



**West Midlands  
Combined Authority**  
**Forward Plan**

## Forthcoming key decisions

Title of key decision:	Decision to be taken by and date:	Open or Exempt:	Portfolio Lead	Employee to contact:
<b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the provisional outturn position for 2023/24 for the revenue and capital programmes and any relevant risks and financial updates	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open		Beverly Sullivan Financial Planning and Coordination Manager
<b>West Midlands Investment Zone - Approval of Investment Plan</b> To approve the overall investment strategy for the West Midlands Investment Zone, including Year One Delivery Plan and capacity funding.	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open		Steve Bowyer Partnerships and Engagement Strategic Lead
<b>Metro Penalty Fares</b> Outcomes of consultation, proposing to increase penalty fares on metro network.	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open		Amanda White Interim Metro Director
<b>Appointment of WMCA Boards and Committees etc 2024/25</b> To consider the appointments made by constituent, non-constituent and observer member authorities to the WMCA Board and its other boards/committees for 2024/25 and other associated matters.	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open		Dan Essex Governance & Scrutiny Manager
<b>WMCA's Scrutiny &amp; Audit Annual Report</b> The purpose of this scrutiny and audit annual report is to highlight the activities and achievements of scrutiny & audit during 2023/24.	WMCA Board 14 June 2024	Open		Lyndsey Roberts Scrutiny Officer

<p><b>A Review of the Effectiveness of Member Engagement and Development within the WMCA</b> To consider the findings of a scrutiny review undertaken to examine the effectiveness of member engagement and development within the WMCA.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 June 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Dan Essex, Lyndsey Roberts Governance &amp; Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Officer</p>
<p><b>Terms of Reference for Member of Parliament's (MPs) Questions to the Mayor</b> To inform Board of the outcome of negotiations with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLHUC) on the issue of MPs Questions to the Mayor and to seek approval for the draft terms of reference, the process for selecting a chair and a timeline for the first session.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 June 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>James Hughes Member Relationship Manager</p>
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the financial position as at the end of Month 2 (May 2024) and present the revised multi- year capital programme which takes account of the outturn position for approval</p>	<p>WMCA Board 19 July 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>Universal Support</b> To consider the principles agreed with local authority partners for the commissioning and delivery model of Universal Support, a Department for Work &amp; Pensions funded opportunity to support residents with health conditions to gain and progress into employment.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 19 July 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>John Hall Senior Delivery Manager-Employment Support</p>

<p><b>Culture, Creative and Heritage Infrastructure Programme</b> To seek permission to undertake the Culture, Creative &amp; Heritage Infrastructure programme of activity.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open		Hayley Pepler
<p><b>Bus Options Report</b> To consider options for the future delivery of the region's bus network.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open		Steven Hayes Head of Network Transformation
<p><b>Bus Depot Strategy</b> To approve the funding for TfWM to acquire sites for Bus Depots.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open		Ian Shore Asset Delivery Manager
<p><b>Transport Capital Programme</b> To raise awareness of the capital budget pressures across transport multi-modal programmes.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open		Jenni MacKenzie, Sandeep Shingadia Head of Transport Portfolio, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Integration
<p><b>Ring &amp; Ride Update</b> To consider the latest position.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open		
<p><b>Wednesbury Brierley Hill Extension (WBHE) Business Case</b> Consider a report in relation to Wednesbury Brierley Hill Extension (WBHE) Business Case</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Open		Simon Dickinson, Tom Oldershaw, Mike Waters Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM
<p><b>Black Country Innovative Manufacturing Organisation (BCIMO)</b> To consider the latest position.</p>	WMCA Board 19 July 2024	Fully exempt		Kate Taylor Head of Finance Business Partnering and Strategic Planning

<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 September 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>Single Settlement Update</b> To consider the work undertaken to-date between the WMCA and constituent authorities to develop functional and place-based strategies that will underpin the delivery of the Single Settlement.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 September 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Jonathan Gibson Head of Policy &amp; Public Affairs</p>
<p><b>Health of the Region Report 2024</b> To acknowledge the findings of the report and to approve its recommendations, including WMCA actions on improving health through all its policies and programmes.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 September 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Mubasshir Ajaz Head of Health and Communities • Strategy, Integration and Net Zero</p>
<p><b>Key Route Network Review 2023/24</b> To approve the amended Key Route Network within the WMCA area.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 September 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Rachel Ing Corridor Manager</p>
<p><b>Regional Road Safety Action Plan 2024-2030</b> Endorsement of the Regional Road Safety Action Plan 2024-2030 following completion of public consultation and validation from the Regional Road Safety Strategic Group.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 September 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Darren Divall Regional Road Safety Manager</p>

<p><b>Local Transport Plan Adoption</b> To consider recommendations to approve the final version of the LTP suite of documents (including Area Based Strategies) which have been adapted to align fully with the WMCA Functional and Place Based Strategies.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 September 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Carl Beet, David Harris, Mike Waters Head of Strategy and Intelligence - TfWM, Transport Strategy and Place Manager - TfWM, Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM</p>
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 November 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>Best Value Fare Capping for Bus (cEMV Broker)</b> To consider the Full Business Case for the national cEMV Broker pilot and West Midlands roll-out which will enable best value fare capping for bus users to be delivered for travellers using their contactless debit card or other device. The Board will also be asked to approve the legal partnership arrangements with the collaborating delivery entities.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 15 November 2024</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Matt Lewis, Mike Waters Head of Swift, Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation - TfWM</p>
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position</p>	<p>WMCA Board 10 January 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>

<p><b>Draft WMCA Budget 2025/26</b> To consider the draft budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 10 January 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>WMCA Budget 2025/26</b> To approve the 2025/26 budget.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 7 February 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position</p>	<p>WMCA Board 14 March 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>
<p><b>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report</b> To provide an update on the latest financial position and provisional outturn for the 2024/25 financial year.</p>	<p>WMCA Board 13 June 2025</p>	<p>Open</p>		<p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p>

## **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 Services team ([governance.services@wmca.org.uk](mailto:governance.services@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 Services team: [governance.services@wmca.org.uk](mailto:governance.services@wmca.org.uk)