
To: Coventry Shareholder Committee

From: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 17 March 2026

Subject: Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub - Future Direction

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Shareholders Panel of the recommendations arising from an item on Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub - Future Direction considered at the meeting on 12 March 2026

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that the Coventry Shareholders Panel agree the recommendations in the report.

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 12th March 2026, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered a report on the Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub - Future Direction.
- 3.2 The committee considered the information provided in the report. Members asked questions and received responses on the following areas:
- Assurance that funding comes from government rather than Coventry, meaning the city is not subsidising Warwickshire's share, and that Coventry Directors will continue to ensure that the city's interests are represented.
 - Confirmation that the new hub will operate as a subsidiary of the WM Growth Company.
 - How Coventry's interests will be protected under the new structure, in the same way that they were under the Coventry and Warwickshire model.
 - Confirmation that local advisors will continue supporting Coventry businesses, with the Growth Hub remaining active in the city as before.
- 3.3 How Coventry can protect its share of funding when the area covered by the new structure is larger, and assurances that overall funding is expected to increase across the West Midlands.
- 3.4 The Committee also requested that the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) receives an update after six months on how the new organisation is functioning.

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