Living Wage and ensure its contractors do so too.
- Target underrepresented groups for training programmes and access to jobs.
- Work closely **with public health colleagues on planning applications** to embed within our Housing and Land team.

Partner Commitments (selected)

- **STaR Board**, working with PHE WM, will establish a Health Inequalities Working Group
- NHS Confederation has called for partners to integrate and embed employment support alongside clinical services.
- University Hospitals Birmingham will **retrain hospitality workers**.
- The Black Country Consortium will work with developers on the incorporation of the Black Country Garden City principles into future housing pipeline.

Widening access to health and care

WMCA Commitments

- Train and support healthcare professionals to **refer disabled citizens to physical activity** through IncludeMe
- Amplify its Thrive into Work programme to a further 450 people living with poor mental and physical health.
- WMCA will continue to support the utilisation of **transport hubs as digital screening centres**

Partner Commitments (selected)

- PHE West Midlands - **review of language and interpreting services**
- University Hospitals Birmingham - digital transformation to reduce health inequalities and improving access
- University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire and Coventry University to develop **community diagnostics centre in the city centre.**
- Healthwatch WM will provide advice and information about access to services and support.
- Walsall Together Partnership will understand the inequitable take up of health and care services and address the causes.

People-powered health

WMCA Commitments

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- Include Me WM - disabled people and others to be physically active
- Committed to **increase cycling from 3% to 5% of mode share by 2023**
- Commonwealth Games Delivery Partners - long lasting wellbeing legacy
- Making Every Contact Count approach for employees and anchor institutions
- Standardise inclusion of **Wellbeing social value in commissioning framework**
- Young Combined Authority Board to encourage and challenge the CA and its partners to listen to the voices of citizens when shaping policies.

Partner Commitments (selected)

- Black Country & West Birmingham CCG PCNs will have recruited **63 social prescribing link workers**, 38 care coordinators and 12 HWB Coaches by March '21
- Aston University working with Aston Villa Foundation to go into **local schools to deliver workshops on eye health and childhood eating habits**
- Black Country Consortium supporting the 'Tribe Project' - a social prescribing campaign supporting prevention
- PCC have re-established police cadets to support young people.

Recommendations to government



Improving outcomes for BAME Communities

- Government should produce a **clear and comprehensive action plan** setting out how it will work with local and regional partners to take action on race disparities and associated risk factors.
- Government **should commission further data, research and analytical work** at the local and regional level to understand the geographical and place dimensions of race disparities in health.

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Tackling the wider determinants of health

- The NHS should make local action on tackling health inequalities the **focus of the NHS 'Phase 4 Letter'** on Covid19.
- Government should make health and well-being outcomes a **key driver of economic development and levelling-up policies** including industrial strategy and local industrial strategies; the UK Shared Prosperity Fund; Towns Fund; and future devolution deals.
- Government should **double the proportion of health and social care spending** focused on prevention and public health from 5 to 10 percent over time.

Recommendations to government



Widening Access to Health and Care

- Government should ensure that **Local Authorities have sufficient powers to improve public health and reduce health inequalities**, with Mayoral Combined Authorities providing support where they can add value.
- Government should support the WMCA's proposal to establish **digital screening hubs** in high footfall transport locations.
- Government should do all it can to **close the gap in primary care provision** between the most and least deprived neighbourhoods in terms of funding per patient and serving GPs.
- Government should look to widen its plans and **increase its investment to tackle digital poverty** with a particular focus on those who do not access health and care services online.

People Powered Health

- Government should invest in the WMCA's **Radical Health Prevention Fund** to drive forward innovation, social prescribing and other initiatives to tackle health inequalities in the region.
- Government should pilot the Kruger report's **Community Right to Serve provisions for health and social care** in the West Midlands.

Next steps



- Work with regional partners to develop and implement commitments to action
- Monitoring and review through Wellbeing & Prevention Board
- Engaging with government concerning recommendations and asks
- Development of Wellbeing & Prevention Delivery Programme for 2021/22

Questions for discussion at OSC Meeting



- Does the analysis carried out in the Health of the Region report present an accurate picture of the underlying factors that have been exposed by COVID-19?
- How far will the commitments to action begin to address these underlying health inequalities?
- Given the systemic nature of these problems, how can we enhance the collaboration between different stakeholders: public health / local authorities; NHS agencies; universities etc?
- And what is the role of the WMCA in supporting the above?

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Housing and Land Update

11th January 2021

The role of WMCA in Housing and Land

Terms of Reference for Housing & Land Delivery Board, agreed November 2017

- Provide co-ordination and direction on strategic matters relating to the housing and employment development needs of the region. Provide the forum for facilitating strategic conversations between the local authorities around the supply of the right land, in the right places to deliver the homes and jobs the population and the economy needs to grow in a sustainable way.
- Commission a 'spatial expression' of land supply and use, and develop a collective understanding of the key housing and employment development needs of the region.

