

Budget Task and Finish Group Draft Terms of Reference

Overall approach to scrutiny

1. To assist in the development of WMCA policy through scrutinising draft policies, improving and refining existing policies that support the vision for the regeneration of the West Midlands region.
2. Scrutiny should be outcome focused and take a rigorous approach to prioritising its work.
3. To demonstrate an objective non-party political and evidence based approach to overview and scrutiny.

Terms of Reference

1. To scrutinise the progress of the WMCA against the performance management framework standards and targets in the Strategic Economic Plan and the Mayors Renewal Plan; including the questioning of the Mayor, members of the WMCA Board and senior officers to address the causes of any poor performance against targets or expected outcomes.
2. To examine at each stage of the budget consultation process the Mayor's budget proposals for the current and future financial year and to report findings and recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
3. To examine, monitor and report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on matters related to the budget and performance of the WMCA Board as appropriate.
4. To evaluate executive decisions and challenge decisions of the WMCA Board through call-in where this is considered appropriate, as defined in the Constitution.
5. To consider budget and performance matters relating to the Strategic Economic Plan at the request of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
6. To respond on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consultation and similar processes within its terms of reference.
7. To promote the role and value of budget scrutiny within and outside the WMCA and develop positive working relationships with officers and other stakeholders including the public.

Frequency of Meetings

The Task and Finish Group shall determine the frequency and timing of its meetings in order to best carry out the responsibilities above.

Membership

To be determined by the WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee annually.

Cllr Stephen Simkins - Chair

Cllr Peter Douglas Osborn

Cllr John O'Shea

Cllr Kate Wild

Cllr Claire Spencer

Cllr John Mutton

Cllr Richard Brown

Governance

The Task and Finish Group shall operate in accordance with WMCA's Constitution.