

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					
Local Transport Plan Consultation Approval	<p>Purpose: 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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Bus Delivery Options	<p>Purpose: To update WMCA 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, WMCA 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>	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport
Draft WMCA Budget 2022/23	<p>Purpose: To present the draft proposed budget of the WMCA (and TfWM) for 2022/23 to allow for feedback to inform the final budget proposals to be submitted to the MWCA Board in February.</p>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance

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	<p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>				
<p>Financial Monitoring 2021/22</p>	<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>	<p>Cllr Bob Sleigh</p>	<p>Linda Horne</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Finance</p>
<p>Full Business Case - SME Equity Paper 'WM Co-Invest'</p>	<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> <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>Cllr Bob Sleigh</p>	<p>Linda Horne</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Finance</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>Cllr Brigid Jones</p>	<p>Ed Cox</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Inclusive Communities</p>

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	<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>City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Programme</p>	<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>	<p>Cllr Ian Ward</p>	<p>Anne Shaw</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Transport</p>
<p>Commonwealth Games Transport Plan</p>	<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>Cllr Ian Ward</p>	<p>Anne Shaw</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Transport</p>

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	<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>				
<p>Wednesbury - Brierley Hill Metro Extension Update</p>	<p>Purpose: To receive an update on the Wednesbury - Brierley Hill Metro extension.</p> <p>Recommendation(s): TBC</p> <p>Rationale/Background: Following the award of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement, Transport for West Midlands will provide further information in respect of considerations related to the Wednesbury - Brierley Hill Metro extension.</p>	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	Yes	Transport
Meeting 11 February 2022					
<p>Final WMCA Budget 2022/23</p>	<p>Purpose: To present the final proposed budget of the WMCA (and TfWM) for 2022/23 to approval.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>Rationale/Background:</p>	Cllr Bob Sleight	Linda Horne	No	Finance

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Regional Air Quality Framework	<p>Purpose: To consider two options for the approach we need to take as a region in order to address the new standards that are being set by the Environment Act 2021 in relation to improving air quality.</p> <p>Recommendation(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the report and growing importance of particulate matter in addressing air quality. 2. Note the relationship between local authorities and combined authorities now put in place by the Environment Act 2021. 3. Consider a new a more proactive collaborative working arrangement with local authorities developing air quality plans within a wider West Midlands Air Quality Framework which clarifies roles for different parties and identifies a number of shared working practices. <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>	Cllr Ian Courts	Ed Cox	No	Environment & Energy
Meeting 18 March 2022					
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>	Cllr Bob Sleigh	Linda Horne	No	Finance



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	Recommendation(s): Rationale/Background:				
cEMV (Contactless Ticketing) Broker	Purpose: Recommendation(s): Rationale/Background:	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport
Ultra-Rapid Charging Spine	Purpose: Recommendation(s): Rationale/Background:	Cllr Ian Ward	Anne Shaw	No	Transport
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



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