

## WMCA Board

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<b>Report has been considered by</b>	YCA Board - 26 May 2021 Strategic Leadership Team - 3 June 2021 Programme Board - 4 June 2021

**Recommendation(s) for action or decision:**

**The WMCA Board is recommended to:**

Note the Young Combined Authority 2020/21 annual review, as attached as Appendix A.

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report is to highlight the work programme and key achievements of the West Midlands Young Combined Authority during 2020/21.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Board established the Young Combined Authority (YCA) in 2019 to provide direct insight from young people within regional policy development. It remains a key deliverable of the Inclusive Communities Portfolio.
- 2.2 The YCA brings together a diverse group of young people, aged 16 to 25 years, from across the West Midlands to help guide and challenge the WMCA as it makes decisions which will shape the future of the region.
- 2.3 YCA Board members decided to produce this 'annual review' to be presented to the WMCA Board at its Annual General Meeting. The report has been collated by WMCA officers on behalf of the YCA and outlines the YCA's activity and impact through the 2020/21 municipal year.
- 2.4 The report is structured around three 'themes' of YCA activity and impact:
- 'Shaping the Region's Priorities' – contribution to policy development.
  - 'Loudening Our Voice' – campaigning activity.
  - 'Developing the YCA' – changes to the YCA programme and model.
- 2.5 By capturing their progress in this annual review, the YCA Board hope to demonstrate the value of youth voice to the work of the WMCA and regional policy development. The aim is to encourage people in positions of power, including the WMCA Board, and young people to engage with the YCA programme.
- 2.6 These ambitions are reflected in the 'Looking Forward' section of the Young Combined Authority Annual Review document attached, which outlines the YCA's goals for the year ahead.

## **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations within this report.

## **4. Legal Implications**

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

## **5. Equalities and Inclusive Growth Implications**

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