



**West Midlands
Combined Authority**

Economic Growth Board

Date: Wednesday 12 July 2023

Time: 2.00 pm **Public meeting** Yes

Venue: Executive Board Room 2, Wolverhampton Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RL

Membership

Tom Westley (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Adrian Andrew
Councillor Paul Bradley
Councillor John Cotton
Councillor Matthew Dormer
Councillor Ian Courts
Councillor George Duggins
Councillor Bob Piper
Councillor Stephen Simkins
Councillor Bob Sleight
Andy Street
Lee Barron
Anita Bhalla

Sarah Windrum
Corin Crane
Matthew Hammond
Professor Aleks Subic
Mike Wright

Business Representative
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Birmingham City Council
Non-Constituent Authorities
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Coventry City Council
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
City of Wolverhampton Council
Portfolio Lead for Finance & Investments
Mayor of the West Midlands
Midlands Trades Union Congress
Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise
Partnership
Business Representative
West Midlands Chambers of Commerce
West Midlands Growth Company
Higher Education Sector
West Midlands Innovation Board

Quorum for this meeting shall be at least one member from five separate constituent councils

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AGENDA

No.	Item	Presenting	Pages
Items of Public Business			
1.	Appointment of Chair To appoint a Chair for the board for this specific meeting.		None
2.	Welcome & Introductions	Chair	None
3.	Apologies for absence (if any)	Chair	None
4.	Notification of Substitutes (if any)	Chair	None
5.	Declarations of Interests (if any) Members are reminded of the need to declare any disclosable prejudicial interests that 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
6.	Chair's Remarks (if any)	Chair	None
7.	Minutes - 15 February 2023	Chair	1 - 12
8.	Revised Terms of Reference	Julia Cleary	13 - 20
9.	Economic Conditions in the West Midlands	Delma Dwight	21 - 36
10.	West Midlands Growth Company - Global West Midlands a) WMG Business Plan b) Major Events Fund and West Midlands International Strategy Update	Matthew Hammond/ Katie Trout	37 - 98
11.	Business Growth West Midlands	Paul Edwards	99 - 106
12.	West Midlands Plan for Growth : Mobilisation & Delivery Cluster lead organisations update	Paul Edwards/Iain Mansell/ Yiannis Maos	107 - 114
13.	Skills Initiatives and Delivery a) Local Skills Improvement Plan b) Understanding and address labour market challenges: jobs workstream update c) Skills Investment	David Gaughan/ Dr Fiona Aldridge/ Clare Hatton	115 - 158

14.	Economic Growth Board Work Programme	Jonathan Skinner	159 - 164
Items of Private Business			
15.	Exclusion of the Public and Press [in accordance with s100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as specified in the paragraphs of the Act.]	Chair	None
16.	Innovation Board Priorities	Mike Wright	165 - 196
Date of Next Meeting -22 September 2023			