

The Regional Assembly will meet at Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Birmingham on **29 October 2008** commencing at **11.30a.m.**

The agenda and reports referred to are available on the Assembly website: <http://www.wmra.gov.uk>

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Chairman's and Vice-Chairs' Report (verbal update)**
4. **Draft Decision Notes of the Assembly Meeting held on 09 July 2008 and Matters Arising (Attached)**
5. **Draft notes of the Assembly Board of Directors 24 September 2008 – (Attached) For noting**

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

6. **Company Secretary's Report (To Follow)**
7. **Regional Funding Advice (Attached)**
*Government has provided indicative regional funding allocations for transport, housing and regeneration, and economic development, and now requires each region to advise on investment priorities. We are also asked for a view on how skills priorities will support the above investment.
Advice is required for the period to 2018-2019 and must be submitted by the end of February. It will cover public investment in the region of £1bn per year.*

A RFA Briefing Note is to be produced on a regular basis as a means of keeping partners informed. A regional RFA event is

being planned for January to secure meaningful discussion with partners and stakeholders, on how RFA is developing.

8. Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 2 Revision (To follow)

Purpose of Report

To advise on the arrangements for an Assembly response by 8th December 2008 to the GOWM Housing Study undertaken by Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners (NLP) study and its impact on the RSS Phase Two Revision. .

Recommendations

That the Assembly endorses the action to be taken in respect of RSS Phase Two Revision work. This will include the development of the Assembly's response by 8th December 2008, following the publication of the GOWM Housing Study, and the preparatory work for the Examination in Public (EiP).

9. Reviewing the operating arrangements of the Assembly 2008-2010 – Olwen (To follow)

10. Strategic Review of Transport (Attached)

Purpose

To present the findings from the strategic review examining how transport policy within the region contributes to its success in integrating economic, environmental and societal needs. The full report is available on the Assembly's website

http://www.wmra.gov.uk/Scrutiny_and_Strategic_Review/Strategic_Review_of_Transport.aspx

Recommendation

That the Assembly

- discuss and endorse the findings of the review panel*
- approve recommendation R3 made specifically to the Regional Assembly and recommendations R12, R14 and R17 made for the Regional Transport Partnership.*

FOR RATIFICATION:

11. **Minutes of the Regional Housing Executive meeting held on 25 September 2008 (Attached)**

FOR INFORMATION

12. **West Midlands Partnership Review (Verbal Report)**

13. **Delivering Advantage – Progress Report (Attached - Phillip Amison)**

Purpose

To present the final Progress Report against Delivering Advantage, including the results of a third party verification of progress reported since 2004.

Recommendation

To note the 2007-08 Progress Report against Delivering Advantage and the associated verification report covering progress since 2004.

14. **Report of the Chief Executive – Headline Issues for West Midlands Regional Assembly (Attached)**

Purpose of Report

To update the Assembly on key issues undertaken by the Secretariat on behalf of the Board and Assembly Partnerships over the last quarter.

Recommendation

*That the Assembly considers the report and **notes** progress made.*

15. **Economic Inclusion Panel (EIP) (Attached)**

16. **Response to BERR select committee inquiry into RDAs (Attached)**

Purpose of Report

To inform Assembly Members of the submission made by the Assembly to the Business and Enterprise Select Committee.

Recommendation

That the submission is noted.

17. **Living Well West Midlands – Update Report (Attached)**

Purpose of Report

This report has been prepared to update the Assembly on the work and progress to date within the portfolio.

Recommendation

That the Assembly notes the report

17a. **Invitation to Living Well Annual Conference (Attached)**

18. **Dates of future Meetings 2008/09**

14 January 2009

22 April 2009

08 July 2009

19. **Any Other Business**

To be advised to the Chairman prior to the start of the meeting

**2 P.M. CONVERSATION
NLP AND THE KEY ISSUES ARISING**

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