

WMCA Environment Board: Action Plan 2018/19 (version 10.9.18)

Objectives from WMCA 18/19 Annual Plan		1 st Feb 2019 Board	7 th June 2018 Board
1	<p>Improve WMCA overall organisational performance on sustainability external and internal impact</p> <p>The Environment Board will publish an action plan and report progress on moving the WMCA to become 'best in class' within two years (September 2020). The WMCA will address capacity gaps identified within the organisation and partners to deliver the plan.</p>	Results from annual national sustainability activities benchmark of CAs good practice and independent annual progress review by Sustainability West Midlands to inform future priorities and programmes to meet September 2020 target.	
2	<p>WMCA area sustainability and environment performance</p> <p>Reporting of WMCA area performance by SEP sustainability indicators against 2030 targets – carbon, air quality, health inequality.</p>	Agree additional targets for new indicators for clean growth (productivity vs emissions), fuel poverty, renewable energy, waste, and natural environment.	Results from annual sustainability metrics and benchmarking with other CAs to inform next year priorities and programmes.
3	<p>External communications, awards, and campaigns to promote scaling up of good local practice as part of partnership with Sustainability West Midlands</p> <p>The WMCA will improve internal and external communication on WMCA activities around sustainability to help identify and promote good practice, enable constructive challenge and help local partners to engage and work together more effectively.</p>	Agree communications and good practice networks, events and awards plan for next 2 years.	Report on benchmarking of good local practice by business, NHS, universities, and councils that could be scaled up and inform next year priorities and programmes.
4	<p>Development of Low Emissions Strategy with partners</p> <p>The WMCA will work towards a longer-term roadmap supported by business and local partners to tackle overall air quality issues within the next 10 years, while working with local authority partners on shorter-term priorities.</p>	Review of draft strategy and recommendation for adoption by WMCA Board.	
5	<p>Development of Natural Environment approach as part of partnership with West Midlands Natural Capital Roundtable</p> <p>The WMCA will work with natural environment partners, businesses, and Government to develop a long-term natural capital investment strategy to help coordinate and attract investment to improve the state and use of natural assets.</p>	Review approach and progress on supporting investment in natural assets and local priorities.	

6	<p>Development of Local Industrial Strategy with partners “The WMCA will work to ensure local strengths in clean growth sectors of transport, buildings and energy, as well as the importance of the natural environment, form a key part of the new Local Industrial Strategy, with the ambition to become the UK’s first Combined Authority Clean Growth Industrial Strategy. “</p>	<p>Review potential risks and opportunities from sustainability and resilience review of strategy – e.g. climate risk, and potential new programmes and activities flowing from the new strategy including waste, housing retrofit and green business support.</p>	
7	<p>Development of Green Energy investments as part of partnership with Energy Capital The WMCA will consider recommendations from Energy Capital and the Regional Energy Commission on innovation zones.</p>		<p>Progress update from Energy Capital on progress and any future support required.</p>
8	<p>WMCA external funding and buildings. The WMCA will promote key sustainability opportunities within WMCA key investment sites to lever local partners’ expertise and innovation opportunities to maximise benefits. The WMCA will review, and if required, update current sustainability criteria within WMCA funding and monitoring system and building standards.</p>	<p>Review of WMCA and partners key investment sites sustainability standards e.g. Commonwealth Games. Agree any future standards required.</p>	<p>Review of WMCA funding system and criteria for non-building projects e.g. skills, transport, business support. Agree any future standards required.</p>
9	<p>WMCA internal estates, operations, and communications</p> <p>The WMCA will improve internal communication on WMCA activities around sustainability to help identify and promote good practice, enable constructive challenge and help local partners to engage and work together more effectively.</p>		<p>Report on internal environment strategy, communications, performance of own estates and impact of accredited Environmental Management System. Identify any other good practice to be aware of.</p>