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**Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**Report of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)**

**WMCA Activity – Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council**

**Purpose of report**

1. This report seeks to set out the work that the West Midlands Combined Authority is carrying out within the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council Area.

**Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that the Committee:-
  - Note the report which details the work that the West Midlands Combined Authority is carrying out in the Dudley MBC Local Authority Area.
  - Make any recommendations to Dudley MBC or West Midlands Combined Authority Officers on matters in this report for consideration.
  - Consider the frequency of updates from the West Midlands Combined Authority to both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other Member bodies within the Local Authority.

**Background**

3. The report in Appendix 1 sets out, in detail, the work that the West Midlands Combined Authority is carrying out within the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council Area.

## **Finance**

4. The attached report contains details of funding issues.

## **Law**

5. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides the Council with power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions. Pursuant to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 a local authority has a general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do.

## **Risk Management**

6. Dudley Council has an established Risk Management Framework to identify any material risks and how these are mitigated.

## **Equality Impact**

7. Our governance arrangements make provision for full consideration of equality impact, diversity and inclusion issues.

## **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

8. This report has been prepared by West Midlands Combined Authority working in conjunction with the Council and other partners.

## **Commercial/Procurement**

9. Commercial and procurement implications are considered in respect of specific projects, including compliance with Contract Standing Orders and procurement legislation.

## **Environment/Climate Change**

10. Dudley Council has declared a Climate Emergency and is committed to work to address Climate Change and achieve the Net Zero target.

## **Council Priorities and Projects**

11. Overview and Scrutiny is a key element of our governance arrangements to underpin the delivery of key priorities. The attached report contains details of activity impacting on various priorities including skills, economy, strategy, transport, net zero, housing and health and communities. The West Midlands Combined Authority recognises the role that the Borough plays in supporting the Combined Authority to deliver for the West Midlands Region.



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### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – WMCA Activity – Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

### **List of Background Documents**

None