

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE HELD
AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM ON
WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT:-

Birmingham

Councillor Sir Albert Bore – (Voting Member)
Councillor Timothy Huxtable - (Substitute for Cllr Alden)

Coventry

Councillor A Lucas (Voting Member)
Councillor J Blundell

Dudley

Councillor P Lowe (Voting Member)
Councillor Harley

Sandwell

Councillor D Cooper (Voting Member)

Solihull

Councillor R Sleigh (Voting Member)
Councillor I Courts – Solihull

Walsall

Councillors A J A Andrew (Substitute Voting Member)

Wolverhampton

Councillor R Lawrence (Voting Member)
Councillor W Thompson

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillor John Edwards (Chairman)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited for the position of Chairman of the Committee.

It was moved, seconded and

2022

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor R Lawrence be appointed Chairman of the West Midlands Joint Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Committee in June 2016.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Committee. It was moved, seconded and

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RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Bob Sleight be appointed Vice-Chairman of the West Midlands Joint Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Committee in June 2016.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

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RESOLVED:-

That Mark Rogers, CEX, Birmingham City Council be appointed as Secretary to the Committee, for a further term of office expiring with the Annual meeting in 2018.

4. APOLOGIES

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Apologies were submitted on behalf of the following: -

Councillor I Ward - Birmingham
Councillor R Alden - Birmingham
Councillor P Townshend – Coventry
Councillor J Foster - Dudley
Councillor S Eling – Sandwell
Councillor J Windmill - Solihull
Councillor M Bird – Walsall (Councillor A Andrew as Voting Substitute)
Councillor S Coughlan - Walsall
Councillor P Bilson – Wolverhampton

5. MINUTES

2026 The "public" section of the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2015, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record.

6. CONSTITUTIONAL/GOVERNANCE REPORTS OF SECRETARY/MET. CEX'S

A report of the Secretary and Chief Executive, Birmingham CC was submitted:-

A. Nomination of Members to serve on West Midlands Joint Committee 2015/2016

2027 **RESOLVED:-**

That the nominations received from the West Midlands District Councils for service on the West Midlands Joint Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16 as set out below, be received and noted: -

Birmingham City Council

Councillor Sir Albert Bore	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor I Ward	(Labour)
Councillor R Alden	(Conservative)

Coventry City Council

Councillor A Lucas	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor P Townshend	(Labour)
Councillor J Blundell	(Conservative)

Dudley MBC

Councillor P Lowe	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor J Foster	(Labour)
Councillor P Harley	(Conservative)

Sandwell MBC

Councillor D C Cooper	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor S Eling	(Labour)
NA	(no opposition Group Leader)

Solihull MBC

Councillor R Sleigh	(Conservative) (Voting Member)
Councillor I Courts	(Conservative)
Councillor J Windmill	(Liberal Democrat)

Walsall MBC

Councillor M Bird	(Conservative) (Voting Member)
Councillor A J A Andrew	(Conservative)
Councillor S Coughlan	(Labour)

Wolverhampton City Council

Councillor R C Lawrence	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor P Bilson	(Labour)
Councillor W Thompson	(Conservative)

B. West Midlands Police and Crime Panel Membership 2015/16

A report of the Chief Executive, Dudley MBC was submitted: -

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RESOLVED:-

That the West Midlands Joint Committee confirm the appointment to the 5 additional members of the Panel (with named substitutes as shown in the updated appendix A tabled at the meeting) to achieve the balanced objectives, as set out in the report and outlined below.

LA/Political Party	Appointee	Substitute
Black Country Councils (2) - Labour	Cllr Rose Burley (Walsall)	Cllr D Hosell (Sandwell)
	Cllr J Rowley (Wolverhampton)	Cllr P Lowe (Dudley)
Birmingham CC (1) - Labour	Cllr Mike Leddy	Cllr John O'Shea
Conservative (1) – Solihull CC	Cllr Ken Hawkins	Cllr Joe Tildesley
Liberal Democrat - (1) Birmingham CC	Cllr Paul Tilsley	Cllr Jon Hunt

C. West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Membership 2015/16

A report of the Secretary and Chief Executive, Birmingham CC was submitted:-

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RESOLVED:-

- i) That the West Midlands Joint Committee confirm the appointment to the 5 additional members of the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Membership 2015/16 (with named substitutes as shown in the updated appendix - tabled at the meeting) to achieve the balanced objectives, as set out in the report and outlined below.
- ii) Further that any outstanding nominations be made to Secretary as soon as possible.

