

Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission Agenda



Date: Wednesday, 6 January 2021

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting - Zoom Committee Meeting
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1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information

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2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

3. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest from the Councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a **disclosable pecuniary interest**.

Any declarations of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

4. Public Forum

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item.

Any member of the public or Councillor may participate in Public Forum. The detailed arrangements for so doing are set out in the Public Information Sheet at the back of this agenda. Public Forum items should be emailed to democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk and please note that the following deadlines will apply in relation to this meeting:-

Questions - Written questions must be received 3 clear working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that your question(s) must be received in this office at the latest by 5pm on **Wednesday 30th December 2020**.

Petitions and Statements - Petitions and statements must be received on the working day prior to the meeting. For this meeting this means that your submission must be received in this office at the latest by 12.00 noon on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

Register to Attend - Your intention to attend and speak to your Public Forum submission must be received 2 clear working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that your registration to attend must be received in this office at the latest by 5pm on **Thursday 31st December**.



5. West of England Combined Authority (WECA) Expansion

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- a) What evidence was available to leaders detailing the benefits (i.e. investment, economic etc.) and disadvantages of North Somerset joining WECA (a) for Bristol, and (b) the wider West of England region?
- b) What reassurances did the Mayor receive from Government/WECA regarding any new governance arrangements that would be needed to safeguard Bristol's interests in an expanded Combined Authority?
- c) What are the key challenges regarding WECA's delivery and why should this be a factor when considering the expansion of the combined authority?
- d) Next steps – should North Somerset wish to join the Combined Authority in the future what key factors should the residents of Bristol consider if asked in a public consultation? What would the Mayor seek to be included in any future deal with Government regarding WECA expansion?

