

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE HELD AT
THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM ON
WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2016**

PRESENT:-

Birmingham

Councillor J Clancy (Voting Member)
Councillor R Alden

Coventry

Councillor G Duggins (Voting Member)
Councillor A Khan
Councillor J Blundell

Dudley

Councillor P Lowe (Voting Member)

Sandwell

Councillor S Eling (Voting Member)

Solihull

Councillor R Sleight (Voting Member)
Councillor I Courts
Councillor J Windmill

Walsall

Councillor S Coughlan (Voting Member)
Councillor Mike Bird

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

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RESOLVED:-

That Councillor R Sleigh be appointed Chairman of the West Midlands Joint Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Committee in June 2017.

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 Peter Lowe be appointed Vice-Chairman of the West Midlands Joint Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Committee in June 2017.

3. APOLOGIES

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Apologies were submitted on behalf of the following: -

Councillor P Bilson – Wolverhampton

4. MINUTES

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It was requested that an additional apology from Councillor Robert Alden be added to the "public" section of the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2016. Subject to this addition, the minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

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

A. Nomination of Members to serve on West Midlands Joint Committee 2016/2017

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

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RESOLVED:-

That the nominations received from the West Midlands District Councils for service on the West Midlands Joint Committee for the Municipal Year 2016/17 as set out below, be received and noted: -

Birmingham City Council

Councillor J Clancy	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor I Ward	(Labour)
Councillor R Alden	(Conservative)

Coventry City Council

Councillor G Duggins	(Labour) (Voting Member)
Councillor A Salam Khan	(Labour)
Councillor J Blundell	(Conservative)

Dudley MBC

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

Sandwell MBC

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

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 2016/17

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

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) 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.

Political Group	District	Member	Substitute
Labour	Birmingham	Cllr John O'Shea	Cllr Jayne Francis
Conservative	Birmingham	Cllr Peter Douglas Osborn	Cllr David Barrie
Labour	Coventry	Cllr Abdul Khan	Cllr Sucha Bains
Conservative	ABCA	Cllr Mike Bird (Walsall)	Cllr Les Jones (Dudley)
Conservative	ABCA	Cllr Wendy Thompson (Wolverhampton)	To be agreed

- (ii) A further Conservative substitute member for ABCA should be nominated by Walsall since Sandwell have no Conservative members.
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C. Birmingham Airport Holdings Ltd; Board Directors – District Nominations

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

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RESOLVED:-

That approval be given to the appointment of the following representative Directors to the Board of Birmingham Airport Holdings Ltd in accordance with the nominations received from District Councils for the two year term of office expiring with the Annual Meeting of this Committee in June 2018.

Birmingham	Councillor J Clancy	Labour
Birmingham	Councillor B O'Reilly	Labour
Birmingham	Councillor P Tilsley	Liberal Democrat
Birmingham	Paul Dransfield	Officer
Coventry	Councillor D Welsh	Labour
Dudley	Councillor H Bills	Labour
Sandwell	Councillor R Piper	Labour
Solihull	Councillor G E Richards	Conservative
Walsall	Councillor M Bird	Conservative
Wolverhampton	Councillor T Singh	Labour

D. WMJC Nominations and Subscriptions to Other Bodies 2016/17

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

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 2016/17 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 2017;
- (iii) That Councillor R Piper (Sandwell) be appointed as an observer member on the Special Interest Group for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of this Committee in 2017.

West Midlands Arts Trust - Nomination of Representatives

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RESOLVED:-

That Councillor D Hughes (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 2017.

6. PROPOSED CHANGES TO WMJC CONSTITUTION

A copy of the WMJC Constitution with proposed changes was submitted.

RESOLVED:-

That approval be given to the changes to Annex 1 of the Constitution.

7. WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE 2015/16 OUTTURN AND ANNUAL RETURN

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

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the 2015/16 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 Appendix B to the report.
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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 recent conference organised by Movers and Shakers, a post conference pack will be distributed electronically by Martin Reeves.

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the update be noted;
 - (ii) That Met Leaders be informed of any future events.
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9. 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, he drew attention to the financial position of the Authority including the unprecedented reduction in core funding. He further updated on key work developments including their initiatives to support partners on improving health and wellbeing.

Members expressed appreciation for the Authority's role in the troubled families agenda and their work in connecting with communities.

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

B. Local Aggregate Assessment

A report on the latest Local Aggregate Assessment was submitted:-

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That the report be noted.

10. DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2016/17

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

i) Friday 20th January 2017, 10:00 – 11:00

ii) Friday 30th June 2017, 10:00 – 11:00

The meeting ended at 10.30am