

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Transport Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Monday 30 October 2023

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Apologies for Absence	Councillor Aqeela Choudhry (Sandwell), Councillor Amo Hussain (Walsall), Councillor Narinder Kaur Kooner (Birmingham), Councillor Josh O'Nyons (Solihull) and Councillor Alan Taylor (Dudley).
2.	Minutes - 4 September 2023	The minutes were agreed as a correct record, subject to a minor amendment to minute no. 22.
3.	Rail Ticket Office Closures	<p>(1) The update on rail ticket office closures was noted.</p> <p>(2) A report would be submitted to a future meeting providing further details on the on-going process.</p>
4.	Member Engagement Group Progress Reports	<p>(1) The report was noted.</p> <p>(2) The recommendation of the Air Quality, Congestion & Environmental Impact Member Engagement Group that the WMCA Board considered adopting, as part of development of the Regional Air Quality Framework, stretch targets which were more ambitious in terms of timescales and pollutant concentration targets than the Government's air quality targets, and which were closer to World Health Organisation targets for NO₂ and PM_{2.5} was supported.</p>
5.	Work Programme	The work programme was noted.
6.	Exclusion of the Public and Press	The public and press were excluded for the remainder of the meeting.
7.	West Midlands Rail Fares Reform Update	(1) It was noted that under the Trailblazer Deeper Devolution Deal, there was a commitment for the Great British Railways Transition Team, the Department for Transport and the WMCA to agree the scope of a pilot Pay-As-You-Go smart ticketing scheme by the end of 2023.

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		<p>(2) It was noted that the current range of rail fares did not provide a simple, consistent passenger offer and was not compatible with the future Pay-As-You-Go scheme.</p> <p>(3) It was noted that it was proposed to implement a two-stage process to reform rail fares with an initial package of rail fare changes planned for implementation next year, to be followed by further packages of changes aligned with the implementation of Pay-As-You-Go.</p>
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 11 December 2023 at 1.00pm.