

West Midlands Regional Assembly

Speaking out for the region

The Regional Assembly will meet at Wolverhampton Science Park, Wolverhampton, WV10 9RU **on Wednesday, 24 October 2007** commencing at **11.30 a.m.**

The Business Items will be considered in the first section of the agenda with the remainder of the meeting time being dedicated to a focussed discussion item on the 'future for Regional Scrutiny'

The agenda will be:-

1. **Apologies**
2. **Members' Disclosures of Interests**
3. **Chairman's and Vice-Chairs' Reports** (oral update)

DECISION ITEMS FOR ENDORSEMENT / RECEIPT

4. **Decision notes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 July 2007 and Matters Arising – For agreement**
5. **Decision notes of the WM Regional Assembly Board of Directors held on 26 September 2007 - For noting**

6. **Company Secretary's Report**

Members are requested to note the content of the report.

For further information please contact: Olwen Dutton,
Company Secretary, o.dutton@wmra.gov.uk, 0121 678 1031

7. **Climate Change Action Plan**

The report seeks the **endorsement** of the Regional Assembly to the Climate Change Action Plan for the Region, prior to its publication and formal launch.

It is recommended that the Regional Assembly **endorses** the Climate Change Action Plan and **notes** the proposal for a Regional Climate Change Panel to oversee delivery of the Action Plan

For further information please contact: Fran Austins
Climate Change Policy Officer, f.austins@wmra.gov.uk

8. **Regional Economic Strategy**

The report seeks the endorsement of Members to the revised West Midlands Economic Strategy (WMES).

It is recommended that the revised WMES be **endorsed**.

For further information please contact; Philip Amison, Director of Strategy, AWM, PhilipAmison@advantagewm.co.uk

9. **Regional Spatial Strategy**

The report provides an update on the current progress in bringing forward the revision to the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and informs Members of the work that undertaken to develop the Phase Two Preferred Option Submission to the Secretary of State and the development of the Phase Three Draft Project Plan.

It is recommended that the contents of the report be **noted**

For further information contact: Rose Poulter, Director of Policy – 0121 678 1024, r.poulter@wmlga.gov.uk

10. **Scrutiny and Strategic Review Annual Plan 2007/8**

The Regional Assembly will be presented with the proposed 2007/8 Annual Plan commencing September 2007. It is recommended that the 2007/8 Annual Plan is endorsed.

For further information contact: Dagmar Waller, Regional Scrutiny Manager, 0121 678 1054, d.waller@wmra.gov.uk

11. **Sub National Review - Update**

The report will provide the Assembly with an update on issues relating the SNR.

12. **Advantage West Midlands Annual Report**

The Chief Executive of AWM will provide a verbal report

FOCUSSED DISCUSSION SESSION

13. **The Future of Regional Scrutiny**

This focussed session will provide Assembly Members with the opportunity to discuss the broad direction for regional scrutiny post 2010

For further information contact: Dagmar Waller, Regional Scrutiny Manager, 0121 678 1054, d.waller@wmra.gov.uk

FOR INFORMATION

14. Report of the Director of Policy – Headline Issues for West Midlands Regional Assembly

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

It is recommended that the Assembly considers the report and notes progress made.

15. Dates of Future meetings:

- **16 January 2008**
- **23 April 2008**
- **9 July 2008 - Annual Meeting**

Following lunch there will be a conversation on:

'Flooding - Learning the Lessons Review'

An agenda and briefing note for the conversation has been sent to Members with this extended agenda

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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