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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)**

**Overview and Scrutiny - 5th Annual Report 2022/23**

**Purpose of report**

1. This report sets out the work of the West Midlands Combined Authority Scrutiny function in the Municipal Year 2022/23.

**Recommendations**

2. That the Committee note and comment on the report.

**Background**

3. Overview and scrutiny are statutory functions of the WMCA. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee discharges these responsibilities through oversight of the work of the Mayor, Portfolio Lead Members and the wider WMCA decision making process in order to hold decision makers to account and improve the quality of the decisions (whether planned, underway or implemented) that the WMCA takes.

Overview & Scrutiny Committee members may make recommendations to the WMCA Board and other committees, call-in decisions for further scrutiny and challenge those whether planned, underway or implemented. The committee acts as an advocate for residents of the West Midlands by investigating issues that are important to local people's lives and by looking further into matters brought to its attention by the public.

**Finance**

4. There are no financial implications arising from the consideration of this annual report from West Midlands Combined Authority.

## **Law**

5. Overview and scrutiny are statutory functions of the WMCA.

## **Risk Management**

6. There are no implications relating to the Council's Risk Management Framework.

## **Equality Impact**

7. Our governance arrangements make provision for the overview and scrutiny of equality, diversity and inclusion.

## **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

8. The annual report has been prepared by Officers of West Midlands Combined Authority.

## **Commercial/Procurement**

9. There are no direct commercial or procurement implications in connection with the consideration of the annual report.

## **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.



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## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Annual Report

## **List of Background Documents**

None