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West Midlands Regional Assembly Meeting - 25th April

The next quarterly meeting of the West Midlands Regional Assembly is taking place at 11.30am on Wednesday 25th April at Staffordshire County Council Offices.

The 100 nominated Assembly Members, consisting of 68 from local authorities, 16 from the business sector and 16 from other stakeholder groups, will be discussing amongst other items; the latest developments in the revisions to the Regional Spatial Strategy, a draft Action Plan for how the West Midlands should tackle Climate Change, the outcomes of a recent Strategic Review which investigated how the Region relates to and engages with Europe and the Assembly's response to the Advantage West Midlands' review of the Regional Economic Strategy . Members will also discuss proposals concerning the future of regional governance arrangements.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe.

For more details and to view the full agenda please visit:

<http://www.wmra.gov.uk/page.asp?id=217>

For more details on the latest developments of the Regional Spatial strategy please visit: <http://www.wmra.gov.uk/rss>

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Notes to editors:

1. The West Midlands Regional Assembly ('the Assembly') represents a wide range of democratic, social and economic interests throughout the West Midlands region.
2. The Assembly's membership consists of 100 nominated representatives, with 68 members representing the local authority, 16 representing the business sector and 16 representing other economic and social partners.
3. The Assembly provides a platform for organisations to consider matters of common concern including: regional planning, transport, economic prosperity, sustainability, culture and Europe. It also supports regional policy forums and task groups on social inclusion, faith, housing, life long learning/skills, health, rural and community safety/crime reduction.
4. The Assembly works in partnership with Advantage West Midlands (AWM) the regional development agency (RDA), the Government Office West Midlands (GOWM), Regional Action West Midlands (RAWM) the West Midlands Local Government Association (WMLGA) and other regional and local organisations from across the West Midlands region.
5. The Assembly is the Regional Planning Body, and is also responsible for scrutinising the operation of the region's RDA, Advantage West Midlands.
6. For further information, visit our website www.wmra.gov.uk