

5th June, 2014

Annual Meeting of the City Council

Name of Cabinet Member:

Councillor Mrs Lucas - Cabinet Member (Policy and Leadership)

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Executive Director, Resources

Ward(s) affected:

Not applicable

Title:

New Integrated Transport Authority Governance Arrangements

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report details changes to the governance arrangements of the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) and seeks approval to the establishment of the Centro Members Joint Committee.

Recommendations:

That the City Council:-

- (1) Notes the changes to governance arrangements of the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority, together with its Terms of Reference, as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.
- (2) Approves the establishment of the Centro Members Joint Committee with the Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix 2 to this report.
- (3) Delegates authority to the Executive Director, Resources, (in consultation with the Leader of the Council) to agree and enter into such documents as are necessary to give effect to Recommendations (1) and (2) above.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference for the new ITA

Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference for Centro Members

Other useful background papers:

The West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (Decrease in Number of Members) Order 2014

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – Annual Meeting - 5th June, 2014

Report title: **New Integrated Transport Authority Governance Arrangements**

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 Following a review last summer, approval has been sought from the Secretary of State for Transport to changes to the existing governance arrangements for the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) and the creation of a new ITA.
- 1.2 This followed on from the changes to the Terms of Reference for the West Midlands Joint Committee and the creation of an Interim Shadow ITA. Approval of the Secretary of State for Transport has now been given and the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (Decrease in Number of Members) Order 2014 comes into force on 4th June, 2014.
- 1.3 The membership of the new ITA will comprise of seven members nominated by the individual authorities forming the geographic area of the ITA, who will lead on strategy, prioritisation, commissioning and seeking new investment on transport for the area. It was agreed at the Shadow Board that each authority would seek to appoint its Leader to reflect the greater use of West Midlands Leaders to assist with effective regional decision making.
- 1.4 The new ITA and the seven Metropolitan Districts will also need to form a Joint Committee called Centro Members. This will initially have a membership of 27 appointed in the same way as previously done for the old ITA. This Joint Committee will take responsibility for operational transport matters and, as required, advise the new ITA on matters referred to them. In addition, the Joint Committee will form appropriate sub-committees as necessary to direct Centro's delivery role.
- 1.5 In addition, the Government requires a Joint Scrutiny Committee to be established for the new ITA and work is currently being undertaken by the seven Metropolitan Districts to progress this. It is likely that this Scrutiny Committee will be based on the same model as currently used for the Police and Crime Panel, ie 12 Members (One per authority), together with 2 members for the Black Country, 2 for Birmingham and one for Coventry/Solihull appointed through the West Midlands Joint Committee.
- 1.6 A review of the membership of Centro Members will be carried out by the new ITA in the coming year in accordance with an assurance given to the Secretary of State.
- 1.7 The appointment of Coventry's representatives to the new ITA, Centro Members and the Joint Scrutiny Committee, in advance of its establishment, are dealt with in the report on "Appointments to Outside Bodies" also submitted to the Annual Meeting of the City Council on 5th June, 2014.

2. Options considered and recommended proposals

- 2.1 In order to facilitate the new governance arrangements, it is proposed that the City Council:-
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 - (2) Approves the establishment of the Centro Members Joint Committee with the Terms of Reference as detailed in Appendix 2 to this report.

- (3) Delegates authority to the Executive Director, Resources, (in consultation with the Leader of the Council) to agree and enter into such documents as are necessary to give effect to Recommendations (1) and (2) above.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

All seven Metropolitan Councils were consulted by the Secretary of State prior to the placing of the Order which reduces the membership of the West Midlands ITA.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

The Order reducing the number of Members of the new ITA comes into force on 4th June, 2014.

5. Comments from Executive Director, Resources

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.2 Legal implications

Centro Members is a Joint Committee of all the constituent authorities of the West Midlands ITA. As such, the Council must approve its establishment and terms of reference. This report provides for the appropriate approvals and delegations to be given to allow the establishment of the new ITA and Centro Members to proceed.

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