



Economic Growth Board

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Report Title	Economic Growth Board Work Programme
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Recommendations for action or decision:

The Economic Growth Board is asked to:

- a) Note the updated work programme attached at Appendix 1.

1 Purpose

- 1.1 For the Economic Growth Board to update its work programme. EGB's work and decisions will support the region's overall vision to build a healthier, happier, better connected and more prosperous West Midlands.

2 Background

- 2.1 Economic Growth Board (EGB) was established to strengthen democratic leadership, working with business. The Board's work programme is divided into four topic areas based on its terms of reference, plus any standing items.
- 2.2 The revised work programme is attached at Appendix 1 and will continue to evolve as work is required and matures.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications



4.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report

5. Equalities Implications

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

6. Inclusive Growth Implications

6.1 The work programme of EGB places inclusive economic growth at the heart of CA decision making.

7. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

7.1 The Economic Growth Board's remit is for the 3 LEP area with all constituent and non-constituent authorities within that area. Subject to the individual items of work being considered by the EGB, work, policies and programmes might relate to either the 7-met WMCA area, or the wider economic footprint.

8. Other implications

8.1 None.

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1. Oversight of regional economic strategies, plans, and their implementation, including influencing plans to attract government and commercial investment.	<p>Agree approach to mobilising West Midlands Plan for Growth and cluster leadership activity</p> <p>Endorse emerging direction on economic aspects of Trailblazer Devolution Deal</p> <p>Overview of the Digital Economy workstream of the West Midlands Digital Roadmap</p>	<p>Agree response to Life Chances Commission as it affects economic opportunity and outcomes</p> <p>Report on work of Housing and Land to further economic aims and Update on Brownfield Land and Land Task Groups</p> <p>Update on the next steps of the Circular Economy Routemap and progress</p> <p>Agree scope of the Business Taxation Review</p>	<p>Approach to driving inclusive growth across foundational sectors, beyond the West Midlands Plan for Growth</p> <p>Review Commercial Land Strategy, in line with West Midlands Plan for Growth priorities</p> <p>Agree response to the Race Equalities Taskforce as it affects economic opportunity and outcomes</p> <p>Annual Report of the Midlands Engine for its benefits to the West Midlands</p>
2. Deliver inclusive economic growth through the West Midlands Jobs Plan, ensuring we link local communities to new jobs and opportunities.	<p>Update of Local Skills Improvement Plan</p> <p>Report of West Midlands skills initiatives</p>	<p>Update on skills and Local Skills Improvement Plan priorities and progress</p>	
3. Oversee a coherent and complementary approach to	<p>Agree LEP Integration Plan to be submitted to Government in January</p>	<p>Detailed update on West Midlands Co-Invest Fund</p>	



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business support across the region.	Shape and endorse details of business support structures , specifically focused on SPF activity Overview on access to finance and alignment with business support structures	Agree priorities and programme details for business support system	
4. Oversee the work of the Innovation Board and other relevant sub-Boards	Report from the Industrial Energy Taskforce and Repowering the Black Country Agree Create Central Business Plan 2023 - 33 and Financial Plan . Report from Cultural Leadership Board	Endorse West Midlands Innovation Board decisions about the Innovation Accelerator Direction of a joint delivery plan in conjunction with Innovate UK Report on Tourism: work of Tourism and Hospitality Advisory Board	Create Central – annual report Energy Capital – annual report
Standing Item(s)	Economic Conditions Report - Latest economic evidence (including qualitative issues from EIG and Regional Business Council), forecasts and key impact measures.	Economic Conditions Report - Latest economic evidence (including qualitative issues from EIG and Regional Business Council), forecasts and key impact measures.	Economic Conditions Report - Latest economic evidence (including qualitative issues from EIG and Regional Business Council), forecasts and key impact measures.