

EST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY FORWARD PLAN: JANUARY 2022 - MARCH 2022

Title of Report	Summary of purpose and recommendations	Lead Portfolio Holder	Lead Officer	Confidential	Category
Meeting 14 January 2022					
Establishing an Independent Remuneration Panel	<p>Purpose: To seek approval to setting up an Independent Remuneration Panel following recommendations arising out of the review of WMCA governance.</p> <p>Recommendation(s): That an Independent Remuneration Panel be establish and report back on its recommendations in respect of mayoral and member allowances relating to WMCA meetings.</p> <p>Rationale/Background: The WMCA Board undertook a review of its governance during 2021 and were recommended to review the allowances that were paid to the Mayor and members involved in WMCA meetings. An Independent Remuneration Panel undertakes this review and submits its recommendations to the WMCA Board.</p>	n/a	Satish Mistry	no	Governance
Draft Annual Business Plan 2022/23	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	n/a	Laura Shoaf	No	Policy



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Local Transport Plan Consultation Approval	<p>Purpose: The 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 26) will take place in Glasgow in November 2021. Following the Summit with Leaders on the future of West Midlands transport strategy in September, a short LTP ‘prospectus’ will be published to tie in with the UK hosting COP26. The prospectus is proposed to be a short high-level document which will affirm the West Midland’s commitments to working towards achieving a net zero transport system in the shortest possible time. The document will provide high level messages around the emerging ambition for the new Local Transport Plan.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• That CA Board approves the high level principles which will be used to frame a new West Midlands LTP• That CA Board approves the publications of the LTP COP Prospectus• That CA Board notes the programme for taking the LTP to consultation and through to formal adoption <p>Rationale/Background: WMCA has a statutory duty to develop and implement a Local Transport Plan. Rapid decarbonisation of the transport system is a priority for a new WM LTP reflecting the ambition of the WM2041 strategy and the requirements of the UKs legal requirement to decarbonise by 2050.</p>	Cllr Ian Ward	Laura Shoaf	No	Transport

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	<p>The West Midlands aims to be a leader within the green industrial revolution and the LTP provides an opportunity for the region to show Leadership in this space.</p>				
<p>Bus Delivery Options</p>	<p>Purpose: To update CA Board on work undertaken over the last 18 months to assess delivery mechanisms for bus services in the West Midlands Region.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the development of a Full Business Case assessment for Bus Franchising in the West Midlands, (funded through the Intracity Transport Fund?) 2. To continue to explore alternative mechanisms to deliver the region's Vision for Bus whilst achieving long-term best value for public funding <p>Rationale/Background: In 2019, CA Board asked TfWM to assess future delivery options for Bus Services in the West Midlands in order to best achieve the objectives of the CA's adopted Vision for Bus. This work has reviewed options available to TfWM under the Bus Services Act 2017, including Franchising, and concludes there would be a positive case for undertaking a Full Business Case assessment.</p>	<p>Cllr Ian Ward</p>	<p>Anne Shaw</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Transport</p>

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	This report will seek approval to progress the Full Business Case and consider how TfWM will, at the same time, continue to develop alternative mechanisms to try and address the identified challenges within the current market through the ongoing development of partnership approaches.				
Draft WMCA Budget 2022/23	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Financial Monitoring 2021/22	<p>Purpose: To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Full Business Case - SME Equity Paper 'WM Co-Invest'	<p>Purpose: The Outline Business Case was approved at WMCA Board in July 2021. This Full Business Case paper notes progress, funding and the delivery model.</p> <p>Recommendation(s): The report will recommend commencement of the fund, subject to satisfactory progress through the WMCA assurance process pre-board.</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance

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	<p>Rationale/Background: West Midlands Co-Invest is a Co-Invest Equity Fund designed to facilitate investment into growth SMEs in the West Midlands, aid economic recovery and enhance the SME ecosystem.</p>				
<p>Appointment of WMCA Director of Law & Governance</p>	<p>Purpose: To appoint a permanent Director of Law & Governance to the WMCA.</p> <p>Recommendation(s): To appoint a named applicant.</p> <p>Rationale/Background: Following the resignation of the former director, the position has been covered on an interim basis. This report will recommend the appointment of a permanent Director of Law & Governance to the WMCA.</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Linda Horne</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Governance</p>
<p>Equality Scheme 2022 - 24</p>	<p>Purpose: To provide a summary of Equality Scheme objectives and inform the board of provisional timescales for publication of the scheme.</p> <p>Recommendation(s): 1. Approve the 2022 - 24 Equality Scheme and Action Plan.</p> <p>Rationale/Background: The Equality Act 2010 requires public bodies to publish one or more equality objectives at up to four-year intervals to support the key aims of the public sector equality duties, namely to (a) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; (b) advance equality of opportunity between different groups, and (c) foster good relations between different groups.</p>	<p>Cllr Brigid Jones</p>	<p>Ed Cox</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Inclusive Communities</p>

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City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Programme	<p>Purpose: To approve the final programme and programme level business case for the CRSTS programme.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background: Following a decision of the WMCA Board in September 2021 to make a submission for funding to Government, this report will approve the final programme and business case for that submission.</p>	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport
Commonwealth Games Transport Plan	<p>Purpose: A draft transport plan was consulted upon with statutory stakeholders and underwent an engagement exercise with the public in June 2021- September 2021. The transport plan is being updated to reflect changes as a result of the consultation and engagement exercise and will be based on the latest information available at the time of writing.</p> <p>Recommendation(s): To approve the final version of the transport plan for the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Rationale/Background: In 2019, WMCA Board agreed the guiding principles for a transport plan, following an engagement exercise to gather feedback from residents, business and wider Games partners. This Games Transport Plan provides a more detailed framework about the guidance and information on the transport arrangements during the Games.</p>	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport
Regional Air Quality Framework	<p>Purpose:</p>	Cllr Ian Courts	Ed Cox	No	Environment & Energy



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	<p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background: This report aims to give an overview of the sources, levels and impacts of air pollution across the West Midlands. It briefly reviews existing work that is taking place to address poor air quality, and provides an indicative summary of additional interventions that might be adopted.</p>				
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Annual Business Plan 2022/23	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	n/a	Laura Shoaf	No	Policy
Final WMCA Budget 2022/23	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
Net Zero Neighbourhood	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	Cllr Ian Courts	Ed Cox	No	Environment & Energy

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Financial Monitoring 2021/22	<p>Purpose: To outline the latest financial position of WMCA and provide an update on any current financial matters affecting WMCA.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance
cEMV (Contactless Ticketing) Broker	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport
Ultra-Rapid Charging Spine	<p>Purpose:</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p>	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport



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Mobility Hubs	Purpose: Recommendation(s): Rationale/Background:	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport
Enhanced Bus Service Corridor	Purpose: Recommendation(s): Rationale/Background:	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport