

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Transport Delivery Committee on Monday 9 January 2023

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Apologies for absence	Councillor Linda Bigham (Coventry), Councillor Bill Gavan (Sandwell), Councillor Narinder Kaur Kooner (Birmingham), Councillor Saddack Miah (Birmingham) and Councillor Gurmeet Singh Sohal (Walsall).
2.	Minutes - 14 November 2022	The minutes were agreed as a correct record.
3.	Matters Arising	The matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting were noted.
4.	Forward Plan	The forward plan of items to be reported to future meetings of the committee was noted.
5.	Financial Monitoring Report 2022/23	<p>(1) It was noted that the year to date position as at the end of November 2022 against the Transport for West Midlands revenue budget showed an adverse variance of £0.6m.</p> <p>(2) It was noted that the Transport for West Midlands capital programme expenditure as at the end of November 2022 totalled £181m, which was £78.6m below budget.</p>
6.	Rail Delivery Monitoring Report	The report was noted.
7.	Swift Delivery Monitoring Report	<p>(1) The progress made towards the delivery of the Swift programme was noted.</p> <p>(2) The increase in both growth of Swift usage and customer satisfaction was welcomed.</p> <p>(3) Councillor Clare Simm was appointed the committee’s Lead Member for Swift.</p>
8.	Transport Update	The report was noted.
9.	Operational Update	The report was noted.

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10.	Update on the West Midlands Bus Network	<p>(1) The report was noted.</p> <p>(2) The Mayor and the Portfolio Lead for Transport were requested to do their utmost to persuade the Government to adequately fund bus services in the West Midlands in the long term beyond March 2023.</p>
11.	Notice of Motion	<p>The following motion was approved:</p> <p>“Transport Delivery Committee is concerned that a bus operator serving the West Midlands is presently unwilling to take part in the Government’s £2 maximum single fare initiative. This not only penalises affected bus passengers in particular areas of the West Midlands, but also leads to would be bus users’ confusion as to which bus operators are, and are not, in the scheme. We ask Transport for West Midlands to contact the operator in question as soon as possible to (a) urge them to reconsider their view to joining the scheme at the earliest, and (b) to ask them to set out their reasons for not taking part.</p> <p>This information is to be communicated to all Transport Delivery Committee members and to the meeting of the committee on 6 February 2023. Furthermore, we note that this is a short term scheme funded by the Department for Transport until the end of March only, when we believe there would be major benefit in an adequately funded, affordable longer term Department for Transport single bus fare scheme. We therefore recommend to the WMCA that they ask the Department for Transport to extend the scheme on a long term basis.”</p>
12.	Member Engagement Groups	The recent activities of the committee’s Member Engagement Groups were noted.

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13.	Transport for West Midlands Capital Pressures	The report was noted.
14.	Exclusion of the Public and Press	The public and press were excluded for the remainder of the meeting.
15.	Confidential Appendix to Transport Capital Pressures Report	The report was noted.