



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:
Regional Activity & Delivery Update To provide an update on recent activity of the WMCA.	WMCA Board 13 October 2023	Open	Andy Street Mayor	Laura Shoaf Chief Executive of the West Midlands Combined Authority
Deeper Devolution Deal To formally ratify the 'trailblazer' deeper devolution deal between the WMCA and HM Government.	WMCA Board 13 October 2023	Open	Councillor Sharon Thompson Levelling Up Portfolio Lead	Ed Cox Executive Director of Strategy, Integration & Net Zero
New Stations Package 1 Project Update To provide an update on the impact on the West Midlands Rail Programme (New Stations Package 1 Project), following Buckingham Group Contracting Ltd being placed into administration.	WMCA Board 13 October 2023	Open	Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead	Liz Baker Strategic Sponsor
Regional Activity & Delivery Update To provide an update on recent activity of the WMCA.	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Open	Andy Street Mayor	Laura Shoaf Chief Executive of the West Midlands Combined Authority
WMCA Financial Monitoring Report - November 2023 to provide an update on the latest financial position	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleight Finance Portfolio Lead	Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant

<p>Single Settlement To provide an update on the latest developments regarding the single settlement arrangements.</p>	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Open	Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead	Jonathan Gibson Head of Policy & Public Affairs
<p>Investment Zone and Levelling Up Zone Governance To consider governance arrangements supporting the region's Investment Zone and Levelling Up Zone proposals.</p>	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Open	Councillor Stephen Simkins Economy & Innovation Portfolio Lead	Jonathan Gibson Head of Policy & Public Affairs
<p>Air Quality Framework To approve the draft framework that reviews all of the measures possible to accelerate improvements to regional air quality, following public consultation and consideration by the Environment & Energy Board.</p>	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Open	Councillor John Cotton Environment, Energy & HS2 Portfolio Lead	Jacqueline Homan Head of Environment
<p>WMCA Homelessness Taskforce: Update and Key Priorities The purpose of this paper is to update and engage WMCA Board members on the current work programme and priorities of the WMCA Homelessness Taskforce.</p>	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Open	Councillor Kerrie Carmichael Inclusive Communities Portfolio Lead	Neelam Sunder Senior Programme Manager - Homelessness
<p>HS2 / 'Network North' Update and Implications To consider further details on the economic implications of HS2 not going to Manchester, the package of proposed alternative transport projects and funding governance arrangements.</p>	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Open	Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead	Anne Shaw Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands
<p>Birmingham Eastside Extension position paper on scheme and next steps</p>	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Open	Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead	Marilyn Grazette Programme Sponsor
<p>New Stations Package 1 Update Paper to update the Board on the impacts of the novation to a new contractor for the Package 1 New Stations contract.</p>	WMCA Board 17 November 2023	Fully exempt	Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead	Liz Baker Strategic Sponsor

<p>State of the Region State of the Region for the West Midlands in 2024</p>	<p>WMCA Board 12 January 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Andy Street Mayor</p>	<p>Si Chun Lam Head of Research, Intelligence and Inclusive Growth</p>
<p>Health of the Region To consider an update report reviewing the health of the region.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 12 January 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor George Duggins Skills & Productivity Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Julia Cleary, Mubasshir Ajaz Head of Corporate Support & Governance, Head of Health and Communities • Strategy, Integration and Net Zero</p>
<p>Bus Franchising Update To provide a further update on work to support the consideration of any future bus franchising decision.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 12 January 2024</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Pete Bond Director of Integrated Transport Services</p>
<p>Skills Funding To consider the latest position regarding skills funding.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 March 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Councillor George Duggins Skills & Productivity Portfolio Lead</p>	<p>Dr. Fiona Aldridge Head of Insight & Intelligence</p>
<p>WMCA's Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Transport Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Progress Update To provide a quarterly summary of the activity of work of the WMCA's overview and scrutiny function, as required by the Deeper Devolution Deal.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 March 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Andy Street Mayor</p>	<p>Lyndsey Roberts Scrutiny Officer</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