

Special Cabinet minutes

Wednesday 12 August 2015 at 6.00 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

3361 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3362 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

3363 Proposals for a combined authority for the West Midlands

Councillor Bird presented the report which was discussed:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That Cabinet approves the draft findings of the strategic 'Governance Review' for the West Midlands as contained in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (2) That Cabinet agree to engage with key stakeholders on the proposals set out in the 'Governance Review', and raise awareness amongst our partners of the West Midlands Combined Authority and the content of the 'Statement of Intent'- Appendix 2 of the report,

- (3) That Cabinet, in order to progress the Council's interest in the creation of a combined authority for the West Midlands, agrees to delegate the responsibility for the consideration of the initial membership, rights and obligations of the West Midlands Combined Authority to the Leader of the Council through his role on the proposed Shadow Board.
- (4) That Cabinet, in order to meet the timescales set down by Government, delegate responsibility to the Leader of the Council, through his role on the proposed Shadow Board to agree the early propositions that form the West Midlands 'Devolution Deal'.
- (5) That Cabinet agree to receive final proposals and documentation referred to in paragraphs (3.6) to (3.14), together with the findings of the engagement exercise, informing the creation of a Combined Authority for consideration at a future meeting of the Cabinet.
- (6) That Cabinet approves a budget of £300,000 as a contribution towards the costs of bringing about the creation of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

The meeting terminated at 6.15 p.m.

Chair:

Date: