

**West of England Combined Authority
WECA Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Monday, 27 June 2022, 10:30am
Brunswick Room, Guildhall, High Street, Bath BA1 5AW

Present:

Cllr Tristan Clark, South Gloucestershire Council	Cllr Hal MacFie, Bath and North East Somerset Council
Cllr Winston Duguid, Bath and North East Somerset	Cllr Steve Smith, Bristol City Council
Cllr Geoff Gollop, Bristol City Council	Cllr Katja Hornchen (as substitute for Cllr Brenda Massey)
Cllr John Ashe, South Gloucestershire Council	Cllr Trevor Jones (as substitute for Cllr Brian Allinson)

Officers In Attendance:

Stephen Gerrard, Interim Director of Legal and Democratic Services	Tim Milgate, Democratic Services Officer
Richard Ennis, Interim Director of Investment & Corporate Services	
Alistair Kirk, Interim Director of Infrastructure	

Apologies:

Cllr Brian Allinson, South Gloucestershire Council (Cllr Trevor Jones attended as substitute)	Cllr Steve Pearce, Bristol City Council
Cllr Brenda Massey, Bristol City Council (Cllr Katja Hornchen attended as substitute)	Cllr Ed Plowden, Bristol City Council

Minutes

As this was the first meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Municipal Year 2022/23 the clerk opened the meeting and presided over agenda items 1-3

1	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE The Committee membership for Municipal Year 2022/23 was noted.
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence had been received as follows: Cllr Brian Allinson (Cllr Trevor Jones attended as substitute) Cllr Brenda Massey (Cllr Katja Hornchen attended as substitute) Cllr Ed Plowden Cllr Steve Pearce Cllrs Huw James and Peter Crew (North Somerset Council)
3	ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2022-23 It was proposed by Cllr Gollop, seconded by Cllr McFie and Agreed: That Cllr Winston Duguid be elected as Chair of the Committee for Municipal Year 2022/23. (Cllr Duguid was in the Chair for all subsequent items)
4	ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2022-23

	No Vice-Chair was elected.
5	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest declared.</p>
6	<p>COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE</p> <p>the terms of reference for the Committee had been attached for information.</p>
7	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the correction of removing Cllr James Arrowsmith from the list of attendees.</p>
8	<p>ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC (QUESTIONS; STATEMENTS; PETITIONS)</p> <p>One statement had been received from a member of the public for this meeting. Full details were available on the Authority's website.</p>
9	<p>REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR 1 JULY 2022 WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY COMMITTEE & WEST OF ENGLAND JOINT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Metro Mayor Dan Norris attended the first part of the meeting. The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government had made no indication that the monies set aside for the Portishead line were in jeopardy although a number of schemes had been officially scrapped; • The Metro Mayor welcomed the work of Western Gateway and stated the importance of reaching out to as many partners as possible. He confirmed that there were no Western Gateway staff embedded at the Authority; • A review of the transport network as a whole was needed so that the best value could be brought from the train and bus networks. A report on rail services would be brought forward as soon as possible; • The Committee requested that the Committee papers be published as soon as possible, ideally five clear working days (10 clear working days before the Committee and Joint Committee) in order that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee members had adequate time to review them; • The Metro Mayor stated that he did not think that the number of staff that had left the organisation was excessive, in fact it had been lower than he had expected; • The withdrawal of work on the SDS meant that the local authorities would revert to local plans; <p>The Committee thanked the Metro Mayor for his attendance.</p> <p>The Committee considered the reports for the meeting of West of England Combined Authority Committee and Joint Committee on 1 July 2022. These comments were collated and attached at Appendix 1.</p>
	Monday, 19 September 2022, 10.00 am, TBC