

Welcome to WMCA

This meeting was an opportunity to explain to new members how the WMCA operates. Following a video of the areas covered and another from the Mayor, the Chief Executive explained that the budget was £1.8 Billion plus extra investments. The Annual Plan would be presented to the Board at the end of June.

Then the Strategic Leadership team each reviewed the responsibilities of their sections.

Housing & regeneration: 14,500 houses built in 18/19 and work on construction skills

Strategy: Emphasised the state of the region, future of the economy and the impact of culture across the area.

Public Service: Working with people for example the Homeless task force and setting up the Youth WMCA. (*Could be a young person from Redditch.*) also 5G and violence prevention. There are other areas of responsibility for this team

Finance: Some £8 Billion to be spent over the area for the next 30 years.

Working to equate £1 from WMCA to equal £2 from the private sector and self-funding.

TfWM: Transport for the West Midlands : Working to generate an integrated transport system. Successes include the Smartcard 8 million journeys and 7 million on the Metro.

Productivity & Skills: Upskilling the population, some £26M on post 18 education. The development of high level skills ready for the future economy.

Communication: Mayors' events, media relations, the website and working with communities.

Governance: To achieve more than the individual authorities could on their own. Emphasised that WMCA could only be an addition to Local Government.

This meeting lasted over three hours so you can understand that this is only a brief summation of all that was said and what the WMCA expects to achieve.