



WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY

Board Meeting

Friday 18 November 2016

Minutes

Members

Birmingham City Council	Councillor John Clancy
Birmingham City Council	Councillor Ian Ward
City of Wolverhampton Council	Councillor Peter Bilson
Coventry City Council	Councillor George Duggins
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	Councillor Pete Lowe
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Councillor Bob Sleigh – Chair
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Councillor Ian Courts
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	Councillor Sean Coughlan
Coventry and Warwickshire LEP	Jonathan Browning
Cannock Chase District Council	Councillor George Adamson
Nuneaton and Bedworth Council	Councillor Dennis Harvey
Redditch Borough Council	Councillor Bill Hartnett
North Warwickshire Borough Council	Councillor David Humphreys
Stratford-on-Avon-District Council	Councillor Chris Saint
Warwickshire County Council	Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Observers

West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner	David Jamieson
West Midlands Fire & Rescue Service	Councillor John Edwards

Officers In Attendance

Birmingham City Council	Mark Rogers
City of Wolverhampton Council	Keith Ireland
Coventry City Council	Martin Reeves
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	Jim Cunningham
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Nick Page
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	Jo Nugent
Black Country Consortium	Sarah Middleton
Coventry and Warwickshire LEP	Paula Deas
Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP	Katie Trout
Cannock Chase District Council	Tony McGovern
Nuneaton and Bedworth Council	Alan Franks
Redditch Bromsgrove Council	Kevin Dicks
North Warwickshire Borough Council	Jerry Hutchinson
Rugby Borough Council	Adam Norburn
Stratford-on-Avon-District Council	David Buckland
Warwickshire County Council	Monica Fogarty

Police & Crime Commissioner Office	Jonathan Jardine
West Midlands Fire Service	Phil Loach
West Midlands Fire Service	Simon Shilton
West Midlands Combined Authority	Laura Shoaf
West Midlands Combined Authority	James Aspinall
West Midlands Combined Authority	Jan Jennings
West Midlands Combined Authority	Richard Kenny
Birmingham City Council	Tony Smith
Birmingham City Council	Paul Dransfield
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Andrew Kinsey
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Rachel Egan
Contact Consultancy - MHC	Steve Appleton
City of Wolverhampton Council	Chris Tunstall
City of Wolverhampton Council	Rachel Ratcliffe
City of Wolverhampton Council	Jaswinder Kaur

Item Title
No.

1. Meeting Business Items

1.1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roger Lawrence (substituted by Councillor Peter Bilson), Councillor Abdul Khan, Councillor Steve Eling, Councillor Lee Jeavons, Stewart Towe, Steve Hollis, Councillor Shaun Davies, Councillor Michael Stokes, Councillor Malcolm Pate, Councillor Tony Johnson and Graham Wynn.

1.2 Declarations of Interest (if any)

There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 Minutes of the WMCA Meeting held on 28 October 2016

The minutes of the 28 October 2016 to be amended to state:

The following to be added at the beginning of paragraph 2 on page 8:
“The proposed resolution and report set out significant changes to the previously proposed constitution of the Investment Board and had been produced as an addendum to the Board papers less than 24 hours before the meeting.”

A further paragraph be inserted between the end of paragraph 2 and the word “Resolved” on page 8:

“Because of the urgency to constitute the Investment Board it was agreed to proceed with the resolution below subject to the issue raised above being discussed and agreed within the Investment Board.”

Councillor Izzi Seccombe advised that the Investment Board had not met yet and sought approval for a working group to be set up between

Councillor Izzi Seccombe, Nick Abell, James Aspinall and a legal advisor to represent the Constituent members; to resolve the issue of membership and voting. An update report would then be provided to the Board through the Investment Board.

Resolved:

That the proposal recommended by Councillor Izzi Seccombe be agreed.

The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner requested that: Section 3.1 be updated to reflect the debate on the mayoral powers and the cabinet structure.

Section 4.1 be updated to state that Sean Russell was a serving police officer who had been appointed as the Implementation Director due to the allocation of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable.

Subject to the above amendments the minutes be agreed as an accurate record.

1.4 **Forward Plan**

Resolved:

1. That an update paper on membership and voting from the Investment Board be considered at the January 2017 Board meeting.
2. A report from the remuneration panel review to be considered at the February 2017 Board meeting.
3. The Health and Wellbeing update should read Wellbeing Board.
4. That the forward plan be approved.

1.5 **Chairs Remarks**

Councillor Sleigh advised that the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) was moving to delivery phase and that members were playing an active role in the promotion of the WMCA. He went on to add that he had recently visited the Kingswood Site.

