

# Additional papers 2



## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thu 20 Jul  
2023  
6.30 pm

Council Chamber  
Town Hall  
Redditch



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## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:	Sid Khan (Chair)	Joanna Kane
	Sharon Harvey	Emma Marshall
	(Vice-Chair)	Jane Spilsbury
	Imran Altaf	Monica Stringfellow
	Karen Ashley	
	Chris Holz	

## 6. Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group - Scoping Document (Pages 5 - 6)

This is an updated version of the Scoping Document that was published in the main agenda pack. This paper will be tabled this evening.

## 11. External Scrutiny Bodies - Update Reports (Pages 7 - 8)

This is an additional update in respect of the External Scrutiny Bodies – Update Reports and is concerned with the External Scrutiny Body as detailed below. This paper will be tabled this evening.

- a) West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Council representative, Councillor Marshall;

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**Scrutiny Proposal Form**

(This form should be completed by sponsoring Member(s), Officers and / or members of the public when proposing an item for Scrutiny).

**Note:** The matters detailed below have not yet received any detailed consideration. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee reserves the right to reject suggestions for scrutiny that fall outside the Borough Council's remit.

Proposer's name and designation	Cllr Sid Khan	Date of referral	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Proposed topic title	Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group		
Link to local priorities including the strategic purposes	Communities which are safe, well maintained and green. Reduce crime of Fly tipping and target the causes of anti-social behaviour across the Borough.		
Background to the issue	Fly tipping is common across Redditch. It is believed that some residents cannot afford to have items collected due to costs.		
Key Objectives Please keep to SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely)	<p>Added Amendment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To review current levels of fly tipping and bulky waste collection rates in the Borough</li> <li>2. To assess how these collection rates compare to other local authority areas and to identify how those Councils manage fly tipping and bulky waste collection services</li> <li>3. To assess the current approach adopted by the Council to communicating to the public how the Council responds to fly tipping and to promoting the bulky waste collection service.</li> <li>4. To identify any actions that could be taken to improve fly tipping and bulky waste collection rates in the Borough. This would need to take into account the financial and legal implications of any proposed actions.</li> </ol>		
How long do you think is needed to complete this exercise? (Where possible please estimate the number of weeks, months and meetings required)	This review will run for a period of 6 months with meetings taking place roughly every three weeks.		

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## West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny

10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Public papers available here:

<https://governance.wmca.org.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=839>

Live stream available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NPIHkq6WbU>

Councillor Cathy Bayton was appointed chair of the committee. Councillor Naeem Akhtar was appointed vice chair.

### West Midlands Priorities and Challenges 23/24

Laura Shoaf Chief Executive of the WMCA delivered a verbal report on the priorities and challenges in the coming year for the combined authority. She spoke of the vision for the authority; to be greener, fairer, better connected, more prosperous. To be innovative, driven, inclusive and better connected.

The role of the authority is to deliver, commission and operate services. Secondly the authority also acts as convenors and guides, helping district authorities to deliver more. Thirdly the authority has a role to amplify the voice of the region and act as an advocate, to help resolve challenges and lobby Government to release funding into the areas in the West Midlands.

The aim is to deliver projects which do not work in silos but instead cut across services. This holistic way of working can bring forward projects which tackle several elements all in one. For example, a bus station with affordable housing above, greener build on brown field land.

Laura aims to work closer with local authorities more this year with officers attending district scrutiny boards throughout the year. Officers will also look to providing briefing papers for members to aid reporting back to constituencies.

Members spoke about how to get a simplified message out to the public of what exactly the WMCA do and don't do.

Members asked about a bill going through the house of Lords currently which will change how membership to the combined authority is decided. This is due to the fact Warwickshire is exploring joining the CA. As far as Laura is aware no other region is considering joining currently.

### Adult Education Budget (AEB) devolution:

The results so far of the devolution of the AEB have been very positive. Going forward, the partnership approach, although good, can be maximised further.

The AEB is about residents needs first and business needs secondly, however it was clear a balance between the two was necessary. There is more work to do with employers, ensuring training is useful for the needs of the businesses.

The west midlands are seeing low levels of unemployment but high levels of economic inactivity. More over 50's have left work since the pandemic.

There is an aim not just to get someone into their first job, but also a good job with career progression.

There is an interest in skills bootcamps and short duration training courses over long term training schemes. Additionally, there is a need for functional skills training for those who are less academic. It is felt that good careers advice is also vital to assist in finding the right courses for the right people.

The model needs to be responsive to changes in the labour market and to combat “worklessness”

We also spoke about community learning and family learning courses.

#### Deeper Devolution

With greater devolution comes the need for greater scrutiny and accountability. O&S is going to focus on the scrutiny process and connection to the Mayor.

Part of the Bill making its way through Westminster are mayoral scrutiny sessions with the local MPs in addition to the O&S committee.

#### Grant Register

When the devolution deal is enacted, there is an expectation that there will be an overlap with current funding schemes which will run concurrently with the new funding arrangements.