



Economic Growth Board

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Report Title	Economic Growth Board Work Programme
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Report has been considered by	Directors of Economic Development

Recommendations for action or decision:

The Economic Growth Board is asked to:

- (1) Note the updated work programme attached at Appendix 1.

1 Purpose

- 1.1 For the Economic Growth Board to update its work programme. EGB's work and decisions will support the region's overall vision to build a healthier, happier, better connected and more prosperous West Midlands.

2 Background

- 2.1 Economic Growth Board (EGB) was established to strengthen democratic leadership, working with business. The Board's work programme is divided into four topic areas based on its terms of reference, plus any standing items.
- 2.2 The revised work programme is attached at Appendix 1 and will continue to evolve as work is required.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report

5. Equalities Implications

5.1 There are no immediate equalities implications arising from this report.

6. Inclusive Growth Implications

6.1 The work programme of EGB places inclusive economic growth at the heart of CA decision making.

7. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

7.1 The Economic Growth Board's remit is for the WMCA area with all constituent and non-constituent authorities within that area. Subject to the individual items of work being considered by the EGB, work, policies and programmes might relate to either the 7-met WMCA area, or the wider economic footprint.

8. Other implications

8.1 None

Appendix 1 Updated Work Programme

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1	Oversight of regional economic strategies, plans, and their implementation, including influencing plans to attract government and commercial investment	<p>Overview of the Digital Economy workstream of the West Midlands Digital Roadmap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Birmingham Tech Cluster Plan <p>Further Education Innovation Fund pilot agreement sign-off with Innovate UK</p> <p>Major Events Fund (Governance and evaluation framework) – WMGC</p> <p>International Strategy (WMGC)</p>	<p>Inclusive Growth policy</p> <p>Investment Zone progress – if applicable</p> <p>Future House Building Strategy (cluster development)</p> <p><i>Update on the next steps of the Circular Economy Routemap and fit with work programmes.</i></p>	<p>Midlands Aerospace Alliance Cluster update</p> <p>Commercial Land Strategy, in line with West Midlands Plan for Growth priorities?</p>	<p>Annual Report of the Midlands Engine for its benefits to the West Midlands</p>
2	Deliver inclusive economic growth through the West Midlands Jobs Plan, ensuring we link local	<p>Leadership & Management Skills in the workforce</p>	<p>Skills Delivery Overview</p> <p>Report on Good Work</p>		



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	communities to new jobs and opportunities.				
3	Oversee a coherent and complementary approach to business support across the region.	Business Growth WM Updates	WMGC Progress Q1 update Access to Finance (report) and update on West Midlands Co-Invest Fund	Business Growth WM Updates Night Time Economy Update	WMGC Progress Update
4	Oversee the work of the Innovation Board and other relevant sub-Boards	DDD/Strategic Productivity Partnership	Report on Tourism: work of Tourism and Hospitality Advisory Board Update Report from the Industrial Energy Taskforce (subject to confirmation from Matthew Rhodes)	Innovation Board update	Innovation Board update Strategic Productivity Partnership report
5	Standing Item(s)	Economic Conditions Report - Latest economic evidence (including qualitative issues from BIF and Regional Business Council), forecasts	Economic Conditions Report - Latest economic evidence (including qualitative issues from BIF and Regional Business Council),	Economic Conditions Report - Latest economic evidence (including qualitative issues from BIF and Regional Business Council),	Economic Conditions Report - Latest economic evidence (including qualitative issues from BIF and Regional Business Council), forecasts and key impact measures



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