2. **Combined Authority Governance**

2.1 **Audit and Standards Committee Update**

Councillor Bob Sleigh presented an update the on the Audit and Standards Committee held on Friday 21 October 2016 and for the Board to note the minutes of this meeting. The terms of reference had been revised for the Audit and Standards Committee and sought approval from the Board. Councillor Bob Sleigh advised he had arranged to meet with David Lane-Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee and other committee members including the LEPs to keep all appraised of the work of the WMCA.

1. That the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee held on Friday 21 October 2016 (appendix 1 of the report) be noted.
2. That the revised Terms of Reference of the Audit and Standards Committee (appendix 2 of the report) be approved.

2.2 Minutes of the Transport Delivery Committee held on 3 October 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the transport delivery committee held on the 3 October 2016 be noted.

3. Chair of West Midlands Combined Authority

3.1 WMCA Mayoral Scheme Update

Chris Tunstall informed the Board that the Mayoral WMCA 'functions' Order would be presented to the Board at the 9 December 2016 meeting for approval. Discussions were still on-going with DCLG on the two outstanding issues and that further wording had been provided on unanimous voting. Legal advisors of Constituent and Non-Constituent members were meeting regularly to review the draft Order.

He then went on to add that a generic financial order would be laid in parliament to cover financial aspects for all Combined Authorities.

Once the WMCA had consented to the Order, DCLG would then write to each Constituent member to seek agreement to the final Order, this will be carried out via the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader.

Other Combined Authorities were now also working to December timescales due to November timescales not being met.

Councillor Bob Sleight advised that the draft Order was scrutinised by Scrutiny Committee on Monday 14 November 2016 at Solihull Council and was being progressed to Full Council for approval.

Councillor Peter Bilson advised that the City of Wolverhampton Council had approved the draft Order for consideration by Cabinet on 30 November.

3.2 Establishment of an Independent Review Panel – Mayoral Remuneration

Councillor Bob Sleight sought approval to establish an Independent Review Panel (IRP) in order to determine the appropriate level of remuneration for the elected Mayor for the West Midlands Combined Authority. He went on to add that independent members could be

appointed from existing remuneration panels from constituent councils.

The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner made the following observations:

- That a remuneration of the deputy mayor also be undertaken due to the considerable work to be undertaken by the deputy mayor.
- That the issues for consideration section of the report be updated to take account of the work of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and the executive powers of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- That the review should be entirely independent and be undertaken by existing members of remuneration panels.

Keith Ireland agreed that an appropriate remuneration should also be considered for the deputy mayor and clarified that closer to the elections further clarification would be required from DCLG on the role of the mayor. The issues for consideration would be updated to take account of the work of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and the executive powers of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Resolved:

1. That the establishment of an Independent Review Panel be approved.
2. That an independent representative nomination be sought for the Panel from each of the Constituent Authorities.
3. That the Clerk be authorised, in consultation with the Chair, to confirm the Panel appointments.
4. That the terms of reference in Appendix 1 (of the report) for determination of the Mayoral Remuneration be agreed.
5. That the Clerk be authorised, in consultation with the Chair, to undertake any necessary actions to ensure the timely production of the Report.
6. That a Report be received from the Independent Review Panel early in the new year for consideration of an appropriate level of Mayoral Remuneration.

3.3 **Devolution**

Mark Rogers provided an update on future devolution deals. Government had been reviewing the approach taken to the autumn statement to keep it brief, strategic and that a short statement only will be provided by the Chancellor. Reference may be made to the WMCA in the autumn

statement document, however it was more probable that reference be made in a wider statement to the House and/or as part of the local government settlement. The crystallisation of the next devolution agreement would be over the coming weeks and into the New Year. The style of devolution 2 was to seek delivery of long-term policy objectives rather than short-term requests.

Councillor Bill Hartnett sought clarification as to whether or not the submission for devolution 2 had been updated to clarify the role of Non-Constituent members. Councillor Sleigh responded that the narrative had been adjusted within the submission and it was now an iterative process going forward. Councillor Bob Sleigh added he would be writing a letter to Secretary of State Sajid Javid on what Non-Constituent members can expect to gain from devolution.

Councillor Chris Saint sought clarification on the formalisation of Non-Constituent membership for Strafford-Upon-Avon-District Council. Chris Tunstall responded that the proposal had been accepted by DCLG on Non-Constituent membership and it was to be confirmed by the end of February 2017.

4. Health and Wellbeing

4.1 Mental Health Commission Update

Councillor Pete Lowe presented an update on the work of the West Midlands Mental Health Commission. It outlined the proposed actions that the Commission has developed and which it is seeking agreement to take forward from the WMCA and other partner organisations.

