

Housing and Land Delivery Board

Proposed terms of reference

The Board will bring together local authority member representation, nominated by the Leaders of the constituent and non-constituent members, and senior public sector and private sector partners to significantly assist in the accelerated delivery of housing and employment space across the West Midlands region. It will also identify the policy freedoms and flexibilities that should underpin the continued negotiations with Government on the devolution agenda. The Board will be responsible for delivering the Land Delivery Action Plan and reviewing it periodically to ensure its being actioned and remains current, and for making recommendations to the WMCA Board. Other responsibilities include:

- Provide co-ordination and direction on strategic matters relating to the housing and employment development needs of the region. Provide the forum for facilitating strategic conversations between the local authorities around the supply of the right land, in the right places to deliver the homes and jobs the population and the economy needs to grow in a sustainable way.
- Commission a 'spatial expression' of land supply and use, and develop a collective understanding of the key housing and employment development needs of the region.
- Develop and implement a strategy for accelerating housing growth and employment across the region. Ensure alignment between WMCA led strategies and programmes e.g. transport, One Public Estate, and West Midlands Growth Company.
- Recommend bids for government funding to the WMCA Board.
- Collaborate with those external organisations that also have responsibility for housing delivery and policy.
- On behalf of the WMCA lead dialogue with Government on the West Midlands housing devolution / housing deal agenda. As part of devolution negotiations with Government to lead on developing propositions and asks that relate to housing delivery.
- Commission and publish research on housing and employment land to inform decisions made by the WMCA Board.

A local authority subgroup may meet as required to:

- Support continued alignment of local plans to maximise their contribution towards the SEPs delivery;
- Consider the spatial implications of the SEP's economic growth ambitions through the Duty to Cooperate and local planning process;
- Establish a set of agreed guiding principles to help the local authorities' progress statutory plans;

- Resolve strategic issues of cross-boundary significance.