

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee on Wednesday 19 July 2023

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Welcome & Introductions	Noted.
2.	Apologies for Absence (if any)	Noted.
3.	Chair's Remarks (if any)	Noted.
4.	Appointment of Vice-Chair	Agreed that Councillor Ram Lakha be appointed Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2023/24.
5.	Minutes - 18 April 2023	Agreed.
6.	Matters Arising	Noted.
7.	Terms of Reference - to note	Noted.
8.	Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23	The contents of the Internal Audit Annual Report 2022-2023 be noted.
9.	Transport Programme Capital Governance Review (TfWM)	The WMCA's response to the findings of the independent review following the breach of financial regulations within the Wolverhampton Interchange programme be noted.
10.	WMCA Strategic Risk Update	The key messages in the Strategic Risk Update be noted and the revisions/planned revisions to the Strategic Risk Register be noted.
11.	Single Assurance Framework Assurance Performance Report - January to March 2023	The report be noted.
12.	Treasury Management Outturn Report 2022/23	The contents of the report be noted.
13.	Auditor's Annual Report on West Midlands Combined Authority	1. The Auditor's Annual report on the West Midlands Combined Authority for the year ended 31 March 2022 be noted ;

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	2021/22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The changes to the WMCA's 2021/22 accounts following receipt of the pension fund actuary's updated valuation report for 2021/22 be approved and 3. The publication of the report on the Combined Authority's website be approved.
14.	Presentation : Overview of WMCA's Budget 2023/24	The presentation be noted.
15.	Forward Plan	Noted.
16.	Exclusion of the Public and Press	The in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
17.	Information Assurance Update Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The approach adopted in addressing long standing legacy matters be noted; 2. The external funding award and the positive progress made against the Cyber Treatment Plan to date be noted; 3. The positive progress made against the Internal Audit Report: Information and Assurance and Cyber Security 2022-23 and the 2 outstanding matters requiring further time to fully address be noted; 4. The positive progress made against Cyber Essentials accreditation and the pending business decisions relating to the final few matters be noted; 5. The governance of digital and data matters outside of Data and Digital Enabling Services is pending the outcome of the WMCA' wider Governance Review be noted and 6. The importance of Information and Asset Registers outside of Digital and Data Enabling Services be noted.