

Meeting date: 8th February 2022

Report to: Council

Subject/report title: **Council Appointment - West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

Report from: Chief Executive

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Wards affected:

- All Wards | Bickenhill | Blythe | Castle Bromwich | Chelmsley Wood | Dorridge/Hockley Heath | Elmdon | Kingshurst/Fordbridge | Knowle | Lyndon | Meriden | Olton | Shirley East | Shirley South | Shirley West | Silhill | Smith's Wood | St Alphege

Public/private report: Public

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Council is asked to appoint one member to represent the Council on the West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

2. Decision(s) recommended

- 2.1 That Council is asked to make an appointment to the West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

3. Matters for Consideration

- 3.1 Cllr Hawkins was appointed to this position at annual Council in May 2021 and Cllr Parker was appointed his substitute. Since then Cllr Hawkins has had to step down. In the period since Cllr Hawkins stepped down, Cllr M McCarthy has attended as a substitute.
- 3.2 The function of the Sub-Committee is:

- To ensure that significant transport policies are subject to pre-development oversight and pre-decision scrutiny as appropriate.
- To call-in for further scrutiny any transport-related decision of the WMCA Board or Transport Delivery Committee within the manner provided for within the Constitution.
- To hold Q&A sessions with the Mayor (annually) and the Portfolio Lead for Transport and directors of Transport for West Midlands (as and when determined) to gain assurance that transport-related services provided by the WMCA are appropriate, satisfactory and support the wider policy objectives of the WMCA.
- To hold Q&A sessions with the Chair of Transport Delivery Committee to ensure that the delivery and impact of transport policies and services within the remit of the WMCA was appropriate.
- To invite transport operators to attend meetings to discuss the provision of public transport services where appropriate.
- To ensure that the public within the West Midlands has appropriate means to engage with the WMCA and transport operators in shaping transport policy to ensure that it meets the needs of the region.
- To oversee the framework of transport governance within the WMCA, making recommendations to the WMCA Board where it was considered improvements could be made.
- Transport Delivery Committee will be held accountable by the TSSC via Q&A sessions, as can transport operators.

3.2.1 The Combined Authority is looking for an experienced Member, preferably with some knowledge of transport issues and the scrutiny function.

4. What options have been considered and what is the evidence telling us about them?

4.1 The Council could choose not to make an appointment.

5. Reasons for recommending preferred option

5.1 The Council is represented on a regional stage and engages with the Combined Authority.

6. Implications and Considerations

6.1 State how the proposals in this report contribute to the priorities in the [Council Plan](#):

Priority:	Contribution:
Economy: 1. Revitalising our towns and local centres. 2. Deliver UK Central (UKC) and maximise the opportunities of HS2. 3. Increase the supply, quality and energy efficiency of housing, especially affordable and social housing.	Supports economic growth
Environment: 4. Enhance Solihull's natural and physical environment. 5. Improve Solihull's air quality. 6. Reduce Solihull's net carbon emissions.	Click here to enter text.
People and Communities: 7. Take action to improve life chances and health outcomes in our most disadvantaged communities. 8. Enable communities to thrive. 9. Sustainable, quality care and support for adults & children with complex needs.	Supports communities.
10. Promote employee wellbeing	Click here to enter text.

6.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

6.2.1 None

6.3 Financial implications:

6.3.1 There are no direct costs arising from this decision.

6.4 Legal implications:

6.4.1 None

6.5 Risk implications:

6.5.1 None

6.6 Equality implications:

6.6.1 None

6.6.2 None

7. List of appendices referred to

7.1 None

8. Background papers used to compile this report

8.1 None

9. List of other relevant documents

9.1 None