



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:
Appointment of WMCA Boards and Committees 2023/24	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open		Julia Cleary Head of Corporate Support & Governance
Financial Monitoring 2022/23 To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead	Linda Horne Executive Director of Finance & Business Hub
Transport Governance Review	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor	Julia Cleary Head of Corporate Support & Governance
Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead	Julia Cleary Head of Corporate Support & Governance
West Midlands Investment Zone To formalise Priority Sector and Investment Zone Criteria	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Ian Brookfield Economy & Innovation Portfolio Lead	Jonathan Skinner Head of Economic Policy and Partnerships
Deeper Devolution Deal - Statutory Processes Trailblazer Devolution Deal	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Andy Street Mayor	Melissa Brown Head of Policy & Public Affairs

<p>Wednesbury - Brierley Hill Metro Extension Funding Mitigation Measures To consider the latest progress in securing the mitigation measures for addressing the funding gap identified for phase 1 of the project and to close the funding gap for the full scheme.</p>	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Part exempt	Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead	Anne Shaw Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands
<p>West Midlands Transport Investment Programme & CRSTS Review A report setting out the progress over the first year of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement programme and key matters and decisions arising for the remainder of the programme.</p>	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Part exempt	Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead	Mike Waters Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report To consider a report setting out the activity of overview & scrutiny during 2022/23.</p>	WMCA Board 9 June 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor	Helen Edwards Director of Law and Governance
<p>Regional Activity & Delivery Update To provide an update on recent activity of the WMCA.</p>	WMCA Board 21 July 2023	Open	Andy Street Mayor	
<p>Financial Monitoring Report To provide a summary of the WMCA's financial position as at 31 May 2023.</p>	WMCA Board 21 July 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor	Beverly Sullivan Financial Planning and Coordination Manager
<p>Investment Zones Update To consider the latest position regarding Investment Zones.</p>	WMCA Board 21 July 2023	Open	Councillor Ian Brookfield Economy & Innovation Portfolio Lead	
<p>Regional Activity & Delivery Update To provide an update on recent activity of the WMCA.</p>	WMCA Board 15 September 2023	Open		
<p>Financial Monitoring Report To provide a summary of the WMCA's financial position as at 31 July 2023.</p>	WMCA Board 15 September 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead	Beverly Sullivan Financial Planning and Coordination Manager

<p>Mid-Year Review of Annual Business Plan To consider the mid-year review of the deliverables contained within the 2023/24 Annual Business Plan.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 September 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Fiona Bebbington Head of Business Improvement</p>
<p>Refreshed Regional Road Safety Strategy Launch Refreshed Regional Road Safety Strategy Launch</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 September 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Darren Divall Regional Road Safety Manager</p>
<p>City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement 1 Re-basing Application To approve any proposals to re-base the CRSTS1 programme for submission to the Department for Transport.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 September 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Mike Waters Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM</p>
<p>Regional Activity & Delivery Update To provide an update on recent activity of the WMCA.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 October 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>		
<p>Deeper Devolution Deal To consider the outcome of the public consultation, feedback from local authorities in respect of the governance review and scheme, and to determine whether these should be sent to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 October 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Sharon Thompson Levelling Up Portfolio Lead</p>	
<p>Regional Activity & Delivery Update To provide an update on recent activity of the WMCA.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 17 November 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>		
<p>Financial Monitoring Report To provide a summary of the WMCA's financial position as at 30 September 2023.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 17 November 2023</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Beverly Sullivan Financial Planning and Coordination Manager</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).

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