

ACTION LOG FROM OSC TDD WORKING GROUPS

ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS
HOUSING & REGENERATION - 22 AUGUST		
To review definition of 'affordable' stated on CA website.	Rob Lamond	Under review.
WM SMART CITY REGION - 22 AUGUST		
To circulate Energy Report which demonstrates the extent of savings to be achieved through a Smart Energy approach.	Robert Franks	Completed – report circulated.
DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE - 25 AUGUST		
To confirm the powers available to local authorities to require installation of below-ground ducting to future-proof developments at point of new build.	Robert Franks / Steve Bowyer	Completed – see advice from WMCA Legal Team below
<p>LAs can require this through the imposition of conditions or through section 106 requirements provided there is a policy justification. The National Planning Policy Framework section would support the drawing up of SPG (Supplementary Planning Guidance) and use of conditions or the requirement under a S106 Agreement through the following section, should the Local Planning Authority choose to do so:</p> <p><i>114. Advanced, high quality and reliable communications infrastructure is essential for economic growth and social well-being. Planning policies and decisions should support the expansion of electronic communications networks, including next generation mobile technology (such as 5G) and full fibre broadband connections. Policies should set out how high quality digital infrastructure, providing access to services from a range of providers, is expected to be delivered and upgraded over time; and should prioritise full fibre connections to existing and new developments (as these connections will, in almost all cases, provide the optimum solution)</i></p>		
FINANCIAL SIMPLIFICATION – 2 SEPTEMBER		
To provide a breakdown of the sums relating to the '40 different funding streams'.	Carl Pearson	Provided w/e 23/9
SOCIAL ECONOMY		
To share the 'Left Behind Places' report with the Working Group.	Claire Spencer	Completed – report shared.
HEALTH		
To ensure Directors of Public Health are aware of the importance of education in improving health.	Mubasshir Ajaz	Discussed in meetings.
RETROFIT		
Information on Tech Colleges providing retrofit courses to be shared with the Working Group.	Cheryl Hiles / George Simms	Completed – information shared via Teams.

LOCAL BENEFITS		
Review 'Local Benefits' to ensure benefits to people is drawn out appropriately.	Irina Sen/ Steve Bowyer	Reviewed and included. The 'people' perspective has also been strengthened in the 'Levelling Up Growth' prospectus which has been designed to accompany the proposals.
Raise the importance of night-time economies to Transport and Culture Workstream leads.	Steve Bowyer	Point raised.
Perceived population migration from urban centres to rural settings.	Steve Bowyer	Unfortunately, only partial data is available on intra-region migration. An example of in/out flows for Sandwell has been prepared, and this will be expanded and rolled out as more granular Census data becomes available. Sample: Sandwell Migration (arctis.com) .
Investigate whether transport reconfiguration was offered as part of proposals to the recent 'lost' investment opportunities.	Steve Bowyer	Please see response below:
<p>Although good transport connections are one of the attractions for investing companies – eg ease of getting goods and employees around the area – relocating firms seldom raise transport reconfiguration as a requirement to secure their investment. WMGC does not therefore routinely offer such reconfiguration.</p> <p>Other incentives, such as business rates or subsidy, are raised and this is where the West Midlands is at a disadvantage compared to, say, the devolved nations: hence our asks in the TDD proposal.</p>		