



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: |
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| Regional Activity & Delivery Update To receive an update on the latest activities of the WMCA. | WMCA Board 12 January 2024 | Open | Andy Street Mayor | Laura Shoaf Chief Executive of the West Midlands Combined Authority |
| WMCA Draft Budget 2024/25 | WMCA Board 12 January 2024 | Open | Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead | Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant |
| Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24 Financial Monitoring Report 2023/24 for January 2024 Board | WMCA Board 12 January 2024 | Open | Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead | Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant |
| European Athletics Championships To consider an update on the latest developments with this issue. | WMCA Board 12 January 2024 | Open | Councillor Bob Sleigh Finance Portfolio Lead | |
| Constitution To seek delegated authority to update the constitution as a result of the transfer of Police & Crime Commissioner powers to the WMCA in May 2024. | WMCA Board 12 January 2024 | Open | Andy Street Mayor | Helen Edwards Director of Law and Governance |

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| <p>West Midlands Digital Roadmap 2024-2027 This is the update WMCA's initial Digital Roadmap that was developed in 2021. The SENZ directorate are producing an update to the Roadmap which reflects how the WMCA has heightened its ambitions for for digital and how it will work with partners to overcome regional challenges and take advantage of existing and emerging opportunities.</p> | <p>WMCA Board 12 January 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor Patrick Harley Culture & Digital Portfolio Lead</p> | <p>Mike Lewis Strategic Lead – West Midlands Digital Roadmap</p> |
| <p>WMCA Budget 2024/25 To present the proposed 2024/25 budget for approval</p> | <p>WMCA Board 9 February 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p> | <p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p> |
| <p>Skills Bootcamps Change Request To seek approval of a business justification case for a change in the activity that would be delivered in respect of the Skills Bootcamp Provision from 1 April 2024.</p> | <p>WMCA Board 9 February 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor George Duggins Skills & Productivity Portfolio Lead</p> | <p>Louise Phipps Senior Delivery Manager- Higher Level Skills</p> |
| <p>Employment & Skills Strategy for Deeper Devolution</p> | <p>WMCA Board 9 February 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor George Duggins Skills & Productivity Portfolio Lead</p> | |
| <p>State of the Region State of the Region for the West Midlands in 2024</p> | <p>WMCA Board 9 February 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Andy Street Mayor</p> | <p>Si Chun Lam Head of Research, Intelligence and Inclusive Growth</p> |

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| <p>Homes for the Future Strategy To consider and approve the Homes for Future Strategy</p> | <p>WMCA Board 9 February 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor Ian Courts Housing & Land Portfolio Lead</p> | <p>Mia Higgins, Tanya Patel, Leo Pollak Programme Support Officer, Governance Services Officer, Head of Policy</p> |
| <p>Faith Strategic Partnership Board - Faith Covenant To agree the proposed Faith Covenant.</p> | <p>WMCA Board 9 February 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor Kerrie Carmichael Inclusive Communities Portfolio Lead</p> | |
| <p>Penalty Fare Bye-Laws for the Midland Metro To agree new bye-laws governing penalty fares on the Midland Metro.</p> | <p>WMCA Board 9 February 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead</p> | |
| <p>Arrangements for Mayoral Question Time with MPs To agree the arrangements for mayoral question time sessions with the region's MPs.</p> | <p>WMCA Board 9 February 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Andy Street Mayor of the West Midlands</p> | |
| <p>WMCA Financial Monitoring Report - March 2024 To update on the latest financial position</p> | <p>WMCA Board 15 March 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor Bob Sleigh Deputy Mayor</p> | <p>Beverly Sullivan, Sally Truman Financial Planning and Coordination Manager, Lead Financial Planning Accountant</p> |
| <p>Investment Zones and Levelling Up Zones To consider the latest position.</p> | <p>WMCA Board 15 March 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor Stephen Simkins Economy & Innovation Portfolio Lead</p> | |
| <p>Skills Funding To consider the latest position regarding skills funding.</p> | <p>WMCA Board 15 March 2024</p> | <p>Open</p> | <p>Councillor George Duggins Skills & Productivity Portfolio Lead</p> | <p>Dr. Fiona Aldridge Head of Insight & Intelligence</p> |

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| Zero Emission Bus Regional Area (ZEBRA) Update To provide an update on the latest ZEBRA developments. | WMCA Board 15 March 2024 | Open | Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead | |
| Black Country Innovative Manufacturing Organisation To consider the latest BCIMO update. | WMCA Board 15 March 2024 | Open | Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead | |
| WMCA's Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Transport Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Progress Update To provide a quarterly summary of the activity of work of the WMCA's overview and scrutiny function, as required by the Deeper Devolution Deal. | WMCA Board 15 March 2024 | Open | Andy Street Mayor | Lyndsey Roberts Scrutiny Officer |
| Ring & Ride Update To provide an update on the latest activity. | WMCA Board 19 July 2024 | Open | Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead | Pete Bond Director of Integrated Transport Services |
| Bus Options Report To consider options for the future delivery of the region's bus network. | WMCA Board 19 July 2024 | Open | Councillor Mike Bird Transport Portfolio Lead | |

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).

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