

# Special Cabinet minutes

**Monday 19 October 2015 at 5.00 p.m.**

**in the Council Chamber at the Council House, Walsall**

## **Present**

Councillor Bird	Leader of the Council
Councillor Andrew	Deputy Leader, Economy, infrastructure and development
Councillor Hughes	Care and safeguarding
Councillor Harris	Community, leisure and culture
Councillor Harrison	Clean and green
Councillor Towe	Learning skills and apprenticeships
Councillor Bennett	Personnel and business support
Councillor Martin	Public health and wellbeing
Councillor Arif	Shared services and procurement

## **3376 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3377 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

## **3378 A combined authority for the West Midlands**

The Chief Executive presented the report:

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, the Chief Executive stressed that this report related to the establishment of the Combined Authority only and did not cover any devolution deal.

The report was discussed, following which it was **moved** by the Leader, duly seconded and:

## **Resolved**

- (1) That Cabinet note the outcomes of the engagement on the strategic 'Governance Review' for the West Midlands.
- (2) That Cabinet approve the final Governance Review (Appendix 1) for the West Midlands Combined Authority.

- (3) That Cabinet agree the final Scheme (Appendix 2) for the West Midlands Combined Authority,

(4) **To recommend to Council**

That that the final 'Governance Review' and 'Scheme' for the West Midlands Combined Authority be approved and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; confirming that Walsall Council will join the West Midlands Combined Authority as a 'Constituent Member'.

- (5) That Cabinet agree to receive a further report outlining the final proposals for a West Midlands Devolution Deal which in turn can be presented to a future Council meeting.

### 3379 **Willenhall Strategic Economic Plan**

Councillor Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

The Leader and Cabinet members agreed to a request from Councillor I. Shires to speak on this item.

Councillor Shires thanked the Cabinet for responding to comments of the Willenhall Area Partnership in respect of the need for an Area Action Plan and asked that the Willenhall Area Partnership be consulted on the approach.

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That Cabinet supports the intention to undertake a regeneration approach to Willenhall through a targeted programme of activity for up to a 5 year period.
- (2) That officers be authorised to undertake initial due diligence/scoping work in order to fully understand the current economic baseline, need and the impact of previous regeneration activity to inform the future work programme.
- (3) That Cabinet notes that a future report on the outcomes of the due diligence/scoping work together with a programme of targeted regeneration activity will come forward, and that the future report will include budgetary and resource implications for the delivery of the programme.

The meeting terminated at 5.22 p.m.

Chair:

Date: