

West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Overview and Scrutiny
Committee, Coventry
22/10/2019

There was concern that the meeting was not quorate and so Members could only note and comment at the meeting.

The Committee was given a presentation on the Carbon Reduction Plan. The WMCA is committed to zero carbon by 2041. This is a challenge that is a great obligation for the Combined Authority. Steps will include a reduction of 36% by 2022 and 69% by 2027. When questioned about the impact of these proposals the answer was that they would affect all areas.

There is to be a meeting late in November to prepare for another question and answer session with the Mayor for the WMCA region.

The WMCA Medium Term Financial Plan was presented for scrutiny but is not due to be published until early November.

The transfer of Business Growth Rates from the Local Authority to the WMCA is a complex issue. It is anticipated that a growth rate of 0.3% can be expected and there is a possibility that a transfer of funds to this level may still be required even if there is no growth.

Members were asked about the Coventry venue and most, but not all, agreed that they preferred to meet at the WMCA offices in Summer Lane, Birmingham.