

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Transport Delivery Committee on Monday 14 November 2022

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Zaker Choudhry (Birmingham), Councillor Carol Hyatt (Wolverhampton), Councillor Anne Millward (Dudley), Councillor Gurmeet Singh Sohal (Walsall) and Councillor Karen Simm (Wolverhampton).
2.	Chair's Remarks	<p>(a) The on-going transport governance review was now expected to report in January/February 2023. There would be a consultation with the Chair and the vice-chairs before final recommendations were proposed to the WMCA Board.</p> <p>(b) A petition regarding bus service no. 600 had been submitted by Councillor Mary Locke and a petition regarding bus service no. 65 had been submitted by Councillor Bill Gavan. These were currently being considered by Transport for West Midlands.</p> <p>(c) A number of administrative concerns raised by members regarding ID passes, car parking, paperless agendas and power supplies within meeting rooms would be considered further.</p>
3.	Minutes - 10 October 2022	Agreed as a correct record.
4.	Matters Arising	In respect of minute no. 26 ('Tram Naming Update'), Councillor Timothy Huxtable reported that the briefing note had been agreed at a recent meeting of the Rail & Metro Member Engagement Group.
5.	Forward Plan	The forward plan was noted.
6.	Capital Programme Delivery Monitoring Report	<p>(1) The achievements since the October meeting of the Transport Delivery Committee were noted.</p> <p>(2) The progress of deliverables and outturn of the 2022/23 Capital Programme were noted.</p>

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		(3) The variations from the baseline programme were noted.
7.	Bus Delivery Monitoring Report	The report was noted.
8.	Network Resilience Update	The report was noted.
9.	Ring & Ride and West Midlands On Demand Co-Mingling Pilot	<p>(1) The challenges faced by the bus market and the impact on/potential of Demand Responsive Transport in this context was recognised.</p> <p>(2) The likely opportunities of merging ('co-mingling') of West Midlands On-Demand and Ring & Ride services in Coventry was recognised.</p> <p>(3) The proposal to conduct a co-mingling trial in Coventry from January 2023 was approved.</p> <p>(4) Given that much longer journeys would be possible, the proposed modification from a flat-fare to a distance-based charging regime for West Midlands On-Demand and Ring & Ride in Coventry was approved.</p> <p>(5) For the purposes of the trial, the setting of fares was delegated to the Director of Integrated Transport Services, on the understanding these would take into account affordability for passengers and the cost of providing the service and on the basis that single journeys up to 10 miles would be capped at £2 for those eligible for concessions on account of age or disability.</p>
10.	West Midlands Cycle Hire Update	The report was noted.
11.	Transport for West Midlands	The report was noted.

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	Drone Team	
12.	Park & Ride Update	The report was noted.
13.	Transport Services Recovery Update	The report was noted.
14.	Notices of Motion	<p>The Transport Delivery Committee wished to express its urgent concerns to the WMCA Board about the prospect nationally and regionally of large-scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closures of railway booking offices and de-staffing of stations; and • losses of main bus services and network coverage, should pandemic-related support cease in the coming weeks and months. <p>We urgently recommended to West Midlands Combined Authority to make urgent representations to the Department for Transport, for example through the Mayor and the Portfolio Lead for Transport, to take early steps to avoid the foregoing.</p>
15.	Member Engagement Groups Update	The recent activities of the committee’s Member Engagement Groups was noted.
16.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 9 January 2023 at 1.00pm.