

Central Dudley Area Committee – 8th November 2005

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Extension – Midland Metro

Purpose of Report

1. To seek comments on the Design guide for the Construction of Metro from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill.

Background

2. The construction of the Metro line from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill provides high quality integrated public transport to Dudley Town Centre.
3. The tenders that will be sought by Centro for the construction of Metro will include a Design Guide that will form the basis of the design standards to be adopted by the concessionaire in submitting the detailed Planning Application for construction of the scheme.
4. The comments from the Area Committee will be reported to the Development Control Committee who will scrutinise the Design Guide prior to seeking approval by The Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration.
5. The Design Guide has been placed in the Members library.
6. A presentation will be made to the meeting by Peter Adams Assistant Director Metro Implementation from Centro on the proposed design standards.

Finance

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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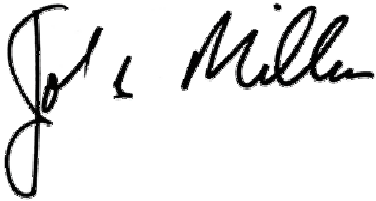
- 8 Centro have secured powers under a Transport Works Act Order granted on 20th December 2004 to construct the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Light Rail Line.

Equality Impact

- 9 Metro seeks to provide an enhanced quality of public transport that will improve equality of access and support The Council's policy on equal opportunities.

Recommendation

- 10 That the Committee supports the proposals set out in the Design Guide



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List of Background Papers

Metro Design guide
Inspectors Report TWA inquiry
Various e- mails/meetings between Dudley and Centro
Draft agreement between Dudley and Centro