



**West Midlands  
Combined Authority**

## **Economic Growth Board**

**Date:** Thursday 16 November 2023

**Time:** 1.30 pm **Public meeting** Yes

**Venue:** Room 116, West Midlands Combined Authority, 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham, B19 3SD

### **Membership**

Councillor Stephen Simkins (Chair)	Portfolio Lead for Economy & Innovation
Tom Westley (Vice-Chair)	Business Representative
Councillor Adrian Andrew	Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Paul Bradley	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor John Cotton	Birmingham City Council
Councillor Matthew Dormer	Non-Constituent Authorities
Councillor Ian Courts	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor George Duggins	Coventry City Council
Councillor Bob Piper	Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Bob Sleigh	Portfolio Lead for Finance & Investments
Andy Street	Mayor of the West Midlands
Lee Barron	Midlands Trades Union Congress
Anita Bhalla	Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership
Sarah Windrum	Business Representative
Corin Crane	West Midlands Chambers of Commerce
Matthew Hammond	West Midlands Growth Company
Professor Aleks Subic	Higher Education Sector
Mike Wright	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**

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No.	Item	Presenting	Pages	Time
<b>Items of Public Business</b>				
1.	Apologies for absence (if any)	Chair	None	13:30
2.	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	
3.	Chair's Remarks (if any)	Chair	None	
4.	Minutes - 22 September 2023	Chair	1 - 8	13:35
<b>Economic Research and Intelligence</b>				
5.	Economic Conditions in the West Midlands & WISE Newsletter	Delma Dwight	9 - 44	13:40
<b>Skills</b>				
6.	Tacking Rising Youth Unemployment in the WMCA Area	Clare Hatton/Fiona Aldridge	45 - 74	13:50
<b>West Midlands Plan for Growth/Innovation Programmes</b>				
7.	Towards a Sustainable Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low Carbon Economy Cluster</li> <li>- Industrial Energy Task Force Outcomes</li> <li>- Business Energy Advice Service &amp; Decarbonisation Programme</li> <li>- Circular Economy</li> <li>- Future Homes Standard</li> <li>- Innovation- CleanTech</li> </ul>	Ed Cox/Matthew Rhodes/Cheryl Hiles/Dr Jamie Elliot/Jackie Homan/John Godfrey	75 - 90	14:10
8.	Presentation : Tech WM Feedback on Digital Economy/Birmingham Tech Week	Yiannis Maos	Verbal Report	14:30
<b>Business Support and Productivity</b>				
9.	WM Growth Company Q1 & Q2 Performance Report against the 'Global West Midlands' Business Plan	Katie Trout	91 - 110	14:35
<b>Delivery</b>				
10.	Work Programme	Chair	111 - 114	14:45

<b>Items of Private Business</b>				
11.	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	
12.	West Midlands International Strategy Green Paper & Consultation Approach	Katie Trout	115 - 150	14:50
13.	Major Events Fund Update	Pip Abercromby	151 - 158	15:10
<b>Date of Next Meeting -25 January 2024</b>				