



## Economic Growth Board

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<b>Report Title</b>	Economic Growth Board Work Programme
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<b>Report has been considered by</b>	Directors of Economic Development

### Recommendations for action or decision:

#### The Economic Growth Board is asked to:

- a) Approve 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 The Board's work programme is now divided into topic areas based on:-

- Economic Research and Intelligence
- Plan for Growth / Innovation
- Business Support / Business Productivity
- Other Policy and Partnership Work
- Skills
- Place based work.

- 2.2 In order to streamline the work being brought to EGB, there will be composite reports that tie together a number of topics to ensure work that has an economic impact is strategically and operationally aligned.



- 2.3 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 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**

	<b>25<sup>th</sup> January '24</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March '24</b>
<b>Economic Research &amp; Intelligence</b>	Economic Conditions in the WM (WISE)	Economic Conditions in the WM (WISE)
<b>Plan for Growth / Innovation</b>	Aerospace Alliance Cluster update (Presentation)	Creative Cluster & Healthtech Cluster (presentations)
	Innovation Board	
<b>Business Support / Productivity</b>	BGWM Service Update WMGC report Access to Finance & WM Co-invest fund	Reporting on Regional Programmes – Business Energy Advice Service (BEAS), UKSPF
<b>Other Policy &amp; Partnerships</b>	Nighttime Economy Action Plan and Update	Midlands Engine presentation
<b>Skills</b>	Youth Unemployment follow-up	Tbc
<b>Place</b>	WM Futures and Single Settlement	Tbc