

The West of England Partnership

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WEST OF ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP
JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
7TH NOVEMBER 2008 AT 10.00AM**

Members of the Joint Committee

Bath and North East Somerset

- P Councillor John Bull
- A Councillor Caroline Roberts
- A Councillor Martin Veal

Bristol City Council

- P Councillor Barbara Lewis - Chair
- P Councillor Dr Jon Rogers
- P Councillor Colin Smith

North Somerset Council

- P Councillor Tony Moulin
- A Councillor David Pasley
- P Councillor Clive Webb

South Gloucestershire Council

- P Councillor Pat Hockey
- A Councillor Geoff King
- A Councillor Ian Smith

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56.11/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Caroline Roberts, Martin Veal, Geoff King and Ian Smith.

Given the number of apologies, the Chair asked for clarification on quorum arrangements for future meetings of the Joint Committee. It was agreed that these would be confirmed at the next meeting.

**WEPJSC
57.11/08 PUBLIC FORUM**

A Statement was received from Julie Boston which sought member support for improvements to the Seven Beach line, and a further statement was received from David Redgewell, Campaign for Better Transport, brought members attention to the recent sale of Henbury Rail Station.

Members agreed that the Chief Executive, West of England Partnership would response to the issues raised in the statement from Mr Redgewell's statement.

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58.11/08 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2008
AND RECONVENED ON 8TH OCTOBER 2008**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee held on 23rd September and reconvened on 8th October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**WEPJSC
59.11/08 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2008**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee held on 10th October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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60.11/08

COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee was asked to note the revised Committee work programme which had been tabled at the meeting.

The Chair confirmed that should members have items for consideration at future meetings that these could be fed through to her or the Vice Chairman.

During detailed discussion the following issues were raised as possible items for future scrutiny:

- Consultation methods;
- Integrated transport network (infra structure arrangements);
- Showcase bus routes;
- Waste OBC Tender Bids;
- Rapid Transit Technologies;
- Preferred fuel's derived from waste; and
- Links between waste and transport issues

RESOLVED - that the West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for the coming year be noted.

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61.11/08

REGIONAL INVESTMENT PLANNING AND PRIORITISATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY AND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee received a report (agenda item no. 5) informing members of the regional and sub-regional arrangements.

During detailed discussion the following items were raised:

- Guidance to regional bodies on preparing Regional Funding Advice (RFA was issued in July, and sent to local authorities on 23 October requesting responses by 21st November);
- The regional funding advice process, focusing on economic development, housing and regeneration and post 16 skills, is being co-ordinated by the South West Regional Development Agency;
- The Committee noted that the decisions on the Regional Funding Advice was being supported by a number of meetings

of the West of England's Planning and Housing Board, Chief Executive's meetings and Leaders meetings;

- IN response to the question on who makes the presentation of the bid, it was noted that initially this would be presented by officers, but in future this could be done by Members;
- Members also felt that given the timescales involved for RFA2, preparing should also be made for mapping the future in preparation for potential RFA3; and
- Member felt that given the issues raised by the documentation that they should be considered as part of a separate workshop, and could also consider how funding streams joined together.

RESOLVED - (i) that the report relating to Regional Investment Planning And Prioritisation In Conjunction With The Regional Development Agency, Homes And Communities Agency And Regional Assembly be noted; and

(ii) that a workshop be convened at 10.00 am on Friday, 14 November 2008, at the Council House, College Green, Bristol.

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62.11/08**

SUB-REGIONAL DELIVERY PLAN: ASSESSING REQUIREMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND THE DELIVERY OF MIXED AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The Committee received a report (agenda item no. 6) advising members of action being taken to extend the West of England Delivery Plan and to seek member's views on action to be taken into account by this work.

It was noted that the issues raised in the report would be further developed as part of the workshop.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted

**WEPJSC
63.11/08**

REGIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATION 2 2008/9 – 2018/19: WEST OF ENGLAND TRANSPORT PRIORITIES

The Committee received a report (agenda item no. 7) providing the West of England's expression of interest for transport priorities

submitted to the South West Regional Assembly (SWRA) and South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA).

RESOLVED - that the RFA2 initial transport submission be noted.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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64.11/08 RAPID TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY REVIEW – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Committee received a report (agenda item no. 8(a)) prepared by Steer Davies Gleave relating to the West of England Rapid Transit, Technology Review. Executive Summary

RESOLVED - that the report be noted

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65.11/08 WEST OF ENGLAND RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

The committee received a report (agenda item no. 8(b)) setting out the key strategic issues arising in the west of England from the Regional Spatial Strategy Proposed Changes and setting out responses of the Partnership to the Proposed Changes, for submission to the Secretary of State.

RESOLVED - that the report be noted

The meeting ended at * pm

CHAIR:.....