

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Environment & Energy Board on Wednesday 7 December 2022

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Inquorate Meeting	The meeting was inquorate and therefore the recommendations contained within the minutes would be submitted to the WMCA Board on 13 January 2023 for formal approval.
2.	Welcome and Introduction to the National Brownfield Institute	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting being held at the National Brownfield Institute in Wolverhampton.
3.	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kerry Murphy (Walsall), Councillor Jim O'Boyle (Coventry), Matthew Rhodes (Energy Capital) and Suzanne Ward (Environment Agency).
4.	Minutes - 28 September 2022	The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2022 were agreed as a correct record.
5.	Matters Arising	<p>(a) Matters Arising - West Midlands Greener Together Forum (minute no. 4) Councillor Peter Hughes suggested venues in the Sandwell area to host future meetings.</p> <p>(b) Community Green Grant Update (minute no. 5) The Head of Environment noted that the Community Green Grants Officer continued to meet with community groups to encourage applications and for the first time an application had been received from every Constituent Authority area that had progressed to the grant assessment panel.</p> <p>(c) Net Zero Neighbourhood (minute no. 6) Councillor Peter Hughes sought clarification of the Net Zero Neighbourhood Working Group and to receive an update on timescales for establishment, membership, objectives and outputs to achieve an actionable working group.</p>
6.	Environment Programme Update	(1) The progress across the WMCA environment programme was noted.

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		(2) The suggested areas for future updates at board meetings were agreed.
7.	West Midlands Circular Economy Routemap Update	The progress made in implementing the Circular Economy Routemap was noted.
8.	SMART Hub Update	The update was noted.
9.	Emergency Tree Fund Update	The Chair agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting of the board on Wednesday 1 March 2023.
10.	Trailblazer Devolution Deal Net Zero & Environment	The update was noted.
11.	Greener Together Forum	The Chair agreed to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting of the board on Wednesday 1 March 2023.