

**Agenda Item No. 17**

**WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Assembly Annual Conference Programme - 28 January 2008  
Aston Villa Football Club**

---

**'Voice of the Region – Speaking Out for the Region'**

- 10.00am Registration and refreshments
- 10.30am Conference opening – Olwen Dutton, Chief Executive, West Midlands Regional Assembly
- 10.35am Welcome – Cllr David S Smith, Chairman, West Midlands Regional Assembly
- 10.45am Keynote address – Liam Byrne MP, Minister for the Region
- 11.05am Guest Speaker – Lord Bill Morris, Chancellor Staffordshire University
- 11.25am Panel Q and A
- 11.45am Morning workshops (incl refreshments) – ***Framework for partnership working***
- 12.40pm Lunch
- 13.25pm Afternoon speaker – Simon Topman, Chief Executive Acme Whistles
- 13.45pm Q and A
- 13.50pm Afternoon workshops – ***Improving the Region's performance and profile***
- 14.35pm Panel Q and A, feedback and summary
- 15.00pm Conference close – Cllr David S Smith
- 15.05pm Coffee and networking