



West Midlands Combined Authority

**WMCA Board
Forward Plan**

Forthcoming key decisions

Title of key decision:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Open or Exempt:	Executive Director:
<p>Appointment of Chief Executive To appoint the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service of the WMCA.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 17 October 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Chief Officer (Law, Governance & Audit) (Helen Edwards)</p>
<p>Consolidated Report on WMCA's Housing Programmes To provide a consolidated update across key housing programmes and seek approval for the follow items: (a) Programme Business Case for housing Integrated Settlement funding; (b) Programme Business Case for legacy housing funds; (c) Regional priorities and proforma for the post-2026 Social & Affordable Homes Programme prospectus.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 17 October 2025</p>	<p>Fully exempt</p>	<p>Director of Commercial and Investment (Ian Martin)</p>
<p>Local Get Britain Working Plans To receive a report on a Government-mandated plan to devise a regional plan with partners to reach a national 80% employment rate and reduction of economic inactivity.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 17 October 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Employment, Skills, Health & Communities (Helene Dearn)</p>

Mayoral Development Corporation	WMCA Board 17 October 2025	Open	Chief Executive (Ed Cox)
Transport Governance Review Outcome To consider the outcome of the review	WMCA Board 17 October 2025	Open	Chief Officer (Law, Governance & Audit) (Helen Edwards)
WMCA Multi-Year Strategy and Planning To consider the WMCA's strategic priorities for the three-year period from April 2026 to March 2029, seeking delegated support streamlined decision-making and ensuring operational efficiency while maintaining robust financial oversight and accountability.	WMCA Board 17 October 2025	Open	Chief Executive (Ed Cox), Executive Director of Finance & Business Hub (Linda Horne)
Collaboration Agreement WM Rail Limited and DfT	WMCA Board 14 November 2025	Open	Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands (Anne Shaw)
Consolidated Transport Report	WMCA Board 14 November 2025	Open	Chief Executive (Ed Cox)
Funding for Bus Network from January 2026	WMCA Board 14 November 2025	Open	Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands (Anne Shaw)
Local Transport Plan	WMCA Board 14 November 2025	Open	Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands (Anne Shaw)

<p>Regional Natural Environment Delivery Programme To consider and approve the strategy.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 November 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Chief Executive (Ed Cox)</p>
<p>Rosewell Review (Capital Programmes)</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 November 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Chief Executive (Ed Cox)</p>
<p>Sprint Purchase of Vehicles To consider funding and approval proposals to purchase 24 articulated 18m buses and associated infrastructure to enable the introduction and operation of through services between Walsall and Solihull on the Sprint corridor.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 November 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands (Anne Shaw)</p>
<p>Witton Railway Station Improvements To consider a report on improvements to Witton Railway Station for the Euro 2028 competition and beyond.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 November 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands (Anne Shaw)</p>
<p>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report To provide an update on the latest financial position.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 November 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Finance & Business Hub (Linda Horne)</p>
<p>Draft WMCA Budget 2026/27 To present the draft budget proposals for the board's consideration.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 16 January 2026</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Finance & Business Hub (Linda Horne)</p>

<p>West Midlands Net Zero Five Year Plan 2026-31 To approve the second West Midlands Five Year Plan for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2041, covering the period 2026-31.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 16 January 2026</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Chief Executive (Ed Cox)</p>
<p>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report To provide an update on the latest financial position.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 16 January 2026</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Finance & Business Hub (Linda Horne)</p>
<p>WMCA Social Value Policy 2026-2035 A refreshed Social Value Policy for the West Midlands aligned to the eight Inclusive Growth fundamentals to make the West Midlands the best place to live, work, and visit.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 16 January 2026</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Chief Executive (Ed Cox)</p>
<p>Key Route Network Review 2023/24 To gain approval to update the Key Route Network.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 February 2026</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Transport for West Midlands (Anne Shaw)</p>
<p>WMCA Budget 2026/27 To present the final budget proposals for 2026/27 for the board's approval.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 February 2026</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Finance & Business Hub (Linda Horne)</p>
<p>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report To provide an update on the latest financial position.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 March 2026</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Executive Director of Finance & Business Hub (Linda Horne)</p>

WMCA Air Quality 'Stretch Targets' To consider options for 'stretch targets' for air quality in the WMCA area that go above and beyond national targets.	WMCA Board 12 June 2026	Open	Chief Executive (Ed Cox)
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The Forward Plan

This document sets out known 'key decisions' that will be taken by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) over the coming months.

Forthcoming key decisions are published online to meet the statutory 28 day notification rule for each meeting where a key decision will be taken. Where it has not been possible to meet the 28 day rule for publication of notice of a key decision or an intention to meet in private, the relevant notices will be published as required by legislation as soon as possible.

What is a key decision?

A 'key decision' means a decision of the Mayor, WMCA or officer which is likely:

- (a) to result in the WMCA incurring expenditure, making savings or generating income amounting to £1m or more; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the WMCA.

The report relating to a decision, together with any other documents being considered, will be available five clear working days before the decision is to be taken (unless the documentation contains exempt information).

The forward plan also provides notice of when the WMCA may decide to exclude the press and public during consideration of a particular matter due to the potential for disclosure of confidential or exempt information. The grounds upon which local authorities can exclude the press and public are specified by law and details of the exempt categories are available on request from the Governance & Scrutiny team (governance.scrutiny@wmca.org.uk).

Councillors or members of the public wishing to:

- make a representation about why a matter should be heard in public, or
- submit information to the decision-making body about an item in the forward plan, or
- request details of relevant documents, or
- seek advice about the WMCA's decision-making arrangements,

should contact the Governance & Scrutiny team: governance.scrutiny@wmca.org.uk