Develop and implement a strategy for accelerating housing growth and employment across the region. Ensure alignment between WMCA led strategies and programmes e.g. transport, One Public Estate, and West Midlands Growth Company.
- Recommend bids for government funding to the WMCA Board.
- Collaborate with those external organisations that also have responsibility for housing delivery and policy.
- On behalf of the WMCA lead dialogue with Government on the West Midlands housing devolution / housing deal agenda. As part of devolution negotiations with Government to lead on developing propositions and asks that relate to housing delivery.
- Commission and publish research on housing and employment land to inform decisions made by the WMCA Board.

Terms of Reference for Housing & Land Delivery Board, revised November 2020

- To review, monitor and approve the Housing & Regeneration Annual Business Plan, ensuring that it demonstrates a clear golden thread to the WMCA Strategic Objectives, highlighting prioritisation considerations where appropriate and supporting and challenging delivery of the Plan.
- Consider the Housing & Regeneration Portfolio Project Pipeline in order to monitor its content, providing feedback to the Business Area and performance managing project development
- To consider and advise upon major policy change within the Housing & Regeneration Portfolio
- To performance manage the delivery of projects detailed within the Housing & Regeneration Portfolio Project Pipeline at Portfolio level, ensuring effective and appropriate challenge to the Business Area and stakeholders
- To provide co-ordination and direction on strategic matters relating to the portfolio needs of the region.
- To provide the forum for facilitating strategic conversations between the local authorities, stakeholders and WMCA
- To provide oversight of the Local Plans Monitoring Dashboard

Terms of Reference for Housing & Land Delivery Board Nov 2020, continued

Support Housing & Land Portfolio Holder by:

- Providing advice and support to WMCA activity
- Helping engage with wider stakeholder networks and activity
- Identify and scale up existing good practice within the WMCA area
- Identify and secure resources to deliver new opportunities
- To provide co-ordination and direction on strategic policy and delivery matters relating to the housing and employment development needs of the region.
- To agree to review of the Single Commissioning Framework
- To provide the forum for facilitating strategic conversations between the WMCA and local authorities around the supply of the right land, in the right places, to deliver the homes and jobs the population and the economy needs to grow in a sustainable way.
- To develop and implement a strategy for accelerating housing growth and employment across the region.
- To ensure alignment with other WMCA-led strategies and programmes e.g. transport, skills, One Public Estate and the West Midlands Growth Company.
- To recommend and endorse bids for government funding to the WMCA Board.
- To collaborate with those external organisations that also have responsibility for housing delivery and policy.
- On behalf of the WMCA, to lead dialogue with the Government on the West Midlands housing devolution/housing deal agenda, and as part of devolution negotiations with Government, to lead on developing propositions and asks that relate to Housing, Land and Regeneration policy and delivery.
- To commission and publish research on housing and employment land to inform decisions made by the WMCA Board.

Housing & Land Deliverables 2020/21, agreed by WMCA Board in February 2020: Part 1

| High Level Deliverable | Activity |
|--|---|
| Brownfield Investment & Acquisition Programme | Intervene, acquire, unlock and invest in priority brownfield sites across the region along public transport corridors that suffer from identified market failure to bring them forward for housing and employment delivery |
| Inclusive Growth Corridor Programme | Wave 1: Support local partners in finalising and launching the Corridor Delivery and Investment Plans for Walsall to Wolverhampton & West Bromwich to Dudley. Launch Expression of Interest for next wave of Corridor Plans and upon selection create wide-ranging Corridor Delivery and Investment Plans and Programmes |
| Local Plans | Provide assurance to HMG on Local Plan progress under the Housing Deal by mapping local plan activity in the region and supporting local councils with the evidence base for local plans and duty-to-cooperate activities |
| Affordable Housing Policy and Delivery Programme | Affordable Housing Delivery Vehicle Regional Affordable Definition Affordable Housing Deal with Government |
| Town Centre Regeneration Programme | Intervene, acquire and invest in town centre sites in pilot town centres to support the regeneration and repurposing of those town centres |
| Town Centre Policy Programme | Wave 1: Support local partners in finalising and launching the Town Delivery and Investment Plans for 5 pilot town centres in Wave 1 Launch Expression of Interest for next wave of Town Centre Pilots and upon selection create wide-ranging Town Centre Delivery and Investment Plans and Programmes |

Housing and Land Deliverables 2020/21, agreed by WMCA Board in February 2020: Part 2

| High Level Deliverable | Activity |
|--|---|
| Town Deals | Support local councils and LEPs in securing effective 'Town Deals' with Government Co-develop business cases to Government Support development of town investment plans that meet Government requirements |
| WM Investment and Developer Frameworks | Update(s) to Single Commissioning Framework to respond to new policy and delivery experience Launch of West Midlands Investment Prospectus Expansion of Commissioned Partnership Programme |
| WM One Public Estate Programme | Completing mapping of OPE land Launch OPE Single Disposals Plan Development and submission of OPE Business Case to Government |
| Housing Deal | Providing compelling business cases to Government on brownfield regeneration, housing delivery and local plan progress to secure next tranches of Land Fund in Spring 2020 and Winter 2020 |
| AMC Programme | Strategy Launched Advisory Group established Delivery Programme Launched |
| Land & Transport Delivery Programme | Working closely with transport colleagues and local partners to secure new and maximise planned investment in transport infrastructure to open up new areas for development and regeneration |
| Design Charter | Regional Design Charter launch in Q1 2020 and embed Charter into Single Commissioning Framework |
| National Development Projects | Continue to work with local partners to bring forward nationally significant development schemes – e.g. National Brownfield Institute in Wolverhampton |
| Climate Change Delivery Programme | Strategy Launched Advisory Group established Delivery Programme Launched |

Housing and Land Delivery Board Commission – April 2020

Good progress was made in progressing the different workstreams the Board had set out in its Business Plan throughout 2019 and early 2020.

