



Addendum to Item 9
Council
17 June 2024

Title: Cabinet 5 June 2024 – Minute 144 West Midlands Investment Zone
Lead Officer: Chris Elliott
Portfolio Holder: Ian Davison
Public / Confidential report Public
Wards of the District directly affected: All

Contrary to the policy framework: No
Contrary to the budgetary framework: No
Key Decision: No
Included within the Forward Plan:
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken: No
Consultation & Community Engagement: No
Final Decision: Yes
Accessibility checked: Yes

Officer/Councillor Approval

Officer Approval	Date	Name
Head of Service		
Chief Executive		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
LCG		

1. Addendum

- 1.1. In the recommendation from the Cabinet on 5 June 2024, recommendation 1 to Council was as follows:
- (1) [**Recommended** to Council] participation in the Coventry & Warwickshire WMIZ Board, as set out in the terms of reference included in Appendix 3, and includes it within its Constitution as a Joint Committee, subject to clarification from WMCA that:
 - (a) a representative of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee of Warwick District Council can attend and speak at the meetings if they so wish;
 - (b) a nominated representative of each political Group at Warwick District Council may attend each meeting and with agreement of the Chair of the meeting address it directly;
 - (c) the WMCA providing clarity on the process of the call in process of the decisions taken by the Board in the Terms of Reference
- 1.2. The West Midlands Combined Authority has provided the scrutiny procedures to this Council, and these are appended to this addendum for information. It should be noted that as a Non Constituent members the representatives from Warwickshire will not be able to a call in decisions in made by the WMIZ Board. This is a potential disadvantage compared to that of a Joint Committee where the Council potentially could have negotiated greater Scrutiny rights. However, this Council still retains the rights to scrutinise the delivery of the WMIZ and the Council's relationship with the WMCA Board and can make recommendations to both the Council/Cabinet and WMCA.
- 1.3. The Council has been informed that there is a representative of the Warwickshire Authorities on the WMCA Scrutiny Committee and that this agreed amongst Warwickshire Non-Con Members. Officers will discuss this with the Chair of O&S at WDC and will look at Warwickshire wide liaison on this point.
- 1.4. WMCA have come back in respect of points (a) and (b) above and confirmed that it will provide the same rights to WDC Councillors as it would to any other member of its constituent members. This is as follows:

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"The meetings of the Investment Zone Board will be held in public except when exempt or confidential information is being considered and the press and public are excluded in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and as such any member of your [WDC] authority may attend the meeting to observe proceedings.

The terms of reference also allow for Observers to attend the meeting, Observers are listed as the Overview and Scrutiny Chair from the WMCA and other stakeholders when appropriate. Should a member of WDC wish to attend and speak at the meeting then this would be at the discretion of the Chair following a formal request from that member, which would then be given due consideration by the Chair and a response given."

- 1.5. Further discussions have been held with WMCA on the Terms of Reference overall. In respect of the base recommendation itself there is a word missing from the proposal and it should include the word "endorse", because this Council is not approving the Terms of Reference as it is not delegating authority to the Board. Therefore, the revised recommendation that the Leader will propose is as follows:

That Council endorses the participation in the Coventry & Warwickshire WMIZ Board, as set out in the terms of reference included in Appendix 3 and includes it within its Constitution as a Joint Committee, recognising the clarification and assurance that has been provided by WMCA in respect of attendance by Councillors from WDC at meetings of the Board and the Scrutiny Call in Process.