

CENTRO MEMBERS - SCHEME OF DELEGATION

- A. The following functions of WMITA will be referred to the Centro Members in order for them to make recommendations to the new ITA for decision:
- Securing appropriate level of rail services through rail devolution.
 - Oversee Centro's input into policies for the promotion and encouragement of safe, efficient and economic transport facilities and services for inclusion in the Local Transport Plan.
 - The Centro elements of the WMITA's revenue budget and Levy
- B. The following functions of the new ITA will be delegated to Centro Members subject to Centro Members exercising these functions in accordance with any transport policies of the ITA, the Local Transport Plan and the ITA's agreed transport budgets:
- Formulating general policies with respect to the availability and convenience of public passenger services pursuant to Sections 9A(5)-(7) of the Transport Act 1968;
 - Monitoring and overseeing the activities and performance of Centro (including the power pursuant to Section 15(6) of the Transport Act 1968 to give to Centro such directions as appear to Centro Members to be appropriate to secure the policy objectives of the new ITA.
 - Ensuring that Centro secures the provision of appropriate public passenger transport services under Section 9A(3) of the Transport Act 1968;
 - Considering and approving the creation and development of:-
 - Quality Contracts and Quality Partnership Schemes under Sections 114-123 of the Transport Act 2000;
 - Ticketing Schemes under Sections 135-138 of the Transport Act 2000; and
 - Concessionary Travel Schemes under Sections 93-104 of the Transport Act 1985;
 - Determining what local bus information should be made available, and the way in which it should be made available under Sections 139-143 of the Transport Act 2000.
 - Ensuring that Centro implements those actions delegated to it for promoting the economic, social and environmental well-being of the West Midlands under Section 99 of the Local Transport Act 2008.
 - Monitoring the new ITA's transport budget pursuant to Section 15A(2) of the Transport Act 1968.
 - Approving Centro minor works capital programme and the agreed Centro budget for the scheme concerned.

- Monitoring Centro performance against the Local Transport Plan.
- Formulating, developing and monitoring procedures for public consultation of, and lobbying for, the new ITA's transport policies.
- Considering issues arising from the implementation of schemes for the introduction of Smartcards.
- Authorising the disposal, acquisition and development of any land within any budget agreed by the new ITA.
- Determining the operation, performance, contract management and development of tendered bus services, bus stations/stops, and passenger transport services under Section 10(1)(via) of the Transport Act 1968 [within the agreed Centro budget].
- Determining the operation, performance and development of the new ITA's accessible transport provision pursuant to Sections 106(1) and 106(2) of the Transport Act 1985 [within the agreed Centro budget].
- Monitoring the performance of Midland Metro, bus and rail services and initiating appropriate action.

Pursuant to Section 101(1) of the LGA 1972, the new ITA have agreed to enter into arrangements to discharge certain of their functions through and by establishing a management committee to be called Centro Members.

From July 2014 each constituent council shall appoint a number of their elected members to be members of Centro Members such number being set out below:

Birmingham	10
Coventry	3
Dudley	3
Sandwell	3
Solihull	2
Walsall	3
Wolverhampton	3

Each constituent council shall make their appointments to Centro Members in accordance with the principles of political balance set out in Section 15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Appointments will be made in accordance with the principle of giving effect to wishes of the relevant political group as to the member(s) to be appointed to any seat allocated to that political group.

Centro Members may establish sub-committees and in establishing sub-committees, it will determine –

- The terms of reference of the sub-committee
- The size and membership of the sub-committee
- The Chair (and Vice-Chair, if any) of the sub-committee
- Any delegated powers of the sub-committee

Appointments to sub-committees will be made in accordance with the principles of political balance set out in Section 15(5) of the LGHA 1989.

Matters retained by the ITA

The Scheme of Delegation sets out the terms of reference of the Centro Members Committee.

With the exception of those functions set out in Parts A and B of Schedule 1 above, the discharge of all the transport functions of the new ITA remain those of WMITA only and in particular but not exclusively

- Setting the ITA’s revenue budget for transport, including approving estimates of income and expenditure of Centro pursuant to Sections 15(1)(b) of the Transport Act 1968, determining the

grants to be made to PTC pursuant to Section 13 of the Transport Act 1968, and the issue of a levy pursuant to the Transport Levying Bodies Regulations 1992;

- Determining the borrowing limits of WMITA in relation to transport matters pursuant to Section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003;
- Approving borrowing by WMITA pursuant to Section 12(3) of the Transport Act 1968, and lending money to Centro;
- Developing policies for the promotion and encouragement of safe, efficient and economic transport facilities and services and producing a Local Transport Plan;
- Making a written request to the Minister to authorise Centro to purchase compulsorily any land which Centro require for the purposes of their business;

Any of the functions set out above may be referred to Centro Members for advice which may make recommendations therein to WMITA.