Meeting of 27th April 2020 discussed Covid19 and how the portfolio should respond.

As a result the Board commissioned WMCA via its Housing and Regeneration Directorate working with its local authorities and expert taskforces to lead:

- The preparation of a comprehensive **Portfolio Recovery Plan** that focused on a clear identification of the problems, opportunities and interventions in each of the major programmes of work in the Board's Approved Annual Business Plan

Housing and Land Covid-19 Recovery Plan

Co-development of a Housing and Land Portfolio Recovery Plan with

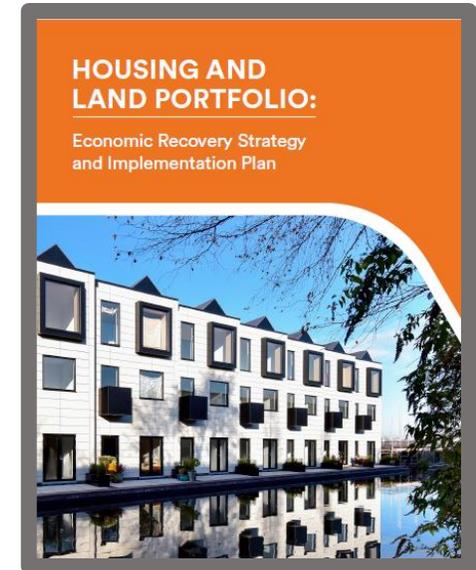
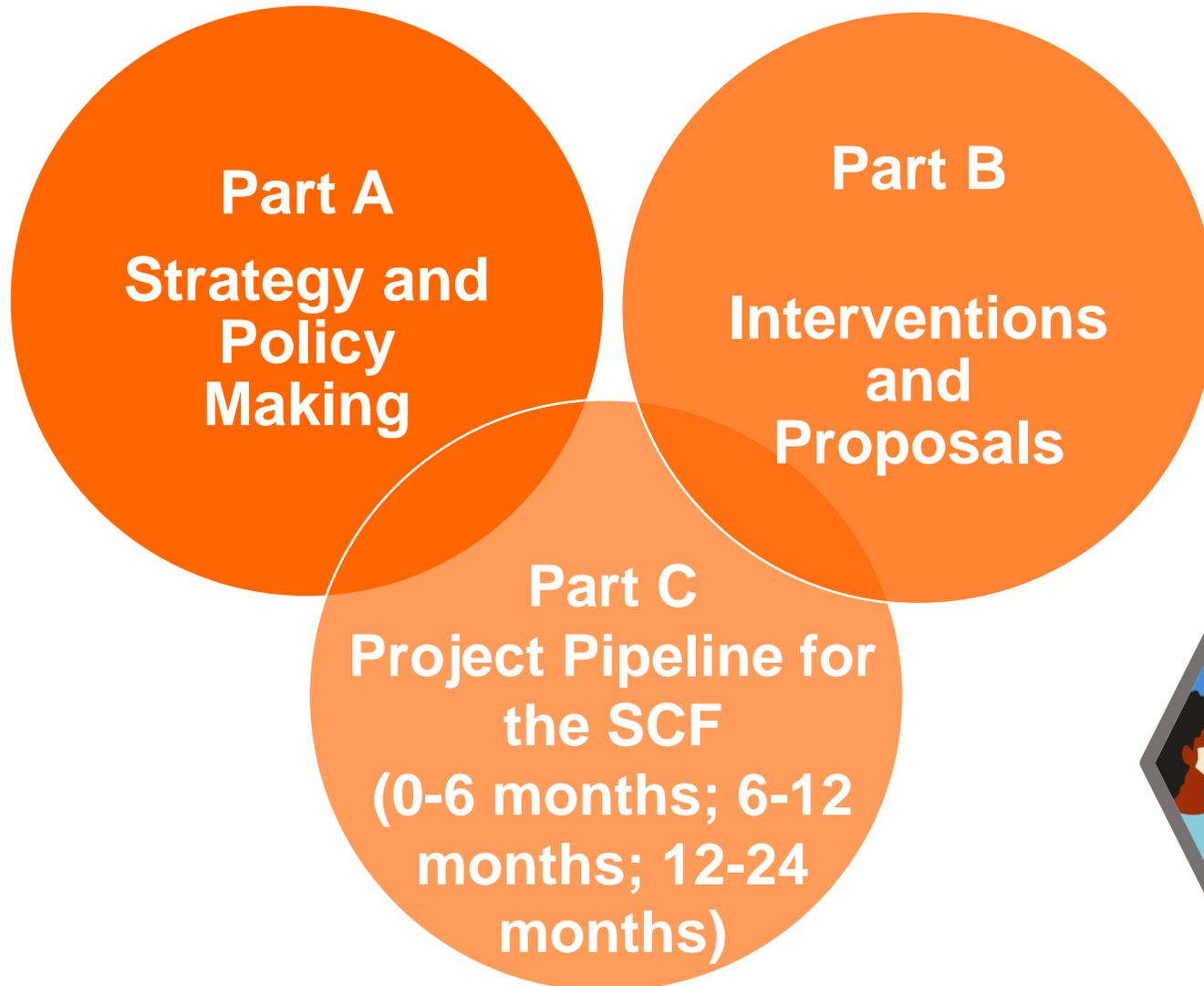
- Officer working groups (overall portfolio recovery planning, AMC, zero carbon)
- Homelessness Taskforce
- Commercial Property Forum
- Regional Town Centres Taskforce/AMC Expert Panel

