

SCRUTINY BULLETIN

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES – 9 MARCH


SCRUTINY REVIEW INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE

Earlier this year the WMCA Board considered the recommendations of a scrutiny review undertaken to determine the effectiveness of the Transport Delivery Committee.

The WMCA Board welcomed the report and the Portfolio Lead for Transport agreed to formally respond to the proposals within the report.

Tim Martin advised that a response was being prepared by the Portfolio Lead Member Cllr Ward and should be provided to committee before the next meeting of the WMCA Board on 20 March.

FEEDBACK FROM MAYORAL Q&A SESSION: WMCA DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21

A response from the Mayor on the committee's recommendations presented with the WMCA Draft Budget 2020/21 to the WMCA Board on 17 January was considered. A copy of the letter received can be accessed here 



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There was some concern that the response did not adequately address the issues raised and lacked detail about the specific actions that would be taken in response to these issues.

SPOTLIGHT SESSION WITH WM5G

Members held a spotlight session with WM5G and discussed how 5G could benefit SMEs, the role it will play in delivering innovative new projects, funding structures that underpin the trial, and the need to establish awareness of the difference between 5G consumer and 5G core.

Members stressed that all communities should be able to benefit from the delivery

SINGLE ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK PROJECT

The committee discussed the need to ensure that appropriate, suitable and transparent processes were in place for Investment Programme approvals.

Linda Horne advised that discussions were being held with local authority Leaders on the future prioritisation of the Investment Programme and the development of set criteria.

SCRUTINY REVIEW: EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WMCA GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The review had now concluded and discussions on the key findings that would form the recommendations were being agreed with members of the review group. The final report will be submitted to SLT for consideration and would be shared with the Mayor following the election.



MAYORAL Q&A SESSION: CONNECTIVITY - 13 FEBRUARY

The committee approved the conclusions arising out of the responses received from the Mayor. The summary will be submitted to the WMCA Board on 20 March for consideration.

A copy of the summary can be accessed here:



Report.pdf

WORKSHOP: ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN

The committee held a workshop that was led by Paul Clarke and Mike Lewis on the process and principles being adopted by the WMCA on the development of the 2020/21 Annual Delivery Plan.

ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET – UPDATE ON SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

In February 2019, the committee had undertaken a review of the Adult Education Budget in conjunction with Cabinet Members for Education and Skills from each of the constituent authorities. A series of recommendations were agreed by the Skills Advisory Board and WMCA Board.

The committee welcomed the progress made to date and asked for a report back in March 2021 on the progress with AEB and on the developments of the budget in supporting learners with additional needs and those being home schooled.

“OSC recommendations have really helped us to drive a different approach with ΔER ”



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