

West Midlands Regional Assembly

Speaking out for the region

The Regional Assembly will meet at Austin Court, 80 Cambridge Street, Birmingham on **16 January 2008** commencing at **11.30a.m.**

The agenda and reports referred to are available on the Assembly website: <http://www.wmra.gov.uk/page.asp?id=407>

The agenda will be:-

1. **Apologies**
2. **Members' Disclosures of Interests**
3. **Chairman's and Vice-Chairs' Reports** (oral update)
4. **Decision Notes of the Assembly Meeting held on 24 October 2007 – For agreement (*available*)**

FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

5. **Company Secretary's Report (*available*)**

To provide the Assembly with an update a number of corporate issues including 2007-08 Half Year Progress Report, Member's Allowances Scheme, 2008-09 Budget Planning and the Regional Spatial Strategy Phase Two.

For further information please contact Olwen Dutton on Tel no. 0121 678 1031 or Email: o.dutton@wmra.gov.uk.
6. **Review of Sub-National Economic Development and Regeneration (*available*)**

The report provides an update on SNR related activity both nationally and within the West Midlands.

The Assembly is invited to discuss the content of the report and note progress made.

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7. **West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (*available*)**

To provide an update to Assembly Members on progress and key issues in relation to the RSS Revision.

Members are asked to consider the report and note progress made.

For further information please contact Rose Poulter, Director of Policy on tel no. 0121 678 1024 or Email: r.poulter@wmra.gov.uk.

8. **West Midlands Economic Strategy Delivery Framework consultation**

To advise of the current consultation on the West Midlands Economic Strategy (WMES) Delivery Framework; and the process being undertaken to develop a Regional Assembly response.

Members are asked to note the process for developing the WMRA response and submit any comments, which they wish to be included, to the Secretariat.

For further information please contact Kate Docherty on tel no. 0121 678 1061 or Email: k.docherty@wmra.gov.uk

9. **Revision of the Scrutiny and Strategic Review Revised Work Plan 2007/08 (available)**

The Assembly will be presented with a revised 2007/8 Annual Plan commencing September 2007 and are requested to endorse the revised Plan.

For further information please contact Dagmar Waller on tel no: 0121 678 1054 or email d.waller@wmra.gov.uk

10. **Submission to House of Commons Modernisation Committee (available)**

To advise of the submission made by the Assembly to the Modernisation Committee in respect of its enquiry into regional accountability.

Members are requested to note the submission.

For further information please contact Dagmar Waller on tel no: 0121 678 1054 or email d.waller@wmra.gov.uk

POLICY ISSUES

11. **Health and Well Being Strategy (available)**

To present the final West Midlands Regional Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the early draft action plan for information.

Members are invited to receive and note the content of the Strategy; and note the progress that is being made with respect of the action plan and endorse the process for developing its detail.

12 **Transport Challenge (available)**

To inform the Assembly of the on-going process to respond to the Regional Minister's 'Transport Challenge'.

That the Assembly notes the on-going process and the next steps.

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13 **West Midlands Biodiversity Strategy (available)**

To inform the Regional Assembly of the progress regarding the implementation of the Regional Biodiversity Strategy for the West Midlands.

The Assembly is asked to note the progress made in implementing the Regional Biodiversity Strategy.

14. **Regional Sustainable Development Framework – Refreshed (available)**

To provide the Assembly with a draft version of the “refreshed” Regional Sustainable Development Framework (RSDF) which Members are invited to endorse.

15. **Regional Policy Partnerships Headline Issues (available)**

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

For further information please contact Rose Poulter, Director of Policy on tel no. 0121 678 1024 or Email: r.poulter@wmra.gov.uk.

16. **Decisions of the Board of Directors – 5 December 2007 (available)**

To advise the Regional Assembly of matters considered by the Board at its meeting on 5 December 2007.

17. **Assembly Conference Programme: 28 January 2008**

A copy of the Assembly Conference programme is attached for information.

For further information please contact Olwen Dutton on Tel no. 0121 678 1031 or Email: o.dutton@wmra.gov.uk.

18. **Any Other Business**

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

19. **Dates of Future meetings:**

23 April 2008

09 July 2008

General Enquiries: Please contact Sharon Doak, Senior Regional Support Officer. Tel No: 0121 678 1042 or by e-mailing: s.doak@wmra.gov.uk

Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.

The agenda and reports referred to are available on www.wmra.gov.uk

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