



GROUP MEETINGS NOTIFIED

In the Council House, Birmingham: -

Conservative	10.00 am	Committee Room 1
Labour	10.00 am	Committee Room 2
Liberal Democrat	10.30 am	Committee Room 6a

WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE

**TO BE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 AND 4 IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM ON THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST 2013 AT 11.00AM**

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

Attached

2. MINUTES

To confirm the "Public" section of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th June 2013

3. WEST MIDLANDS POLICE – PUBLIC PROTECTION/SAFEGUARDING & CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Bob Jones, Police & Crime Commissioner will attend for this discussion item.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23rd October 11am – 12.30pm, Committee Rooms 3 & 4, the Council House, Birmingham (Group meetings from 10am)

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

CHAIRMAN TO MOVE:-

"That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes the following exempt information, the public be now excluded from the meeting: -

Title of Report etc

**Description of
Exempt Information**

(Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local
Government Act, 1972)

1. MINUTES

"Private" Minutes of the meeting held
on 12th June 2013

Paragraph 3

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**AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE HELD AT
THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2013 AT 12.30PM**

PRESENT:-

Birmingham

Councillor Sir Albert Bore (Voting Member)

Coventry

Councillor A Lucas (Voting Member)
Councillor J Blundell

Dudley

Councillor D Sparks (Voting Member)
Councillor P Lowe

Sandwell

Councillor S Eling (Voting Member)
Councillor M Hughes

Solihull

Councillor R Sleigh (Substitute Voting Member)

Walsall

Councillors A J A Andrew (Substitute Voting Member)
Councillor T Oliver

Wolverhampton

Councillor R Lawrence (Voting Member)

West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority

Councillor J McNicholas (Chairman)

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillor John Edwards (Chairman)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited by Stephen Hughes (Secretary) for the position of Chairman of the Committee.

It was moved, seconded and

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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 2014.

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 Sir A Bore be appointed Vice-Chairman of the West Midlands Joint Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Committee in June 2014.

3. APOLOGIES

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Apologies were submitted on behalf of the following: -

Councillor I Ward - Birmingham
Councillor M Whitby - Birmingham
Councillor P Townshend – Coventry
Councillor P Harley - Dudley
Councillor D Cooper – Sandwell
Councillor K Meeson (Councillor R Sleigh as Voting Member)
Councillor I Hedley - Solihull
Councillor M Bird – Walsall (Councillor A Andrew as Voting Substitute)
Councillor P Bilson – Wolverhampton
Councillor N Patten - Wolverhampton

A MINUTES SILENCE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO COUNCILLOR TOM ANSELL

The Chairman sought a minutes silence to reflect on the life and contribution that Cllr Ansell had made to the work of the Committee, the P&T Sub and in public life.

Noted arrangements for the funeral to be held on 21st June at 10.30am at St Matthew's Church, Walsall.

4. **MINUTES**

1944 The "public" section of the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2013, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record.

5. **CONSTITUTIONAL/GOVERNANCE REPORTS OF SECRETARY/MET. CEX'S**

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

A. **Nomination of Members to serve on West Midlands Joint Committee 2013/2014**

1945 **RESOLVED:-**

That the nominations received from the West Midlands District Councils for service on the West Midlands Joint Committee for the Municipal Year 2013/14 as set out below, be received and noted: -

Birmingham City Council

Councillor Sir Albert Bore	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor I Ward	(Labour)
Councillor M Whitby	(Conservative)

Coventry City Council

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

Dudley MBC

Councillor D Sparks	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor P Lowe	(Labour)
Councillor P Harley	(Conservative)

Sandwell MBC

Councillor S Eling	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor D C Cooper	(Labour)
Councillor M Hughes	(Conservative)

Solihull MBC

Councillor K Meeson	(Conservative) (Voting Member)
Councillor R Sleigh	(Conservative)
Councillor I Hedley	(Liberal Democrat)

Walsall MBC

Councillor M Bird	(Conservative) (Voting Member)
Councillor A J A Andrew	(Conservative)
Councillor T Oliver	(Labour)

Wolverhampton City Council

Councillor R C Lawrence	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor P Bilson	(Labour)
Councillor N Patten	(Conservative)

B. West Midlands Police and Crime Panel Membership 2013/14

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

1946

RESOLVED:-

That the West Midlands Joint Committee confirm the appointment to the 5 additional members of the Panel (with named substitutes) to achieve the balanced objectives, as shown in paragraph 8 of the report as set out below.

