



Meeting of the City Council

4 June 2014

Report title	West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority	
Referring body	Cabinet 13 November 2013	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council	
Wards affected	All	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Cllr Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council	
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Report to be/has been considered by		

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended:

1. That the amended terms of reference of the West Midlands Joint Committee as recommended by Cabinet on 13 November be approved in so far as they relate to the executive functions of Wolverhampton City Council.
2. That the Leader of the Council be appointed as Wolverhampton's representative on the new West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (ITA, together with a substitute).
3. That the Centro Members Joint Committee be established as per the draft Scheme of Delegation set out in Appendix 2 at the ITA's AGM in July.
4. That the Councillors detailed on the list as circulated at the meeting be appointed as Wolverhampton's representatives of Centro Members.

5. That the Chief Legal Officer and Solicitor to the Council be authorised to agree and enter into such documents as are necessary to give effect to these decisions.

Recommendations for noting:

The Council is asked to note:

1. The changes to the governance arrangements of the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 Following a review in 2013, approval was sought from the Secretary of State for Transport, to make changes to the existing governance arrangements for the ITA.
- 1.2 This followed on from the changes to the Terms of Reference for the West Midlands Joint Committee and the creation of an interim Shadow ITA which Cabinet approved at its 13 November 2013 Meeting.
- 1.3 An order decreasing the number of members of the West Midland Integrated Transport Authority from 27 to 7 was laid before Parliament on May 12 and comes into force on June 4 2014.

2.0 Background

- 2.2 Membership of the new ITA is as follows:-
 - 2.2.1 The New ITA, comprising seven members nominated by the individual authorities forming the geographic area of the ITA, who would lead on strategy, prioritisation, commissioning and seeking new investment on transport for the area. It was agreed at Shadow Board that each authority would seek to appoint its Leader to reflect the greater use of West Midlands Leaders to assist with effective regional decision making.
 - 2.2.2 The new ITA and the 7 Metropolitan Districts also need to form a Joint Committee called Centro Members. This will initially have a membership of 27 appointed in the same way as previously done for the old ITA. This Joint Committee will take responsibility for operational transport matters and, as required, advise the New ITA on matters referred to them. They will form appropriate sub-committees as necessary to direct Centro's delivery role.
- 2.3 Assurance was given to the Secretary of State that the new ITA will conduct a review of the membership of Centro Members in the coming year and this will be carried out.
- 2.4 The draft constitution for the ITA, the draft Centro Members scheme of delegation and the Order laid before Parliament are contained in appendices 1, 2 and 3 for information.

3.0 Options

- 3.1 If the amended terms of reference are not adopted this will not reflect the greater use of West Midlands Leaders to assist with effective regional decision making and result in less effective regional governance.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report as the recommendations and proposals only relate to governance arrangements at this stage. However, the ITA forms a key element of the governance arrangements through which central government devolve funding to the west Midlands and onto each local authority [NA/270514/Z]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 These amendments are to identify further changes since the terms of reference were last revised and to recognise the exercise of transportation functions in support of the changes proposed within ITA. The changes are in accordance with the Local Government Acts 1972, 1985 and the Localism Act 2011. [RB/23052014M]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 9.1 None arising directly from this report

9.0 Schedule of background papers

- 9.1 None