



# **West Midlands Combined Authority**

## **Forward Plan**

## Forthcoming key decisions

Title of key decision:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Open or Exempt:	Portfolio Lead	Employee to contact:
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the provisional outturn position for 2023/24 for the revenue and capital programmes and any relevant risks and financial updates</p>	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor	Beverly Sullivan Financial Planning and Coordination Manager
<p><b>Metro Penalty Fares</b> Outcomes of consultation, proposing to increase penalty fares on metro network.</p>	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open	Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Transport	Amanda White Interim Metro Director
<p><b>Rail Package 2</b> To consider a report in relation to Rail Package 2.</p>	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh, Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Finance, Portfolio Lead for Transport	Julia Cleary, Kate Trevorrow Head of Corporate Support & Governance, Rail Delivery Director
<p><b>A Review of the Effectiveness of Member Engagement and Development within the WMCA</b> To consider the findings of a scrutiny review undertaken to examine the effectiveness of member engagement and development within the WMCA.</p>	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open	Andy Street Mayor of the West Midlands	Dan Essex, Lyndsey Roberts Governance & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Officer

<p><b>Terms of Reference for Member of Parliament's (MPs) Questions to the Mayor</b></p> <p>To inform Board of the outcome of negotiations with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLHUC) on the issue of MPs Questions to the Mayor and to seek approval for the draft terms of reference, the process for selecting a chair and a timeline for the first session.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open	Councillor Sharon Thompson Portfolio Lead for Levelling Up / Devolution	James Hughes Member Relationship Manager
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>To provide an update on the financial position as at the end of Month 2 (May 2024) and present the revised multi- year capital programme which takes account of the outturn position for approval</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor	Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant
<p><b>Bus Options Report</b></p> <p>To consider options for the future delivery of the region's bus network.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open	Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Transport	Steven Hayes Head of Network Transformation
<p><b>Key Route Network Review 2023/24</b></p> <p>To approve the amended Key Route Network within the WMCA area.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open	Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Transport	Rachel Ing Corridor Manager
<p><b>Transport Capital Programme</b></p> <p>Report providing an update on the WMCA funded transport capital programme (including CRSTS1 end of year two progress) and seeking approval to various budget adjustments.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open	Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Transport	Jenni MacKenzie, Sandeep Shingadia Head of Transport Portfolio, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Integration
<p><b>Ring &amp; Ride Update</b></p> <p>To consider the latest position.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open	Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Transport	

<p><b>Wednesbury Brierley Hill Extension (WBHE) Business Case</b> Consider a report in relation to Wednesbury Brierley Hill Extension (WBHE) Business Case</p>	<p>WMCA Board 19 July 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Transport</p>	<p>Simon Dickinson, Tom Oldershaw, Mike Waters Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM</p>
<p><b>Black Country Innovative Manufacturing Organisation (BCIMO)</b> To consider the latest position.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 19 July 2024</p>	<p>Fully exempt</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Portfolio Lead for Finance</p>	
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 September 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>Local Transport Plan Adoption</b> To consider recommendations to approve the final version of the LTP suite of documents (including Area Based Strategies) which have been adapted to align fully with the WMCA Functional and Place Based Strategies.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 September 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Transport</p>	<p>Carl Beet, David Harris, Mike Waters Head of Strategy and Intelligence - TfWM, Transport Strategy and Place Manager - TfWM, Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM</p>
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 November 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>

<p><b>Best Value Fare Capping for Bus (cEMV Broker)</b> To consider the Full Business Case for the national cEMV Broker pilot and West Midlands roll-out which will enable best value fare capping for bus users to be delivered for travellers using their contactless debit card or other device. The Board will also be asked to approve the legal partnership arrangements with the collaborating delivery entities.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 November 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Mike Bird Portfolio Lead for Transport</p>	<p>Matt Lewis, Mike Waters Head of Swift, Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM</p>
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position</p>	<p>WMCA Board 10 January 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>Draft WMCA Budget 2025/26</b> To consider the draft budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 10 January 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>WMCA Budget 2025/26</b> To approve the 2025/26 budget.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 7 February 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>

<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 March 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position and provisional outturn for the 2024/25 financial year.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 June 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p>	<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>

## **The Forward Plan**

This document sets out known 'key decisions' that will be taken by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) over the coming months.

Forthcoming key decisions are published online to meet the statutory 28 day notification rule for each meeting where a key decision will be taken. Where it has not been possible to meet the 28 day rule for publication of notice of a key decision or an intention to meet in private, the relevant notices will be published as required by legislation as soon as possible.

### **What is a key decision?**

A 'key decision' means a decision of the Mayor, WMCA or officer which is likely:

- (a) to result in the WMCA incurring expenditure, making savings or generating income amounting to £1m or more; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the WMCA

The report relating to a decision, together with any other documents being considered, will be available five clear working days before the decision is to be taken (unless the documentation contains exempt information).

The forward plan also provides notice of when the WMCA may decide to exclude the press and public during consideration of a particular matter due to the potential for disclosure of confidential or exempt information. The grounds upon which local authorities can exclude the press and public are specified by law and details of the exempt categories are available on request from the Governance Services team ([governance.services@wmca.org.uk](mailto:governance.services@wmca.org.uk)).

Councillors or members of the public wishing to:

- make a representation about why a matter should be heard in public, or
- submit information to the decision-making body about an item in the forward plan, or
- request details of relevant documents, or
- seek advice about the WMCA's decision-making arrangements,

should contact the Governance Services team: [governance.services@wmca.org.uk](mailto:governance.services@wmca.org.uk)