Informed by local data, market trends, demand and needs identified by local authorities, public and civil sector partners, and the private sector

Themes for “game changing” interventions

- Brownfield Regeneration and research
- Affordable Housing Policy and Delivery
- Business and investor partnerships
- Advanced Manufacturing in Construction, High quality design and Zero Carbon
- Public Land/One Public Estate
- Town and Urban Centres
- Enterprise and employment land

H&L and Business Plan Covid-19 Recovery



Housing & Land Funds

Terms of The Housing “Deal”

The West Midlands Will...

Oversee delivery of 215,000 homes by 2031

Deliver 16,500 homes on average annually by 2031 to achieve housing output targets of HMG funds

Progress of Local Plans in a timely manner

Administer funds through a Single Commissioning Framework

Set up a new affordable housing partnership

Create a new National Brownfield Institute

Report satisfactory performance monthly on the above

HMG Will...

Provide up to £250m Infrastructure Package

Provide up to £100m Land Fund



Over £450m of Housing And Land Funds

Our funding portfolio includes:



£50M Brownfield
Land & Property
Development Fund
(BLPDF)

£70m Residential
Investment Fund
(RIF) – LOAN FUND



£140m Commercial
Investment Fund
(CIF) – LOAN FUND

£84m Brownfield
Fund



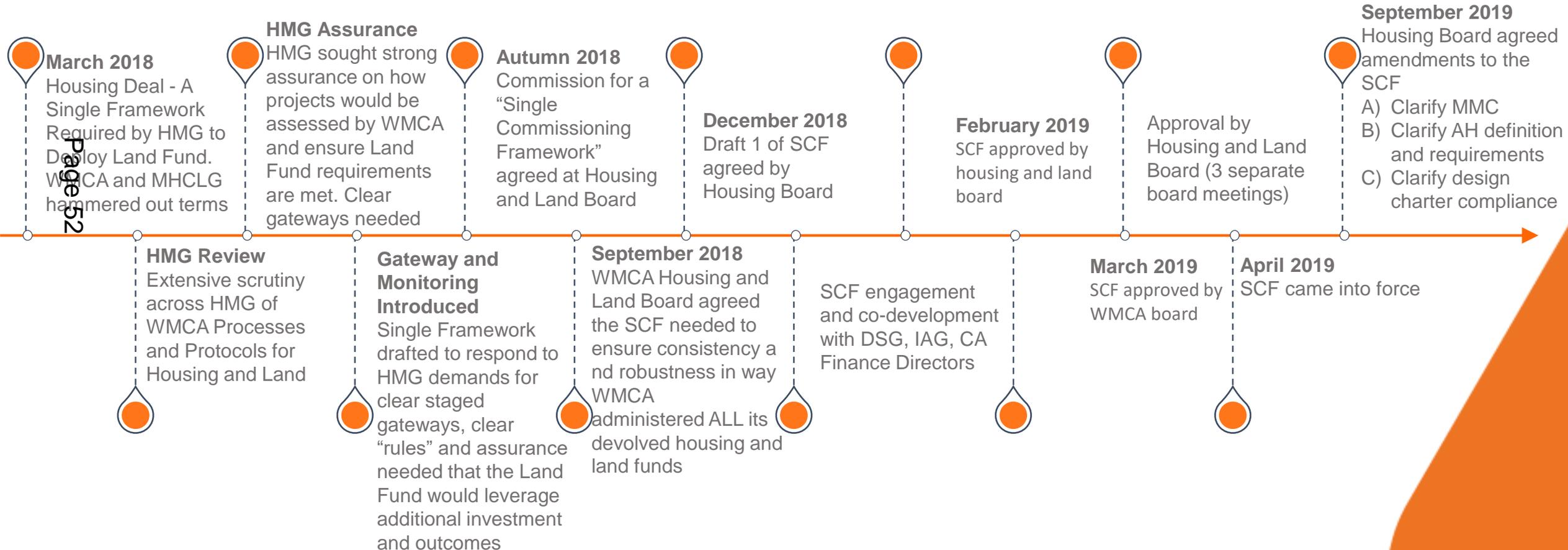
£100m Housing Deal
Land Fund

WMCA has a portfolio of funds available to unlock and accelerate schemes which meet prescribed criteria.

