

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 **Wednesday 5 December 2007** commencing at **11.30 a.m.**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Chairman's and Vice-Chairs' Report (verbal update)**
4. **Draft Decision Notes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on 26 September 2007 and Matters Arising**
5. **Draft Decision Notes of the Assembly Meeting held on 24 October 2007 and Matters Arising**

FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

6. **Review of Sub National Economic Development and Regeneration (To follow)**

7. **Transport Challenge**

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendation

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

8. **Company Secretary's Report**

Purpose

To provide the Board with an update on general issues.

(3) 2007-08 Half Year Progress Report

(4) Member Allowances Scheme

(5) City Region Company

(6) 2008-09 Budget Planning

- (7) Members Declarations of Interest*
(8) Outside Bodies – MLA West Midlands

Recommendation

- 2.1 *The Board is asked to endorse the 2007-08 Half Year Progress Report (appendix A).*
- 2.2 *The Board is asked to approve a recommendation not to change current practice in respect of Allowances.*
- 2.3 *The Board is asked to approve a recommendation to take up a share option in the new City Region Company.*

9. **WMES / WMRSS Launch – 10 December 2007**

Purpose of Report

To inform the Assembly Board of the formal launch of the West Midlands Economic Strategy (WMES) on 10th December and presentation of the Phase Two Revision of the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (WMRSS).

Recommendation

That the Assembly Board note the report.

10. **Regional Sustainable Development Framework – Refreshed**

Purpose

To provide the Board with a draft version of the “refreshed” Regional Sustainable Development Framework (RSDF) for endorsement.

Recommendation

*That the Board **endorses** the refreshed RSDF (attached as Appendix B).*

11. **Assembly Conference – 28 January 2008**

Purpose of Report

To update the Assembly Board on progress towards planning of the Assembly Annual Conference due to be held on Monday 28 January 2008 at Aston Villa Football Club, Holte Suite in Birmingham.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note progress and offer any comments, concerns or suggestions

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

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendation

That the Assembly Board considers the report and notes progress made.

FOR INFORMATION

13. The Equality and Diversity Partnership: Future Options

Purpose of Report

To advise members of the work being taken forward by the Equality and Diversity Partnership looking at future options.

Recommendation

To note the proposed elements of the Partnership's work-plan for 2008/09 and to consider contributing to this work.

14. Minutes of the City Region Shadow Executive – 19 September 2007

15. Advantage West Midlands – Notes from Board Meetings in July and September 2007

16. Draft Agenda for the Full Assembly Meeting 16 January 2008 (To be tabled)

17. Dates of future Board Meetings 2007/08

12 March 2008 – The Regional Partnership Centre

18 June 2008 – The Regional Partnership Centre

18. 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.