

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 8 June 2007** commencing at **9.30 a.m.**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Chairman's and Vice-Chairs' Report (verbal update)**
3. **Draft Decision notes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on 9 March 2007 (Available)**
4. **Draft Decision Notes of the Assembly Meeting held on 25 April 2007 (Available)**

FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

5. **Report of the Chief Executive and Company Secretary (Available)**

1. **2007-10 Business Plan & Budget**

Purpose of Report

To update the Board on the 2007-10 Business Plan & Budget.

Recommendation

*That the Board **notes** the detail of this report and **approves** the proposed changes to the establishment and variations.*

2. **2006-07 Final Progress Report**

Purpose of Report

To advise the Board that the 2006-07 Final Progress Report has been submitted to Government Office and reviewed.

Recommendation

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

3. **Membership Issues**

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendations

- (a) That the Board **endorses** Roger Evans' nomination as Vice Chair – Other Stakeholders of the Regional Planning Partnership as outlined in para 3.3.
- (b) That the Board **notes** the process of nominations to the Regional Assembly structures (para 3.3).
- (c) In the spirit of openness and transparency that the Board encourages members of all three sectors and across the Assembly's governance structures, to make available for publication on the Assembly's website Members' contact e.mail addresses (para 3.4).

4. IRP for Members Allowances Scheme

Purpose of Report

To provide an update for the Board on the work of the Independent Remuneration Panel who are considering the development of an Assembly scheme allowances and expenses.

Recommendation

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

5. Audit

Purpose of Report

To advise the Board of Audit work in progress and the timetable.

Recommendation

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

6. Priorities of the Regional Partnership Centre (RPC) (Available)

Purpose of Report

To agree one set of Priorities for the Regional Partnership Centre which integrates the strategic objectives of West Midlands Regional Assembly, West Midlands Local Government Association, Centre of Excellence and West Midlands in Europe for the period 2007 to 2010.

Recommendation(s)

That the Priorities set out in appendix one are agreed for the Regional Partnership Centre for the period 2007 to 2010.

That the Priorities provide the context for the annual work programmes for West Midlands Regional Assembly, West Midlands Local Government Association, Centre of Excellence and West Midlands in Europe for the period 2007 to 2010.

7. Statement of Values of the Regional Partnership Centre (Available)

Purpose of Report

To secure endorsement for a Statement of Values for the Regional Partnership Centre – West Midlands Regional Assembly, West Midlands Local Government Association, Centre of Excellence and West Midlands In Europe.

Recommendation

To approve a Statement of Values for the Regional Partnership Centre – West Midlands Regional Assembly, West Midlands Local Government Association, Centre of Excellence and West Midlands in Europe attached as appendix 1 to the report.

8. **Smart Growth Midlands Way (Available)**

Purpose of Report

To advise the Board of the status and content of the Smart Growth – Midlands Way Action Plan.

Recommendation

That the Board give their support to the Smart Growth – Midlands Way Action Plan subject to the caveat and comment set out in para. 4.3.

9. **Development of the West Midlands Housing Allocations Strategy 2008 - 2011**

Purpose of Report

To provide the Assembly Board with an overview of the development of the West Midlands [Regional] Housing Allocations Strategy 2008-2011 (WMHAS0811).

Recommendation

That the Board notes the update.

FOR INFORMATION

10. **Access to Finance Scrutiny Review – Consultation and Key Issues (Available)**

Purpose of Report

To inform the Board of progress with this scrutiny 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.

11. **The Regional Approach to Post 16 Education, Training and Skills Strategic Review – Progress Report (Available)**
Purpose
To provide the Board with an outline of the progress to date in the Strategic Review of The Regional Approach to Post 16 Education, Training and Skills.

Recommendation
That the Board note the update.
12. **Climate Change – Verbal update**
13. **Draft Agenda for Assembly Annual Meeting – 18 July 2007 – To be tabled**
14. **Dates of future Board and Full Assembly Meetings**
 - a) ***Date of the Assembly Annual Meeting: 18 July 2007 at Austin Court, Birmingham***
 - b) ***Dates of future Board Meetings 2007/08 for endorsement Board of Directors***
12 or 26 September 2007 - TBC
5 December 2007
12 or 27 March 2008 - TBC
18 June 2008
 - c) ***Dates of future Full Assembly Meetings 2007/08 for noting – confirmation to be sought at the Annual Meeting on 18 July 2007 Full Assembly***
24 October 2007
16 January 2008
23 April 2008
9 July 2008
15. **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.