...and the £250m Housing Infrastructure Fund alongside a further £24m recently secured from HMG to deliver housing on brownfield sites.

We continue to seek new funding from HMG including a £50m AMC Fund, £400m Affordable Housing Fund and £200m Urban Transformation Fund.

Single Commissioning Framework: History



The Rules of the Game...the MUST HAVES.

WMCA as a Funder of Last Resort

Only Intervene in Schemes that can Demonstrate 'Market Failure'*

Average Intervention Rate expected of £10-15,000 a Unit

20% Affordable Housing

Commitment to Advanced Manufacturing in Construction

Security on Investments

Clawback and Overage provisions



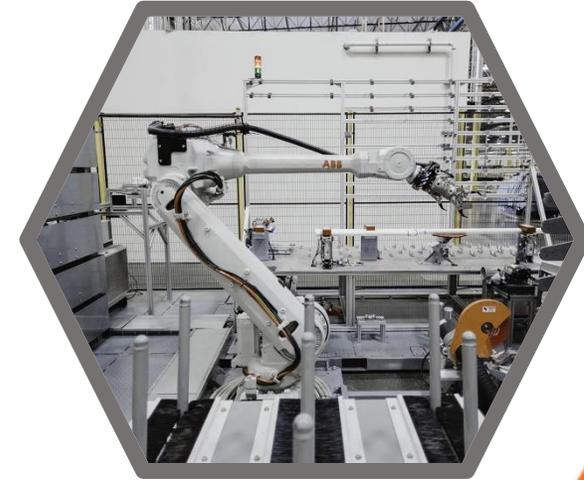
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FAILURE

Further Detail on Criteria

Affordable Housing – defined in Annex 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and/or through a more locally targeted approach of meeting a specific need in the relevant local area and with the assessment of affordability based upon 35% of lower quartile household income levels in the local area (i.e. WMCA Locally Affordable Homes)

West Midlands Design Charter is part of our region's ambition to encourage creative design and innovation to flourish, as we build a future that delivers inclusive growth for all of our communities

Schemes are required to support the uptake of **Advanced Manufacturing in Construction (AMC)**



Staged Gateway and Decision Making Process

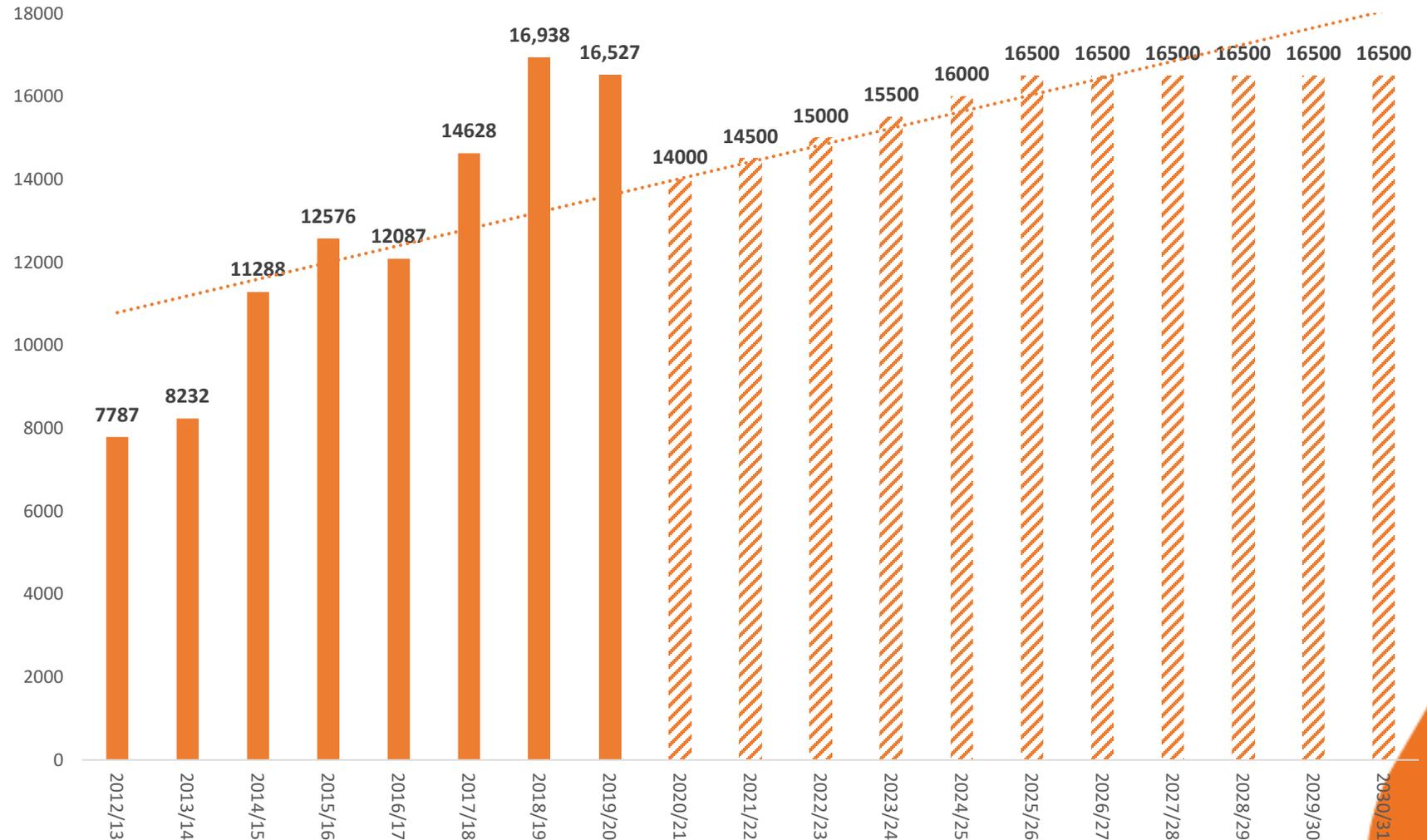
The Single Commissioning Framework Created a Staged Gateway Process for Decision Making on Devolved Housing and Land Funds based on best practice across the UK in deploying land, housing and infrastructure funds

