

West Midlands Regional Assembly

The Board of Directors will meet at **the Training Suite, the Regional Partnership Centre, Albert House, Quay Place, Edward Street, Birmingham** on **Wednesday 03 December 2008** commencing at **11.30 a.m.**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Chairman's and Vice-Chairs' Report (verbal update)**
4. **Draft Decision Notes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on 24 September 2008 and Matters Arising**
5. **Draft Decision Notes of the Assembly Meeting held on 29 October 2009 – For Noting**

FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

6. **Reviewing the operating arrangements of the Assembly**
Purpose
To advise the Board on the outcomes from the Joint Executive and the Shadow Strategy Advisory Panel meetings held on 18 November and to request the Board discuss the changes outlined below.

Recommendations
It is recommended that, subject to the endorsement of the Board, that the changes outlined below and the proposals put to the Assembly on 29 October 2008, are adopted with immediate effect.
7. **Submission to the Examination in Public (EiP) on the RSS Phase 2 Revision**
Purpose

To provide the context for the Board to consider and approve the Assembly's response to the Independent Panel which will be considering the Assembly's West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy: Phase 2 Revision (RSS2) at an Examination in Public in Spring 2009. A full technical response, has to be submitted by the 08 December 2008 to the Panel Secretary. In addition, Members of the Joint Executive felt that it was appropriate for the Chairman to write to the Minister, The Rt Hon Mrs Beckett giving Assembly's views about the process that is being approved and the strong support for the RSS Phase 2 Revision.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Board:-

- a) Considers and approves the Assembly's 08 December 2008 technical submission to the Panel for the Examination in Public, as set out in **Appendix 1**.*
- b) Approves delegated powers to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Assembly and the Chairman of the Planning & Environment Executive, to agree any necessary minor refinements or adjustments to either the technical submission or the letter to the Minister.*
- c) Approves delegated powers to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Assembly and the Chairman of Planning & Environment Executive, to enable the Assembly to be able to respond promptly to any requests from the independent Panel which is convening the Examination in Public.*
- d) Considers and approves the letter from the Chairman of the Assembly to the Government minister, the Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Beckett, as set out in **Appendix 2**.*

8. Company Secretary's Report

Purpose

To provide the Board with an update on general issues.

- 2008-09 Q2 Progress Report*
- 2009-10 Draft Business Plan & Budget*
- Members Declarations of Interest*
- Planning Appeal decisions in South Staffordshire*
- Parliamentary Regional Accountability*

Recommendation

*The Board is asked to **note** the 2008-09 Q2 Progress Report (Para 3)*

- 2.2 *The Board is asked to **approve** the 2009-10 Draft Business Plan & Budget (Para 4)*
- 2.3 *To **note** the current position with regards to outstanding Declaration of Interest forms and action where necessary (Para 5).*
- 2.4 *To **note** the Planning Appeal decision and **agree** that a full report be made to the Assembly meeting on 14 January 2009 (Para 6)*
- 2.5 *To **note** the report on the Parliamentary Regional Accountability (Para 7) and **agree** that a full report be made to the Assembly meeting on 14 January 2009.*

9. **Regional Funding Advice**

Purpose

To inform the Board/RFL of the arrangements that are being made to respond to the Government's request for advice on how the funding coming into the region for transport, housing and economic development should be spent.

Recommendation

That the Board/RFL notes the arrangements being made to respond to the Government's request for Regional Funding Advice for the period to 2018-2019.

10. **Government response to SNR Consultation (To follow)**

11. **Draft Agenda for the Full Assembly Meeting on 14 January 2009**

FOR RATIFICATION:

12. Notes of the last RPE meeting held on 17 October
13. Notes of the last RPP meeting held on 28 October

FOR INFORMATION

14. **Notes of the Finance and Audit Committee Meetings held on:-**

- a) 13 February 2008
- b) 04 June 2008

15. **Regional Policy Partnerships Activity**

16. **Minutes of the City Region Shadow Executive**

- a) AGM 4 June 2008
- b) 10 September 2008

17. **Advantage West Midlands – Notes from Board Meeting**
10 September 2008

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

19. **Any Other Business**

Quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors

Members are asked to note that a quorum for Board meetings is subject to a minimum of 8 directors with at least 4 local government Directors, at least 1 business sector Director and at least 1 Other Stakeholder Group Director being present.