

West Midlands Regional Assembly

Speaking out for the region

The Board of Directors will meet at **the Training Suite, the Regional Partnership Centre, Albert House, Quay Place, Edward Street, Birmingham** on **Friday 9 March 2007** commencing at **9.30 a.m.**

The agenda will be:-

1. **Apologies**
2. **Chairman's and Vice-Chairs' Report (verbal update)**
3. **Decision notes of the Board of Directors**
 - (a) Decision notes of the meeting held on 6 October 2006
 - (b) Decision notes of the meeting held on 8 December 2006 and Matters Arising
4. **Draft Decision Notes of the Assembly Meeting held on 17 January 2007 (To Follow)**

FOR DECISION

5. **Report of the Chief Executive and Company Secretary (available)**
 - 1) **2007-10 Business Plan & Budget**

Purpose of Report
To present the final version of the 2007-10 Business Plan & Budget as submitted to Government Office.

Recommendation
*That the Board **approve** the final 2007-10 Business Plan & Budget and recommend it is submitted to the next Assembly meeting for formal adoption.*
 - 2) **Contingency Fund Requests**

Purpose
To advise the Board of two separate letters sent to DCLG requesting contingency funding.

Recommendation
*That the Board notes and **endorses** the contingency requests.*

3) 2006-07 Q3 Report and Estimated Outturn

Purpose

To present the Q3 report to the Board and advise on the anticipated final position for 2006-07.

Recommendation

*The Board is asked to **note** the details of the report.*

*The Board is asked to **agree** proposed virements between work strands in the final quarter as detailed in the report.*

The Board is asked to delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive to administer any additional and final virements arising post this report to ensure full utilisation of funding according to work programme priorities.

4) Corporate Governance Issues

Purpose

To update the Board on Corporate Governance issues and activity.

Recommendations

That the Board notes the detail of the report.

That the Board notes the information on Company Law Reform and that Members accept that it is the responsibility of each Board Member to personally familiarise themselves with the changes in respect of Directors duties.

5) Membership Issues

Purpose

To seek the Board's consideration and agreement on pertinent issues relating to membership of Assembly structures.

Recommendations

- (a) That the Board endorses Roger Evans' nomination as Vice Chair – Other Stakeholders of the Regional Planning Partnership as outlined in para 5.3.*
- (b) That the Board approve the proposal from the Regional Health Partnership that Cllr Steve Eling is formally appointed as Chair as in para 5.4*
- (c) That the Board endorses the proposed additional membership to the Equalities and Diversity Partnership as recommended by its Chair and Vice Chair as outlined in para 5.*

6. Regional Planning Executive Meeting –7 February 2007

Purpose of the Report

To seek the ratification of the decisions of the meeting of the Regional Planning Executive held on Wednesday 7 February 2007.

Recommendation

The Board is recommended to ratify the decisions of the Regional Planning Executive meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2007.

7. **Scrutiny and Strategic Review**

(a) **European Strategic Review – Key Issues**

Purpose of the Report

To inform the Board of progress with this strategic review and of issues that will be addressed by its recommendations.

Recommendation

That the Board note this report and that individual members submit responses during the consultation process as appropriate.

(b) **Scrutiny Review of Advantage West Midlands**

Purpose of the Report

To advise the Board of the forthcoming scrutiny review of Advantage West Midlands: Access to Finance.

Recommendation

To note the report.

FOR DISCUSSION

8. **Draft Response to the West Midlands Economic Strategy Choices Consultation**

Purpose of the Report

To provide the Board with a draft response to the West Midlands Economic Strategy Review Choices Consultation and following discussion request that the Board sign off the response for submission subject to any requested amendment.

Recommendation

That the Board discuss the draft response and sign it off for submission subject to any amendments.

9. **West Midlands RSS (WMRSS) Update Phases 1, 2 and 3**

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on current progress in bringing forward revisions to the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

Recommendation

That the contents of the report be noted

FOR INFORMATION

10. Climate Change

Purpose of the Report

To inform the Board of Directors of steps being taken by the Regional Assembly in response to the climate change challenge following its Annual Conference and the last Assembly meeting in October 2006.

To advise Members of the Supplement to Planning Policy Statement 1 (PPS1): Planning and Climate Change for the Regional Spatial Strategy which was issued for consultation in December 2006.

Recommendations

That the Board of Directors:

(a) Note the steps being taken by the Regional Assembly following the Annual Conference on Climate Change, and

(b) Note the contents and issues raised in the Draft PPS1 for the revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

11. Draft Agenda for Assembly Meeting – to be tabled

12. Dates of future meetings – 8 June 2007

13. 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.