

Council – 24 June 2025
Recommendation from Cabinet
10 June 2025

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 10 June 2025

Present:

Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor R Brown
Councillor K Caan
Councillor P Hetherton
Councillor AS Khan
Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor P Seaman
Councillor K Sandhu

Non-Voting Deputy
Cabinet Members:

Councillor S Agboola
Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor B Christopher
Councillor G Hayre
Councillor S Nazir
Councillor D Toulson

Non-Voting Opposition
Members:

Councillor E Reeves
Councillor G Ridley

Other Non-Voting
Members:

Councillor G Lloyd

Employees (by Service
Area):

Chief Executive J Nugent (Chief Executive)

Adults and Housing P Fahy (Director)

Children and Education R Sugars, C Webb
Services

Finance and Resources B Hastie (Director)

Law and Governance J Newman (Director), S Bennett

Regeneration and
Economy J Hunt, D Nuttall

Apologies: Councillors L Kelly, R Lakha, P Male, R Singh

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

6. Proposal for Conferral of General Functions to the Mayor of the West Midlands Combined Authority

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Law and Governance which indicated that at the meeting of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Board on the 9th May 2025, a recommendation was made to the Board that a period of statutory consultation be undertaken that would consider the transfer of transports functions currently exercised by the WMCA to be functions exercisable only by the West Midlands Mayor.

The report detailed how the transfer of these functions to the West Midlands Mayor would allow additional funding for transport to be raised by way of a Mayoral precept. The voting requirements of the WMCA to agree that a consultation period commence is a unanimous vote in favour by all Members of the Constituent Authorities present and voting.

The Leader of Coventry City Council, Councillor G Duggins, as a member of the WMCA Board, strongly indicated that he would not support the recommendation given the consequences of a Mayoral precept on the residents of Coventry and the wider West Midlands region. On this basis the matter did not proceed, and the statutory public consultation will not commence.

RESOLVED that Cabinet supports the position of the Leader of the Council in preventing the commencement of a process that could lead to the raising of a Mayoral precept and recommends that Council supports the position.