Decision making and approval gateways for Single Commissioning Framework (SCF)

| Gateway Stage | Description |
|---------------|--|
| Triage | Pre SCF process (verbal discussion, guidance, informal support, pre-app meetings and advice) |
| Gateway 0 | EoI (Expression of Interest) – Eligibility and Pre-Qualification Test – EOI Application Form received for review and recommendation by our New Business Group to H&R Site Pipeline Board |
| Gateway 1 | Formal Investment Application (Full), review, appraisal and approval process leading to a business case paper to IP/IB – reviewed by New Business Group, approved by H&R Site Pipeline Board |
| Gateway 2a | Investment Panel (IP) Approval or Statutory Officers Panel Approval (AP) [depending on scheme] |
| Gateway 2b | Investment Board (IB) Approval [not relevant if under delegated limits] |
| Gateway 2c | Delegated Sign Off (DSO) by Director of H&R and [as relevant] Legal and Finance Directors |
| Gateway 2d | Sign off of funding and legal agreements |
| Gateway 3 | Disposal of site/development of site |
| Gateway 4 | Contractual commitments with applicant |

Delivering in the region

WMCA Additional Dwellings trend and targets 2012/13 to 2030/31



- On track for delivering 215,000 homes by 2031
- Exceeded supply trajectory in 2018, 2019 & 2020
- WMCA has Exceeded Housing Deal Land Fund starts on site each quarter
- Secured additional affordable homes (20% minimum)
- Secured modular constructed homes

How we work

Our key roles

- Developing assets, people and communities
- Investing to support accelerated inclusive growth and new jobs
- Acquiring and remediating brownfield land, repurposing town centres and addressing affordability and key infrastructure issues
- Brokering investment from HMG and the private sector
- Putting the region on the global stage
- Connecting through hard-wired partnership working and collaboration

Maximising impact

Important to note that the WMCA and its Housing and Land Portfolio:

- ***Does not* have statutory planning powers**
- ***Does not* have statutory duties, powers or resources around homelessness or temporary accommodation**
- ***Does not* directly deliver social housing or other types of affordable housing**

However, through its convening and enabling role and its funding programmes the WMCA maximises its impact on a broad range of outcomes

Wider outcomes

- The *minimum* criterion of 20% affordable homes on all Housing & Land schemes invested in by WMCA (affordable housing including social rent, affordable rent, and shared ownership)
- Adopting the Regional Affordable Housing Definition that relates to local incomes and needs, not just market values
- Working closely with local councils on all schemes to ensure local needs, demand and requirements are reflected in proposals progressed via the SCF, and with the Housing Market Area Group of Local Planning Authorities to maintain progress with local plans and the Duty to Co-operate on housing need
- Working with multi-agency and cross-sector partners on the Homelessness Taskforce as part of a whole system approach to this complex issue, adding value at a regional level to the statutory delivery of local authorities – for example securing 25 homes for rough sleepers through the Next Steps Accommodation Programme for 2020/21



**West Midlands
Combined Authority**

Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Monday 30 November 2020 at 10.30 am

Minutes

Present

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| Councillor Cathy Bayton (Chair) | Overview & Scrutiny Committee |
| Councillor Philip Bateman MBE | City of Wolverhampton Council |
| Councillor Liz Clements | Birmingham City Council |
| Councillor Ken Hawkins | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Councillor Gurmeet Singh Sohal | Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Councillor Jackie Taylor | Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council |

In Attendance

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| Dan Essex | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| David Harris | Transport for West Midlands |
| Kashmire Hawker | Young Combined Authority |
| Lyndsey Roberts | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| Anne Shaw | Transport for West Midlands |
| Laura Shoaf | Transport for West Midlands |
| Claire Williams | Transport for West Midlands |

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15. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Rois Ali (Coventry City Council).

16. Minutes - 19 October 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 October 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

17. Portfolio Lead for Transport Question Time - Response to Recommendations

The sub-committee reviewed the response received from Councillor Ian Ward, Portfolio Lead for Transport, to the recommendations raised by the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its Q&A Session held on the 19 October 2020.

