

GBSLEP Joint Scrutiny Committee – Draft Terms of Reference

1. Governance

The Joint Scrutiny Committee will act as a Joint Committee under sections 101 and 102 Local Government Act 1972 and s 9F Local Government Act 2000 (as amended).

1.2 Access to Meetings

Normal rules apply as to public access i.e. as a Joint Committee the public has access except for exempt business.

1.3 Host Authority

1.3.1 The Joint Scrutiny Committee will be hosted under local government arrangements by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and the Chief Executive of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council shall be Secretary to the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

1.3.2 Solihull Metropolitan Borough Standing Orders will apply to the Joint Scrutiny Committee (save for section 5 below).

1.3.3 The Host Authority will also provide s151 and Monitoring Officer roles to the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

2. Objects of Joint Scrutiny Committee

2.1 To review and/or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Supervisory Board

2.2 To make reports or recommendations to the Supervisory Board with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Supervisory Board.

3. Membership

3.1 One member from each constituent authority. Each authority will also appoint an Alternate Member.

3.2 Power for the committee to co-opt other members as it sees fit [this can include further councillors but also covers ability to co-opt members from the private sector etc.]

4. Voting

4.1 One member one vote for local authority members i.e. nine in total.

4.2 No ability to vote for non-local authority members or Members co-opted under (3.2).

- 4.3 Conflicts of Interest will be dealt with in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct of the Host authority.

5 Quorum

- 5.1 Four members present (one from Birmingham City Council, one from Solihull MBC, one District from Staffordshire and one District from Worcestershire).

6 Meetings

- 6.1 The Chair of the Meeting will be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the start of each municipal year. A Vice Chair shall also be elected at the same meeting.
- 6.2 Meetings are to take place when there is a valid call-in of a decision and also when the Committee considers it expedient to have an overview of the overall expressed purpose and intended outcomes of the GBSLEP provided that a minimum of one meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee shall be held in each municipal year.