



## **Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

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<b>Report title</b>	Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee - Governance Arrangements
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### **Recommendation(s) for decision:**

#### **The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:**

- (1) Approve the Terms of Reference for the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee as detailed in appendix A.
- (2) Agree the appointment of Councillor Cathy Bayton as Chair of the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee for 2020/21.
- (3) Note the members nominated by constituent authorities to sit on the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee, as detailed within the report.
- (4) Give delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee, to approve any subsequent minor changes to the individual appointments made to the sub-committee.
- (5) Note the timetable of meetings for 2020/21.

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the committee of the governance arrangements for the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee for 2020/21, including the appointment of a Chair for the sub-committee, its Terms of Reference and the appointments made by the constituent authorities.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 During 2019/20, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee undertook a scrutiny review on the effectiveness of transport governance within the West Midlands Combined Authority. At its meeting on 17 January, the WMCA Board considered the findings of the scrutiny review and subsequently approved the recommendations made in the scrutiny review's final report.
- 2.2 A number of key findings were agreed, including the creation of a Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee reporting into the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, which will have responsibility to review and scrutinise topics or issues connected to the transport-related powers exercised by the Mayor and the WMCA Board (including by Transport for West Midlands).

## 3. Terms of Reference

- 3.1 Discussions have been held with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Portfolio Lead for Transport, Chair of the Transport Delivery Committee, WMCA officers and local authorities on the development of the terms of reference for the sub-committee, attached as appendix A.

## 4. Membership

- 4.1 Ideally, the membership of the sub-committee should be drawn from any member of the transport scrutiny committees within the constituent authorities to improve lines of communication and to maximise member expertise. Discussions have been held with local authorities concerning the membership and some nominations have been made, as follows:

Councillor	Authority	Position within Local Authority
Cllr Liz Clements*	Birmingham	Chair - Sustainability & Transport Overview & Scrutiny Committee
To be confirmed	Coventry	
Cllr Matt Rogers*	Dudley	Chair - Place Scrutiny Committee
To be confirmed (appointment to be made at Emergency Committee on 22 July)	Sandwell	
To be confirmed (appointment to be made at Annual Council Meeting on 7 July)	Solihull	
To be confirmed	Walsall	
Cllr Phil Bateman MBE*	Wolverhampton	Member - Vibrant & Sustainable City Scrutiny Panel

\* subject to formal confirmation.

4.2 Along with noting the members nominated to sit on the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee must also appoint the Chair of the sub-committee. At its meeting on 15 June, members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee had proposed Councillor Cathy Bayton be appointed as Chair of the Sub-Committee to ensure that there was consistency and a link between committee and sub-committee.

**5. Timetable of Meetings 2020/21**

5.1 The Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee will work closely with this committee and therefore the scheduling of meetings should be closely aligned. It is intended that the sub-committee will meet two weeks before the main committee to allow any items to be referred ‘upwards’ and for the Chair of the Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee to report on work programme items.

5.2 The finalised dates will be agreed with the Chair, but for indicative purposes the following timetable would be proposed:

<b>Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>
w/c 24 August 2020	7 September 2020
w/c 19 October 2020	2 November 2020
w/c 30 November 2020	14 December 2020
w/c 22 February 2021	8 March 2021

**Financial Implications**

6. There are no direct financial implications arising out of the recommendations contained within this report.

**Legal Implications**

7. There are no direct legal implications arising out of the recommendations contained within this report.

**Equalities Implications**

8. There are no direct equality implications arising out of the recommendations contained within this report.

**Inclusive Growth Implications**

9. There are no direct inclusive growth implications arising out of the recommendations contained within this report.

**Geographical Area of Report’s Implications**

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

**Other Implications**

11. There are no further specific implications arising out of the recommendations contained within the report.