



ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY BOARD

Terms of Reference

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| Purpose: | <p>The Board will play a key role in the oversight and management of the development and delivery of Environment and Energy projects, ensuring that they are contributing to the delivery of WMCA strategic objectives and the WM2041 climate change plan.</p> <p>The Board will receive updates from Energy Capital as and when appropriate.</p> |
| Accountable to: | WMCA Board |
| Membership: | <p><u>Voting Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chaired by WMCA Portfolio Holder for Environment & Energy○ Constituent Members – Relevant Cabinet Member as determined by each Constituent Council○ Non-Constituent Members – 1 Representative per county area (Warwickshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire) Representative to be a relevant Cabinet Member where possible.○ LEPs – Representative from each LEP Area <p><u>Non-Voting Members:</u> The following subject specific guests will be invited to future Board meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Energy Capital○ Environment Agency |
| Chair: | The Chair will be the Portfolio Lead for Environment, Energy and HS2 |
| Functions: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To review, monitor and approve the Environment & Energy Annual Business Plan, ensuring that it demonstrates a clear golden thread to the WMCA Strategic Objectives and delivery of WM2041, highlighting prioritisation considerations where appropriate and supporting and challenging delivery of the Plan.• Consider the Environment & Energy Portfolio Delivery Programme in order to monitor its content, providing feedback to the Business Area and performance managing project development.• To consider and advise upon major policy change within the Environment & Energy Portfolio• To performance manage the delivery of projects detailed within the Environment & Energy Portfolio Delivery Programme at Portfolio level, ensuring effective and appropriate challenge to the Business Area and stakeholders. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide co-ordination and direction on strategic matters relating to the portfolio needs of the region. • To provide the forum for facilitating strategic conversations between the local authorities, stakeholders and WMCA on matters relating to environment and energy. <p>Support Environment & Energy Portfolio Holder by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing advice and support to WMCA activity • Helping engage with wider stakeholder networks and activity. • Identify and scale up existing good practice within the WMCA area. • Identify and secure resources to deliver new opportunities. • To provide co-ordination and direction on strategic policy and delivery matters relating to the environment & energy development needs of the region. • To provide the forum for facilitating strategic conversations between the WMCA and local authorities on developing environment & energy improvements for the West Midlands • To ensure alignment with other WMCA-led strategies and programmes. • To recommend and endorse bids for government funding to the WMCA Board. • To collaborate with those external organisations that also have responsibility for environment & energy delivery and policy. • On behalf of the WMCA, to lead dialogue with the Government on the West Midlands environment and energy agenda, and as part of devolution negotiations with Government, to lead on developing propositions and asks that relate to environment & energy policy and delivery. |
| Voting: | <p>All Members will have one vote each.</p> <p>The Chair will have a casting vote if required.</p> |
| Quorum: | WMCA Portfolio Lead and at least three other members |
| Frequency: | Minimum of 4 times a year or more frequently as required to discharge its responsibilities. |
| Servicing: | Meetings will be serviced by the WMCA's Governance Services Team. |
| Review: | These terms of reference should be reviewed on an annual basis. |