LA/Political Party	Appointee	Substitute
Black Country Councils (2) - Labour	Cllr S Coughlan (Walsall)	TBA – (Wolverhampton)
	Cllr S Arshad (Dudley)	Cllr D Hosell (Sandwell)
Coventry CC /Solihull MBC (1) - Labour to be nominated on an annual rotation basis – (Solihull to nominate 2013/14)	Cllr D Jamieson	Cllr Dr S Slater
Conservative (1) – Birmingham CC	Cllr Mike Whitby	Cllr D Alden
Liberal Democrat - (1) Birmingham CC	Cllr P Smith	Cllr R Hassall

C. Transport Governance – Future Arrangements Inc. Planning &Transportation Sub-Committee

The following report of the Chief Executive, Wolverhampton City Council was submitted: -

1947

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the Draft Terms of Reference of the Shadow ITA and Membership outlined at paragraph 2 and Appendix A were approved- Subject to amendment at 2(iv) deletion of “have regard to the duty to cooperate, as appropriate” and 2 (v) reword to “ensure alignment in decision making on transport supports other areas of policy”. Delete the

reference to “decisions on other areas of policy such as “land use, economic development and wider re-generation”

- (ii) That the West Midlands Planning & Transportation Sub-Committee is formally dissolved
- (iii) That that Road Safety, UTCMS and the Canal Partnership will be considered by the existing WMITA going forward
- (iv) That the recommendation at paragraph 1.1(iv) is deleted in relation to the establishment of a new Strategic Planning and Regeneration Board and the Joint Committee continue its obligations to carry out the “duty to cooperate” as noted in changes to its Constitution as described in the report at 5D below. Further that the Met. CEX’s Group be charged with seeking legal advice and come forward with any proposal as necessary to fulfil the “duty to cooperate” if an alternative mechanism is required.
- (v) That the forward plan (as outlined in paragraph 5 of the report and future meeting dates (with an amendment to 22 January 2014 changed to 29 January 2014) is approved.
- (vi) To note the update briefing (to be circulated following the meeting) on the progress being made on the Transport Act 2008 – WMITA Governance Review
- (vii) To note that an amendment required to the report at paragraph 4.2 in relation to legal compliance of Solihull MBC’s Local Plan in demonstrating the “duty to cooperate”. Clarified that the Inspector’s conclusion was that Solihull MBC was compliant in this respect.

D. Terms of Reference, Constitution and Standing Orders of the West Midlands Joint Committee

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

1948

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approval be given to the changes to the Constitution and the Terms of Reference of the West Midlands Joint Committee as set out in Appendix A and B of the report, subject to amendments outlined in the resolution 1947 (i) and (iv) above.
- (ii) That a revised copy of the Constitution and the Terms of Reference of the West Midlands Joint Committee are circulated to all Directors of Law of the Met. Districts following on from this meeting

E. WMJC Nominations and Subscriptions to Other Bodies 2013/14

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

West Coast Rail 250 Campaign

1949

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approval be given to continued membership of the West Coast Rail 250 Campaign for the financial year 2013/14 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 2014

Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association

1950

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approval be given to continued membership of the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group for the Municipal Year 2013/14 at an annual subscription of £4,740.00;
- (ii) That Councillor D Cooper (Sandwell) be re-appointed as a voting member on the Special Interest Group for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of this Committee in 2014;
- (iii) That Councillor D Caunt (Dudley) be re-appointed as an observer member on the Special Interest Group for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of this Committee in 2014.

West Midlands Arts Trust - Nomination of Representatives

1951

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor I Ward (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 2014.

F. Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited: Action Taken Under Districts' Side Agreement

The following report of the Secretary and Birmingham CC and Dudley MBC District Advisers was submitted:-

1952

RESOLVED:-

That the action taken under section 5.4 of the Districts Side Agreement in respect of the approval been given to the appointment of Councillor Hilary Bills from Dudley MBC to serve on the Board of Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited for the remainder of the period expiring in June 2014 in place of Councillor P. Lowe as set out in paragraph 3 of the report, be noted.

6. WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE 2012/13 OUTTURN AND ANNUAL RETURN

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

1953

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the 2012/13 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;

7. WEST MIDLANDS POLICE – CHANGES TO PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS (INCLUDING CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION)

The following report of the Chief Executive, Solihull MBC was submitted:

1954

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the roll out of a West Midlands Police Central Referral Unit (CRU) to manage all child protection and vulnerable adult contacts and referrals be noted;
 - (ii) That the establishment of a task & finish group (led by the Chair of Birmingham CC Local Safeguarding Board) to agree (between Local Children Safeguarding Boards, Councils and West Midlands Police) an “attendance protocol” in relation to child protection meetings be noted;
 - (iii) That a review by West Midlands Police of its Public Protection Unit (PPU) be noted and that this Committee’s support for the proposed engagement in this review (by the Director of Children’s Services Solihull MBC who will sit on the Programme Board and an Officer Seconded from Birmingham CC who will sit on the Project Review Team) of the affected councils be noted;
 - (iv) That proposals outlined in the report to improve the multi-agency response to child sexual exploitation be noted.
 - (v) That the Police & Crime Commissioner be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee with a Senior Police Officer representative to provide an updates on issues, implications and progress.
 - (vi) That the Committee will receive regular updates going forward.
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8. REPORTS OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE CENTRO

The following reports were submitted:-

A. Transport Matters Update

1955

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the update and actions being taken in the report in respect of HS2, M6 Toll, Local Pinch Point Fund successes, West Coast Main Line Franchise, New Stations and Rail Investment in Industry Control Period 5 (2014-19) be noted.
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B. West Midlands Rail Devolution

1956

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That approval be given to the proposed process to agree the submission of a proposal for a devolved West Midlands Rail Contract to the DfT in the Autumn
 - (ii) That any agreement to enter into a West Midlands Rail Contract would be subject to the right financial agreement being reached with the DfT be noted.
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9. MINUTES OF MEETINGS/MATTERS OF INTEREST

A. West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

The following report from the Chairman of the Authority was submitted: -

Councillor John Edwards, Chairman of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority attended the meeting, along with Assistant Chief Fire Officer Phil Loach.

Councillor Edwards presented the report and drew particular attention to the financial settlement announced for 2013/14 and 2014/15 and the constraints facing the Authority. Also noted the opportunity in taking advantage of the additional flexibility conceded as part of the settlement, in raising the Council Tax precept by £5 which has been utilised in the provision of front line services. Further updated on continued efficiencies to meet financial challenges going forward as well as highlighted the importance of the work of the Road Safety Partnership.

1957

RESOLVED:-

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

B. West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee

The following Minutes of the meeting of the West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee held on 1 March and 3 May 2013 were submitted:

1958

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the Minutes of the meeting of the West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee held on 1 March and 3 May 2013 be received and noted.
 - (ii) The Chair of the West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee paid tribute to the good work and valued contribution made by Cllr Tom Ansell as the previous Chair of P&T Sub-Committee as well as to other members of the P&T Sub-Committee.
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10. DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2013/2014

1959

RESOLVED:-

That the Joint Committee meet on the following dates (time to be confirmed) at the Council House, Birmingham: -

- Late July/Early August 2013 – TBA
 - Wednesday, 23rd October 2013
 - Friday, 13th December 2013
 - Wednesday, 29 January 2014
 - Wednesday, 19th March 2014
 - Wednesday, 25th June 2014 - Annual Meeting
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11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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RESOLVED:-

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes the following exempt information, the public be now excluded from the meeting: -

1. MINUTES

"Private" Minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2013

Paragraph 3 (Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972)

2. BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT – ACTION TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS

Report of the District Advisers

Paragraph 3 (Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972)

3. BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (FINANCE PLC)

Report of the District Advisers

Paragraph 3 (Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972)

