



Economic Growth Board

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Report has been considered by	<i>Directors of Economic Development</i>

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Economic Growth Board is recommended to:

- (1) To advise on which topics EGB would like to see brought as priorities; &
- (2) Approve the updated work agenda for March 2024 at para 2.2.

1 Purpose

- 1.1 For the Economic Growth Board to agree its work programme for March 2024. 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's work programme currently runs until March 2024. This will allow a new economy work programme to be discussed & adopted in the new municipal year following elections across the region.
- 2.2 March 2024 proposed EGB Agenda:

	6 th March '24
Economic Research & Intelligence / Governance	Economic Conditions in the WM (WISE & State of the Region)
Plan for Growth / Innovation	Progress report on the Plan for Growth and Advanced Manufacturing Plan Progress report on Creative Cluster and the Create Growth programme
Business Support / Productivity	West Midlands International Strategy report & Midlands Engine Presentation Single Settlement: Local Growth & Place pillar.
Other Policy & Partnerships	Progress report on the Night-time Economy Action Plan
Skills	Report on Year 3 UKSPF (People) funding
Place	

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