



## Appendix 2

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### **Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Transport Body - Accountable Body**

The GBSLEP Board at its meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013 considered a report and recommendations relating to the establishment of a Local Transport Body based on the LEP Geography.

As an outcome of the meeting the recommendations outlined below were agreed.

1. That a Local Transport Body (LTB) for the Greater Birmingham and Solihull geography be established, based on the principles set out in paragraph 10 of the report.
2. Formally invite Birmingham City Council to be the Accountable Body for the LTB.
3. Delegate authority to sign off the Assurance Statement setting out the principles for the establishment of the greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Transport Body to the Lead Board Member for Transport in consultation with the Chair, and the leader of Birmingham City Council (as accountable body), such that the draft proposal can be finalised for submission to the Department for Transport by the deadline of the 28<sup>th</sup> February.
4. Agree that a Shadow LTB Board be formed to replace GBS LEP's Strategic Transport Group, supported by a Transport Advisory Group (replacing the existing Transport Officers Group) to facilitate transition to the new arrangements.

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I am writing formally to expedite recommendation two, in seeking the agreement of Birmingham City Council to act in the role of “Accountable Body” for the GBS LTB.

As the Accountable Body for the GBS LTB, Birmingham City Council will:

- a. Hold the devolved major scheme funding and make payments to delivery bodies such as other Local Authorities
- b. Account for these funds in such a way that they are separately identifiable from the Accountable Body’s own funds
- c. Provide financial statements to the LTB as required. The local agreements that underpin the LTB will ensure that the funds can be used only in accordance with an LTB decision.

I would be grateful if Birmingham City Council could confirm agreement for this role no later than 21<sup>st</sup> February in order that this assurance can be included in a response to the DfT by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,

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