



**WEST MIDLANDS**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

## Briefing Note

**Meeting:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Title:** Governance Task and Finish Group - Progress

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### **1.0 Recommendation**

- 1.1 To agree the next piece of work will be a review of the governance of transport within the WMCA.
- 1.2 To agree an extra meeting in April to consider the outcomes from that review and the options and models available.

### **2.0 Purpose**

- 2.1 To apprise the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of developments and progress in relation to the work of the Governance Task and Finish Group, following the meeting of the group on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The Task and Finish Group met for the first time on 17 November 2017 to consider its terms of reference and the scope for its initial piece of work in relation to the transition of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority (WMFRA).
- 3.2 Recommendations from this work were considered by the West Midlands Combined Authority Board at their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
- 3.3 From that meeting it was agreed that the WMFRA governance review would be undertaken collaboratively with the Overview & Scrutiny Committee so as to ensure that the views of that committee were considered as part of the development of the final governance model for the West Midlands Fire Service

- 3.4 The next stage in the work of the task and finish group is to consider the governance of transport within the West Midlands Combined Authority
- 3.5 Members of the task and finish group met on 9<sup>th</sup> February to update the scope of the task and finish group to incorporate the transport element.
- 3.6 As part of the scoping exercise, Members of the task and finish group discussed possible models of governance for the transport aspect of the combined authority. Members also discussed the Disparity of SRA's across the governance structure of the WMCA which needs to be addressed by the Combined Authority and the Mayor.
- 3.7 Members of the Governance Task and Finish Group request a further meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the outcome of the review and recommendations to the Combined Authority Board.