With regards to recommendation three the Chair expressed that this focussed on political lobbying rather than Transport for West Midlands Lobbying. The Managing Director, Transport for West Midlands felt that lobbying at every level of the 'levelling up' agenda should be done, she went on to confirm funding announcements from the Government response on the Comprehensive Spending Review had addressed some progress on the

'levelling up' agenda.

Recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (a) The response received from Councillor Ian Ward, Portfolio Lead for Transport to the recommendations arising from the Q&A Session on the 19 October 2020 be noted.

18. Development of the Local Transport Plan

The sub-committee received a presentation from the Transport Strategy and Place Manager on the developments of the new West Midlands Local Transport Plan. It was recognised that various changes will impact and reflect the LTP, some of those factors were related to Brexit, devolution, powers, changing social priorities, climate and air quality crises. In order to progress the LTP and drive transport forward in an innovative way TfWM have undertaken work to reflect and look forward; with a key message of the progression of technology whilst recognising that technology alone would not fix the future. It was recognised that the direction of travel was heading in the right way along with movement for growth investment. It was noted that some of the changes required were around carbon emissions needed to be tackled along with inequalities and congestion. Five key areas the new LTP would focus on is Tackling the climate emergency, creating a fairer society, becoming healthier and more active, supporting places and communities and sustaining economic success.

Councillor Jackie Taylor felt that there was an omission with regards to businesses and potential employees who do not have private transport options, however the Transport Strategy and Place Manager felt that this wasn't something that could be specified through the LTP but measures to level up access for individuals could be.

Councillor Ken Hawkins suggested that the new LTP did not contain enough on supporting places and communities, planning and development for both businesses and communities to address new communities, businesses and parks ensuring that there were appropriate transport links. The Transport Strategy and Place Manager noted the comments and felt that the new LTP was to highlight issue instead of jumping to solutions, this would help identify issue but the LTP not a dilatative planning policy but is there to influence and raise concerns.

Councillor Philip Bateman commented that the COVID-19 pandemic had change the mindset of individuals and felt the overall trust of the document was good. Kashmire felt that the LTP had a gap in addressing major events upcoming within the region, although the Transport Strategy and Place Manager felt this would be addressed within the Commonwealth Games Strategy. The chair highlighted the need for public engagement and elected member engagement within each MET as that would be critical moving forward with the plan.

Recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (1) The presentation be noted.

(2) The comments made by members of the sub-committee be noted.

19. Emergency Active Travel Fund Update

The sub-committee received a report from the Head of Cycling and Walking on an update on the Emergency Active Travel Fund (EATF) in May 2020 which funded the implementation of cycling and walking facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was recognised that the region had been awarded £3,850,997 of funding within tranche one of the EATF and a further bid was made and awarded in tranche two for the amount of £13,787,200. A list of schemes had been put forward by the seven MET Authorities and would be delivered by the end of March 2022.

The chair requested further information on the mandated consultation of the EATF for Tranche two, the Head of Cycling and Walking confirmed that the consultation plans would be expected from each local authority on the delivery of their scheme with the overarching plan being published by the WMCA. The Chair also asked the Head of Cycling and Walking opinion on whether local authority had been creative enough in their ambitions with the plans brought forward. She felt that there was a fair set of ambitions across the region but felt that each local authority were at different stages towards their journey in championing active travel.

Councillor Jackie Taylor queried as to how disadvantaged groups across the region could access support to access cycling equipment. The Head of Cycling and Walking confirmed that statistics showed a problem with bike ownership and shared various initiative/opportunities to support individuals in accessing funds to support bike ownership, and access to discounted public transport opportunities.

The chair felt that the EATF tranche one and two gave local authorities an opportunity to undertake some linked scrutiny of particular schemes.

Recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (1) The background, approach and progress with Emergency Active Travel Fund and Active Travel Fund programmes being delivered in the West Midlands be noted.
- (2) A further update to be brought back to a future meeting of the sub-committee.

20. Regional Road Safety Progress

The sub-committee received a report from the Director of Network Resilience on the progress made in relation to the region's target to reduce killed and seriously injured (KSI) by 40% by 2028 with a longer-term ambition to achieve zero harm on road in the West Midlands. The sub-committee were also updated with the establishment of the Regional Road Safety Strategic Partnership and the priorities established.

The chair queried the reduction in the KSI rate by 40% by 2028 and sought assurances that current plans in place would deliver this target within the timeframe set. The Director of Network Resilience felt that the target did

need reviewing and would look at how best to deliver on this target. Councillor Ken Hawkins suggested better education and better designed mobile average speed cameras was required. Following Councillor Liz Clements request of a change of a blanket 20 mph zones in residential areas the Director of Network Resilience noted that this required a legislation change and a national campaign, with the alternative being traffic regulation orders being introduced.

Councillor Jackie Taylor expressed concern over pavement parking and the dangers associated to individuals. The Director of Network Resilience informed the sub-committee of a public consultation undertaken to address this matter and suggested that this would be more locally managed, and a number of equality issues needed to be addressed within the road safety strategy.