LA/Political Party	Appointee	Substitute
Black Country Councils (2) - Labour	Cllr Judy Foster (Dudley)	Cllr TBA (Sandwell)
	Cllr TBA (Wolverhampton)	Cllr TBA (Dudley)
Birmingham CC (1) - Labour	Cllr John O'Shea	Cllr Claire Spencer
Conservative (1) – Solihull CC	Cllr TBA	Cllr TBA
Liberal Democrat - (1) Birmingham CC	Cllr TBA	Cllr TBA

D. WMJC Nominations and Subscriptions to Other Bodies 2015/16

A report of the Secretary and Chief Executive, Birmingham CC was submitted:-

West Coast Rail 250 Campaign

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approval be given to continued membership of the West Coast Rail 250 Campaign for the financial year 2015/16 at a cost of £1450;
- (ii) That Councillor R Lawrence (Wolverhampton) be re-appointed to serve on the West Coast Rail 250 Campaign General Council and that Councillor Tahir Ali (Birmingham) be notified and appointed as substitute Member for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of this Committee in 2016
- (iii) That a breakdown of attendance of nominated representatives for 2014/15 is supplied to the WMJC Vice-Chair.

E. Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approval be given to continued membership of the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group for the Municipal Year 2015/16 at an annual subscription of £5,700.00;

- (ii) That Councillor H Bills (Dudley) be appointed as a voting member on the Special Interest Group for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of this Committee in 2016;
- (iii) That Councillor D Cooper (Sandwell) be appointed as an observer member on the Special Interest Group for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of this Committee in 2016.
- (iv) That a breakdown of attendance of nominated representatives for 2014/15 is supplied to the WMJC Vice-Chair.

F. West Midlands Arts Trust - Nomination of Representatives

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RESOLVED:-

That Councillor P Holbrook (Birmingham) and Councillor S Trow (Sandwell) be appointed to serve as the representatives of this Committee on the Council of West Midlands Arts Trust for the period ending with this Committee's Annual Meeting in June 2016.

7. WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE 2014/15 OUTTURN AND ANNUAL RETURN

A report of the Secretary and the Head of City Finance, Birmingham City Council was submitted: -

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the 2014/15 budget outturn for the West Midlands Joint Committee, as set out in section 3 of the report and in Appendix A, be noted;
 - (ii) That approval be given to Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual return as set out in Appendix B to the report, together with the accompanying Appendix C;
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8. COMBINED AUTHORITY UPDATE

A report of the Secretary and Chief Executive, Birmingham CC was submitted. The Chair updated on the latest developments and proposed timetable, in particular discussions at a national level, governance, engagement with Districts /3 LEPs as well as work programme activity including key economic analysis being undertaken. Further, noted proposals for the launch of a "Prospectus" on 6 July.

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RESOLVED:-

That the update be noted.

9. WMJC – ACTION TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS

A report of the Secretary and Chief Executive, Birmingham CC was submitted:-

2035 **RESOLVED:-**

That the action taken by the Chair in consultation with the 7 Met. District Chief Executives to disband the Road Safety Partnership Board and the WM Metropolitan Canals Area Partnership be noted.

10. BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT – ACTION TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS

A report of Birmingham City Council and Dudley MBC District Advisers was submitted:-

2036 **RESOLVED:-**

That the actions taken under the Districts' Side Agreement set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the report be noted .

11. MINUTES OF MEETINGS/MATTERS OF INTEREST

A. West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

A report from the Chairman of the Authority was submitted

Councillor John Edwards, Chairman of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority attended the meeting and presented the report. In particular, drew attention to the financial position of the Authority including the implications of any future cuts required by government. Further, updated on key developments including the outcomes of an organisational review, collaborative and partnering opportunities and gave an overview of performance related activity.

2037 **RESOLVED:-**

That the update report from the Chairman of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority be received and noted.

12. DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2015/16

2038 **RESOLVED:-**

The Committee is recommended to meet on the following dates at the Council House, Birmingham at 10am

- i) Wednesday 27th January 2016 - Rooms 3 & 4, The Council House, Birmingham
 - ii) Wednesday 29th June 2016 - Rooms 3 & 4, The Council House, Birmingham
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