

West Midlands Regional Assembly

Speaking out for the region

The Regional Assembly will meet at **Dunstall Park, Wolverhampton Racecourse, Wolverhampton** on **Wednesday, 5 April 2006** commencing at **11.30 a.m.**

The agenda and reports referred to are available on the Assembly website: <http://www.wmra.gov.uk/page.asp?id=184>

The agenda will be:-

1. **Apologies**
2. **Members' Disclosures of Interests**
3. **Chairman's and Vice-Chairs' Reports** (oral update)
4. **DRAFT Decision notes of the meeting held on 18 January 2006 and Matters Arising**

5. **Business Plan and Budget 2006 - 2009**

To present the final Assembly Business Plan & Budget 2006-07 and indicative budgets for 2007-09 for endorsement.

Recommendation

The Assembly adopts the Business Plan & Budget 2006-09.

For further information please contact: Trudi Elliott – Chief Executive on tel no: 0121 678 1031 or by email: t.elliott@wmra.gov.uk

Policy Update

6. **West Midlands Region – Incorporating A City Region and Sub-Regional Approach**

A special meeting of the Regional Chief Executives Group is taking place on Thursday 30 March 2006 to review progress and developments on the City Region initiative. Further information will be provided separately.

For further information please contact: Rose Poulter - Director of Policy on tel no 0121 678 1024 or by email: r.poulter@wmlga.gov.uk

7. **RSS issues**

To update Members on the progress of the phased RSS Revision.

Recommendation

To note the report.

For further information please contact: Rose Poulter - Director of Policy on tel no 0121 678 1024 or by email: r.poulter@wmlga.gov.uk

8. **Review of the West Midlands Economic Strategy Review**

To update Assembly Members on the launch of the work to review the West Midlands Economic Strategy (WMES).

For further information please contact: Roger Sumpton, Corporate Director on tel no: 0121 380 3647 or by email: genihall@advantagewm.co.uk or Rose Poulter - Director of Policy on tel no 0121 678 1024 or by email: r.poulter@wmlga.gov.uk

9. **Rural Policy**

a) **Scrutiny Review of Rural Renaissance – Final Report**

To present a copy of the recommendations arising from this scrutiny review to the full Assembly for information. The complete report and Advantage West Midlands' formal response can be accessed on the Assembly's website.

That the Assembly discuss and endorse the recommendations of the scrutiny report.

For further information please contact: Dagmar Waller - Strategic Review Officer on tel: 0121 678 1054 or email: d.waller@wmra.gov.uk

b) **Rural Affairs Update**

The Assembly will receive an oral update from Cllr Claude Bodenham, Portfolio Holder for Rural Affairs.

For further information please contact: Kate Docherty - Policy Officer, Urban & Rural Renaissance on tel no: 0121 678 1061 or email: k.docherty@wmra.gov.uk

c) **Rural Affairs Forum/Rural Delivery Framework**

The Assembly will receive an oral update from David Littlemore, the Assembly's representative on the Rural Affairs Forum; and consider a report advising of the West Midlands Rural Delivery Framework (RDF) and to present the next step proposals

Recommendation

The content of the report be noted.

For further information please contact: Sara Roberts - Rural Accord Co-ordinator on tel no: 0121 352 1078 or email: s.roberts@wmra.gov.uk

10. **Regional Concordat**

To advise the Assembly on progress in updating the Regional Concordat.

Recommendation

To note progress, provide comments and endorse the approach suggested to revise the WM Regional Concordat.

For further information please contact: Rose Poulter - Director of Policy on tel no 0121 678 1024 or by email: r.poulter@wmlga.gov.uk

11. **Decisions of the Board of Directors**

To advise the Regional Assembly of matters considered by the Board at its meeting on 10 March 2006 which are not otherwise the subject of a report to this meeting.

Recommendation

The content of the report be noted.

For further information please contact: Trudi Elliott - Chief Executive on tel: 0121 678 1031 or by email: t.elliott@wmra.gov.uk

12. **Activity Update**

a) **Regional Policy Partnerships Activity**

To update the Regional Assembly on the current status and activities of Regional Partnerships, established by or working closely with the West Midlands Regional Assembly.

Recommendation

That the Regional Assembly receives the report.

For further information please contact: Rose Poulter - Director of Policy on tel no 0121 678 1024 or by email: r.poulter@wmlga.gov.uk or the appropriate officer named in the appendix to the report.

b) **2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games Update**

To update members on activity to support and maximise opportunities for the region from the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

Recommendation

That the Assembly notes the report.

For further information please contact: Jenny Boylan - Policy Officer on tel no. 0121 678 1029 or by email: j.boylan@wmra.gov.uk

c) **Equality & Diversity: Regional Strategic Partnership**

A short report setting out the context for the Partnership and the outcomes of the initial meeting held on 28 March 2006 will be circulated separately.

For further information please contact: Carmel Kerr - Equality and Diversity Director on tel no. 0121 678 1053 or by email: c.kerr@wmra.gov.uk

13. **Dates of next meeting**

Wednesday 12 July 2006 (Annual General Meeting)

General Enquiries: Please contact Daryl Davies, Senior Regional Support Officer. Tel No: 0121 678 1046 or by e-mailing: d.davies@wmra.gov.uk

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