

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Economic Growth Board on Thursday 25 January 2024

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Inquorate Meeting	The Governance Services Officer reported that the meeting was inquorate, and the decisions taken at this meeting would therefore need to be ratified at the next meeting of the board on 6 March 2023.
2.	Appointment of Chair	In the absence of the Chair, the board agreed that Councillor Bob Sleight be appointed to chair this specific meeting.
3.	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Cotton (Birmingham), Councillor Matthew Dormer (Non-Constituent Authorities), Councillor George Duggins (Coventry) and Councillor Stephen Simpkins (Chair, Portfolio Lead for Economy & Innovation),
4.	Minutes - 16 November 2023	Agreed as a correct record.
5.	West Midlands Economic Conditions	That the current economic conditions for the West Midlands be noted.
6.	Tackling Rising Youth Unemployment in the WMCA Area Together	<p>(1) The update on youth unemployment in the WMCA area be noted.</p> <p>(2) Proposals to tackle rising youth unemployment, and that these would be shaped in context by each local authority for their local areas, be noted.</p> <p>(3) The recommended actions in the Action Plan be approved.</p>
7.	Business Growth West Midlands - Service Update & Future Funding	<p>(1) The progress against delivery of the Business Growth West Midlands service be noted.</p> <p>(2) The proposed commitment of forecast regional underspend from Core Hub and Strategic Relationship Management activity be supported.</p> <p>(3) The future funding models for business growth and productivity support post-</p>

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		March 2025 be noted.
8.	West Midlands Innovation Board - Six-Monthly Report	(1) The 2023 activities and achievements of the West Midlands Innovation Board be endorsed.
		(2) The proposed 2024 priorities of the West Midlands Innovation Board be agreed.
8.	West Midlands Plan for Growth: Aerospace (Including Manufacturing Alternative Fuels)	The progress in support of the aerospace cluster for the West Midlands Plan for Growth be noted.
8.	West Midlands Growth Company Q3 Performance Report against the 'Global West Midlands' Business Plan	The issues in relation to the West Midlands Growth Company's performance against its 'Global West Midlands' business plan for the period 1 October - 30 December 2023 be noted.
8.	Single Settlement: Local Growth & Place Functional Strategy	The work being undertaken by WMCA officers and constituent authorities to develop place-based strategies be noted.
9.	Economic Growth Board Work Programme	The updated work agenda for March 2024 be approved.
10.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 2.00pm.