

**West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Environment & Energy Board on Thursday 21 December 2023**

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1.	Apologies for Absence	<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jim O’Boyle (Coventry City Council), Matthew Rhodes (Energy Capital) and Suzanne Ward (Environment Agency).</p> <p>The meeting was inquorate and therefore the decisions contained within the recommendations of the reports would be ratified at the WMCA Board on 12 January 2024.</p>
4.	Minutes - 26 September 2023	The minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment to note the attendance of Councillor Peter Hughes at the meeting.
5.	Local Investment in Natural Capital Programme	<p>(1) The update on the Local Investment in Natural Capital programme was received.</p> <p>(2) Input to the engagement and outreach process was provided.</p>
6.	Local Net Zero Accelerator	The decision to accept the Net Zero Accelerator Pilot funding offered by the Department for Energy, Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) was endorsed.
7.	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	The item was deferred to the next meeting of the Environment & Energy Board.
8.	Community Environment Fund	The details of the Community Environment Fund launched in October 2023 by the WMCA, that has £1m of grant funding available from The Government’s Commonwealth Games Legacy Enhancement Fund to support communities in delivering initiatives that improve the environment and people’s lives was received and noted.