



West Midlands
Combined Authority

Economic Growth Board

Date: Friday 22 September 2023

Time: 9.00 am **Public meeting** Yes

Venue: Council Chamber, 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 Sleigh
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 four voting members (Mayor, Nominees of 6 Constituent Authorities and Portfolio Lead for Economy & Innovation)

If you have any queries about this meeting, please contact:

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AGENDA

No.	Item	Presenting	Pages	Time
Items of Public Business				
1.	Appointment of Chair To appoint Councillor Bob Sleight to chair this specific meeting, and to note that Councillor Stephen Simkins has been appointed by the Mayor as Portfolio Lead for Economy & Innovation and will assume the chair of the board with effect from its next meeting.	Wendy Slater	None	09:00
2.	Apologies for Absence (if any)	Chair	None	
3.	Declarations of Interest (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	
4.	Chair's Remarks (if any)	Chair	None	
5.	Minutes - 12 July 2023	Chair	1 - 8	09:05
Intelligence and Policy				
6.	Economic Conditions in the West Midlands	Delma Dwight	9 - 22	09:10
7.	Deeper Devolution Deal - Economic Elements, including the Strategic Productivity Partnership	Jonathan Skinner	23 - 34	09:20
West Midlands Plan for Growth				
8.	Overview of the Digital Economy Workstream - Presentation	Yiannis Maos	Verbal Report	09:40
Delivery				
9.	Business Growth West Midlands	Paul Edwards	35 - 48	09:50
10.	Further Education Innovation Fund	Steven Heales / David Gaughan	49 - 54	10:00
11.	Major Events Fund Update	Caroline Pooley	55 - 114	10:10
12.	Leadership and Management Skills Training	Clare Hatton	115 - 118	10:20

13.	Economic Growth Board Work Programme	Jonathan Skinner	119 - 124	10:30
Date of Next Meeting				
14.	Thursday 16 November 2023 at 1.30pm	Chair	None	