



**West Midlands
Combined Authority**

WMCA Board

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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The WMCA Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note the Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2018/19 annual report, attached as appendix A.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this scrutiny annual report is to highlight the key achievements of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee during 2018/19.

2. Background

- 2.1 Overview & Scrutiny is a statutory requirement for the West Midlands Combined Authority to undertake. The committee has the responsibility to review the work of the Mayor and the WMCA and hold decision makers to account. It may make recommendations to the WMCA Board and its committees and call-in decisions that have already been made for further scrutiny.
- 2.2 The committee performs two functions: 'overview' and 'scrutiny'. 'Overview' focuses on the development of policy and 'scrutiny' looks at decisions that have been made or are about to be made.
- 2.3 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee has constitutional authority to require the Mayor, members and officers to attend its meetings to answer questions or provide further information. However, equally important is the need for the committee to build trust with the members of the WMCA Board, Senior Leadership Team and Transport for West Midlands.
- 2.4 This is the first time the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has produced an annual report, which is intended to set out clearly and succinctly the work of the committee over the last 12 months. The annual report helps demonstrate the WMCA's commitment to critical self-assessment and transparency in its decision making.

3. Wider WMCA Implications

- 3.1 There are no specific wider WMCA implications arising from this report.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6. Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

7. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 7.1 There are no specific inclusive growth implications arising from this report.

8. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

- 8.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee comprises 12 members appointed by constituent authorities and seven members appointed by non-constituent authorities.

9. Other Implications

None