The Police and Crime Commissioner welcomed the work of the Mental Health Commission and he would ensure that he played an active and constructive role in the work of the Mental Health Commission. He went on to make the following observations:

- The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner's plan was due for publication shortly and he would ensure that the recommendations from the Mental Health Commission had a prominent feature within his plan. As part of this he would also review his budget allocations.
- At 3.5 he requested that an additional bullet point be inserted on preventing people entering the mental health and criminal justice system.

Councillor Bill Hartnett queried as part of the wider implications whether input from stakeholders and partners was just from the Constituent areas. It was clarified that the footprint of NHS, Mental Health Trust was wider than that of the Constituent area.

Councillor Izzi Seccombe welcomed the innovative work of the Mental

Health Commission and added that Non-Constituent members also had a vital role in this area and could add value to the work of the Mental Health Commission. She highlighted that the Health and Wellbeing Board in Warwickshire were already working on a zero suicide ambition and that work which was currently being undertaken by Constituent and Non-Constituent Health and Wellbeing Boards needed to be recognised and not be duplicated but add value to the process. Councillor Izzi Seccombe was happy to provide further information if required.

Councillor Pete Lowe thanked members for their positive feedback and went on to commend the work of Norman Lamp MP, Sarah Norman, Steve Appleton, The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and other key stakeholders. He clarified it was not the intention of the Wellbeing Board to duplicate existing work but instead supplement the work. He would raise the issue of a third bullet point on the criminal justice system with the MHC.

Resolved:

1. To note the progress made by West Midlands Mental Health Commission
2. Endorse the concordat approach that the Commission is taking
3. Consider and give support to the proposed actions and future work to implement them

4.2 **Wellbeing Board Update**

Councillor Pete Lowe presented an update on the consultations that had taken place with the Health & Wellbeing Board Chairs, and NHS and Public Health colleagues about the Purpose, Membership, Work Programme and arrangements for the Wellbeing Board and proposed a way forward. It was clarified that the WMCA would oversee the development approaches that would add value to the STPs within the WMCA area including better start in life, place based regulation and One Public Estate.

The Wellbeing Board would report to the Board and would be subject to the scrutiny arrangements of the WMCA.

Councillor Izzi Seccombe requested that the role of housing and wellbeing be considered. She added that the LGA had a regional network of adult social care leads and health and wellbeing leads and that the WMCA explore the use of these resources.

Councillor Chris Saint in principle supported the Wellbeing Board and requested that membership of the Wellbeing Board be reviewed to include a representative from the districts to represent their view point and add value to the process.

Councillor George Adamson added that Cannock Chase was more affected by the Black Country STP and requested that the WMCA have an

approach to allow input into the STP process. Councillor Pete Lowe responded that he had a dual role a Constituent Leader and his Cabinet Member role in the WMCA but transparency of the STP approach was required.

Councillor Pete Lowe welcomed the comments and agreed to review the membership of the Wellbeing Board to include a district member and explore additional resources from the LGA.

Resolved:

1. That the Wellbeing Board be established as set out in the report be agreed.
2. That the Councillor and Governance arrangements be updated accordingly.

5. Economic Growth

5.1 WMCA Strategic Economic Plan Performance Management Framework (SEP PMF)

Councillor John Clancy presented the progress in developing the WMCA SEP Performance Management Framework for the WMCA. The framework was built from the Balance objectives (set out in Appendix 3 – WMCA SEP PMF Technical Appendix November 2016 Table 2) and would ensure that the WMCA's vision had a number of smart objectives with clear targets to ensure success can be monitored and measured robustly. The Framework would support the WMCA in its purpose to ensure all communities will benefit but provide insight into the timing of those benefits.

Councillor Pete Lowe requested that the vision health indicators feed into the Wellbeing Board and other commissions.

Resolved:

1. That the draft WMCA SEP Performance Management Framework and headline KPIs supported by the WMCA SEP Board be endorsed.

6. Public Service Reform

6.1 Public Service Reform Update

Phil Loach provided an update on behalf of Councillor Steve Eling on Public Service Reform. As previously advised a reviewed had been undertaken on the current public service reform work to redefine the work going forward. A detailed report would be provided at the December Board meeting to seek agreement on the governance arrangements and outline the detail of the work plan. That momentum be created on the work of Public Sector Reform.

7.0 Any Other Business

7.1 Scrutiny Workshop

Keith Ireland informed members of the arrangements for the scrutiny workshop which was scheduled to take place on Friday 25 November, Courtyard Room, Birmingham University. Members/officers invited, were requested to attend and work with the Chair and members of the Scrutiny Committee to explore how scrutiny can add value to the WMCA, with a view to develop a work plan.

8.0 Date of Next Meeting

8.1 Friday 9 December 2016, 11:00 – 13:00