



WEST MIDLANDS
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Report title	Governance Task & Finish Group - Recommendations
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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the progress made by the task and finish group on governance.
- (2) Support a recommendation to the WMCA Board that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee lead on a review on the governance and scrutiny structures of the Combined Authority.
- (3) Support a recommendation to the WMCA Board to identify resources to support a review on the governance and scrutiny structures of the Combined Authority.
- (4) Agree that the proposed alternative structures for the governance and scrutiny of transport (Appendix 1) be considered as part of the above review.
- (5) Support the continuation of the task and finish group on Governance into the municipal year 2018/19.

1 Purpose

- 1.1 For the West Midlands Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee to agree the recommendations identified by the Governance Task & Finish Group on governance and scrutiny matters within the combined authority.

2 Background

- 2.1 At their meeting on 12 September 2017, the West Midlands Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed that a Governance Task & Finish Group be established to look initially at the governance and proposed scrutiny function as part of the transition of the West Midlands Fire Service to the WMCA in the first instance, and move on to consider other issues such as transport and police arrangements in due course. The scoping document can be found at Appendix 2.
- 2.2 The task and finish group presented their recommendation on the West Midlands Fire Service at the WMCA Board meeting on 8 December 2018.
- 2.3 The Governance Task & Finish Group subsequently agreed to focus on the issues regarding the governance of transport.
- 2.4 The delivery of transport matters across the West Midlands region sits with Transport for West Midlands (TfWM). TfWM is the transport arm of the West Midlands Combined Authority.
- 2.5 The Transport Delivery Committee terms of reference state (Appendix 3) that the purpose of the committee is:
 - The Transport Delivery Committee will be a sub-committee of the Combined Authority Board.
 - The Transport Delivery Committee will be part of the Transport for West Midlands (TFWM) activities.
 - To provide oversight of operational delivery of transport across the West Midlands.
 - As requested by the WMCA Board or Portfolio Lead for Transport, to advise on transport policy matters.
 - Be responsible for the discharge of specified transport functions delegated by the WMCA Board.
- 2.6 Through discussion on the governance and scrutiny of the transport function of the Combined Authority, the task & finish group recognised that there needed to be a wider review into governance and scrutiny functions and structures within the Combined Authority and that this review should be led by Overview & Scrutiny Committee.