

West Midlands Combined Authority

06/09/2021

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked the representative of the young people's group for her contribution as she was leaving the Committee.

The Chair announced the champions for Housing, Finance and the Environment explaining that the hope was that they would monitor the minutes and report back any major issues.

There was also notification that two senior officers had resigned and that there were interim officers in place.

We were introduced to the draft Corporate Plan that, once accepted, would last for 3/4 years. It would be the 'Golden thread' for everyone. There are six aims and several objectives for each. Economic Growth, Opportunity for everyone, Connecting communities, Zero carbon emissions, more devolution and develop the organisation. There is a power point presentation that covers the thinking that will be presented to the Board in October. There was a discussion that centred around the idea that this should apply to all including the non-constituent authorities.

The Grant Register was discussed, and the Chair requested that a column be included indicating which local authority the money had gone to. There was some concern that some authorities may be receiving more than others.

A small group was set up to monitor the response for the board on Air Quality.

The governance arrangements for the WMCA are being examined to see if it is possible to make improvements in the future. A presentation was given to demonstrate what is being investigated and how complex the problem is.

The slides for both the Corporate Plan and the governance are available if members would like to see them.