Recommended to Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (1) The progress made on managing Road Safety across the region and the priorities agreed through the Regional Road Safety Strategic Partnership be noted.
- (2) The range of activities delivered by partners across the West Midlands throughout 2019/20 to date be noted.

21. Forward Plan

The sub-committee noted its workplan on business for consideration at future meetings and the WMCA Board. It was noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the sub-committee would discuss the feasibility on undertaking the scrutiny review on alternative ticketing polices to be considered within this municipal year.

In preparation for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Q&A session on the budget it was agreed a workshop would be held for members.

Recommended to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee that:

- (1) The sub-committee work programme, be noted.

22. Date of next meeting

Monday 22 February 2020 at 10.30am

The meeting ended at 12.25 pm.

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN 2020/21

| Title of Report | Description of Purpose | Date of Meeting | Lead Officer | Portfolio Area |
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| Transport Governance - 12 Month Review | To receive an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising out of this scrutiny review. | 8 March 2021 | Tim Martin | Transport |
| WMCA Governance - 12 Month Review | To receive an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising out of this scrutiny review. | 8 March 2021 | Tim Martin | Governance |
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| Devolution White Paper | To receive an update on this issue. | <i>(date tbc)</i> | Julia Goldsworthy | Economy & Innovation |
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WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY FORWARD PLAN: JANUARY 2021 - MARCH 2021

| Title of Report | Description of Purpose | Date of Meeting | Key Decision (Y/N) | Lead Portfolio Holder | Lead Officer | Confidential | Category |
|---|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| WMCA Draft Budget 2021/22 | To approve in draft the WMCA budget for 2021/22. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Bob Sleigh | Linda Horne | No | Finance |
| Financial Monitoring Report 2020/21 | To consider the latest financial position. | 15 January 2021 | No | Cllr Bob Sleigh | Linda Horne | No | Finance |
| Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund - Programme Update and Derogation Approval | To consider programme progress to date and request derogation approval for the programme until March 2026. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Bob Sleigh | Linda Horne | No | Finance |
| Digital Strategy | To agree the new Digital Strategy. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Patrick Harley | Julia Goldsworthy | No | Culture & Digital |
| Culture Update | To consider a report on latest portfolio developments. | 15 January 2021 | No | Cllr Patrick Harley | Julia Goldsworthy | No | Culture & Digital |



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| Community Recovery Roadmap Signoff | To note the approval of the Community Recovery Strategy. | 15 January 2021 | No | n/a | Ed Cox | No | n/a |
| 'Help to Own' Pilot | To approve the establishment of a pilot 'help to own' scheme. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Mike Bird | Gareth Bradford / Ian Martin | In part | Housing & Land |
| Rail - Package 1 Full Business Case | To consider an update on this issue. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | In part | Transport |
| Rail - Package 2 Full Business Case | To consider an update on this issue. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | In part | Transport |
| Perry Barr Station Full Business Case | To approve the full business case for this project. | 15 January 2020 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | In part | Transport |
| Metro - Off-Tram Ticketing | To consider proposals for off-tram ticketing. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | No | Transport |

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| Ring & Ride Transformation | To approve changes to the Ring & Ride back office arrangements. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | Yes | Transport |
| Midland Metro Byelaws | To consider proposals to change Midland Metro byelaws. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | No | Transport |
| Midland Metro Penalty Fare | To consider the proposed changes to the penalty fare amount and payment system. | 15 January 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | No | Transport |
| Young Combined Authority - Vision and Values | To consider the YCA's vision and values. | 15 January 2021 | No | Cllr Brigid Jones | Paul Clarke | No | Inclusive Communities |
| WMCA Final Budget 2021/22 | To approve the final WMCA budget for 2021/22. | 12 February 2021 | Yes | Cllr Bob Sleight | Linda Horne | No | Finance |



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| Coventry - Electric Bus City | To consider a report on proposals. | 12 February 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | No | Transport |
| Regional Road Safety Progress | To consider an update on this issue. | 12 February 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | No | Transport |
| Financial Monitoring Report 2020/21 | To consider the latest financial position. | 19 March 2021 | No | Cllr Bob Sleigh | Linda Horne | No | Finance |
| Affordable Housing Joint Venture | To consider proposals for an affordable housing joint venture. | 19 March 2021 | Yes | Cllr Mike Bird | Gareth Bradford | No | Housing & Land |
| Economic Impact of COVID-19 | To consider the economic impact of the pandemic. | 19 March 2021 | No | Cllr Ian Brookfield | Julia Goldsworthy | No | Economy & Innovation |
| Adult Education Budget | To provide an update on the allocation process and outcomes of the AEB. | 19 March 2021 | Yes | Cllr George Duggins | Julie Nugent | No | Productivity & Skills |

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| Adoption of Revised Code of Conduct | To consider the adoption of a revised code following recommendations from the LGA. | 19 March 2021 | Yes | n/a | Tim Martin | No | Governance |
| Metro - Buy Before You Board Penalty Fares Byelaws | To consider proposals on this issue. | 19 March 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | No | Transport |
| Commonwealth Games Transport Plan | To approve a draft plan for consultation purposes. | 11 June 2021 | Yes | Cllr Ian Ward | Laura Shoaf | No | Transport |

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