

**West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Economic Growth Board on Wednesday 12 July 2023**

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2.	Welcome & Introductions	Noted.
3.	Apologies for absence (if any)	Noted.
4.	Notification of Substitutes (if any)	Noted.
5.	Declarations of Interests (if any)	None.
6.	Chair's Remarks (if any)	Noted.
7.	Minutes - 15 February 2023	Agreed.
8.	Revised Terms of Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The reasons for the proposed changes to the terms of reference, membership and scope of EGB be noted;</li> <li>2. The revised terms of reference at Appendix 1 be endorsed;</li> <li>3. The WMCA Board be asked to approve these changes, specifically the change to the quorum and</li> <li>4. The structures supporting the work of EGB be noted.</li> </ol>
9.	Economic Conditions in the West Midlands	The current economic conditions for the West Midlands including the monthly dashboard (Appendix 1) and insight from the region's businesses via the Business Insight Forum be noted.
10.	West Midlands Growth Company - Global West Midlands	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The 'Global West Midlands' -WMGC's draft Business Plan for July 2023 to March 2025 be approved;</li> <li>2. The Economic Growth Board to receive quarterly reports on progress against the delivery of the Business Plan be noted;</li> <li>3. The delivery of the plan is predicated on a Full Business Case for the remaining unsecured regional funding being approved by the Investment Board in October 2023 be noted.</li> </ol>
11.	Business Growth West Midlands	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress in delivery of the pan-region Business Growth West Midlands service,</li> </ol>

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		<p>with day-to day delivery led by local authority partners be noted and</p> <p>2. The creation of a Regional Operations Group to oversee day-today delivery of the service be noted.</p>
<b>12.</b>	West Midlands Plan for Growth : Mobilisation & Delivery	Progress against a broad range of activity in mobilising Plan for Growth activity be noted.
<b>13.</b>	Skills Initiatives and Delivery	<p>1. The findings of Employer Representative Body to support the Local Skills Improvement Plan and supporting statement made by the WMCA to the Department for Education in consultation with the portfolio lead on how its views were considered in the process be approved and</p> <p>2. The WMCA’s support of the implementation of the Local Skills Improvement Plan as part of the organisation’s deeper devolution powers, including the endorsement of an expression of interest from Solihull College and University Centre to be the lead Local Skills Improvement Fund holder for WMCA areas in consultation with the portfolio lead be approved;</p> <p>3. The progress report on the jobs workstream, including its overview of regional and local labour market challenges emerging from the data and our plans for further work as part of deep dive activities be noted and</p> <p>4. The level and profile of skills investment for the 12 month period to June 2023 compared with previous years be noted.</p>
<b>14.</b>	Economic Growth Board Work Programme	The updated work programme attached as appendix 1 to the report be noted.
<b>15.</b>	Exclusion of the Public and Press	That 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

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		likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as specified in the paragraphs of the Act.
<b>16.</b>	Innovation Board Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The updates made to the membership of the West Midlands Innovation Board (WMIB) to reflect integration of Local Enterprise Partnerships functions to the Combined Authority be endorsed;</li> <li>2. The priorities and work programme of the West Midlands Innovation Board, including its role in delivering aspects of the Deeper Devolution Deal that boost R &amp; D, innovation and productivity across the region be noted and</li> <li>3. The draft Innovate UK- West Midlands action plan (attached as appendix 1) be endorsed (noting this remains confidential until its public launch on 20 July).</li> </ol>