

# The West of England Partnership

## JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Date:** 13 FEBRUARY 2009

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Place:** The Council Chamber, Kingswood Civic  
Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR.

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## **PUBLIC INFORMATION SHEET**

The attention of the public is drawn to the sheet at the back of the agenda giving information on the emergency evacuation procedures, attending meetings and inspecting reports and background papers.

## **A G E N D A**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**
- 2. PUBLIC FORUM**
- 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY, 2009**
- 4. MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT – presentation by Terry Wagstaff, Chief Executive, West of England Partnership. Copies of the presentation will be circulated separately.**
- 5. PROPOSALS FOR DEDICATED SCRUTINY SUPPORT**
- 6. ITEMS FOR 13 MARCH:**
  - Greater Bristol Metro: Presentation on rail RFA 2 bid**
  - Integrated Transport Authority: Implications of the Local Transport Act 2008**
  - Local Transport Plan 3 Guidance: Consultation**
  - Railway Land Asset Register**

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION SHEET**

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Members of the public may make a **statement** or present a **petition** in relation to any item on the agenda of the WoEJSC, provided that:-

- written notice is given to us, including the subject matter of your statement or petition no later than **12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting starts** \* .

(\* NB - if the meeting is on a Monday then your submission will need to be with us by 12.00 noon latest on the preceding Friday)

You may also ask a **question** of the chair. This must also relate to an item on the agenda of the meeting concerned and must be submitted to us in writing not less than 3 clear working days before the date of the meeting. A written response will, where possible, be available 1 hour before the meeting, which will be circulated to all who are present and will be included subsequently, with the minutes of that meeting. Those submitting questions may ask one supplementary question in relation to each question, at the meeting.

Public forum items will be taken into account by the meeting when it considers the item to which they relate.

The Chair of the meeting has discretion to take statements, petitions and questions in an appropriate order (ie not necessarily in order of receipt). The meeting may enter a dialogue with members of the public during the public forum if appropriate. The public forum session will last for

up to 30 minutes, although the Chair, with the consent of the meeting, can extend this timescale.

**Please note that** by participating in public forum business, it will be assumed that your consent is given to the recording in the minutes of the meeting of your name and the details of your submission. A copy of your full written submission will also be included with the agenda papers for the meeting which are placed in an official minute book (the public record) and will also be included on the West of England Partnership web site with the other documents for the meeting concerned.

### **Process during and after the meeting :**

Public forum items are normally the first substantive item of business on the agenda and are normally taken in the order in which they have been received. The Chair will call each submission in turn. When invited to speak, if making a statement you should ensure that your presentation is short and concise and focuses on the key issues that you would like members to consider. This will have the greatest impact. Please avoid reading out a lengthy text from a piece of paper. Remember that your time allocation may have to be strictly limited if there are a lot of submissions before the meeting.

You do not have to speak or even attend the meeting at which your public forum submission is being taken. However, you should be aware if you do not present it, then it will **not be read out** unless the Chair specifically asks for this to happen. It will nevertheless be noted by members.

As most people who participate in public forum remain present for the debate on the agenda item in which they are interested, and because minutes of the meeting will normally be published on the website in 5 clear working days, it is not normal practice to write to individuals afterwards. However, if you would like to receive an official response as to what

happened to your submission at the meeting, please advise the officer named on the agenda page, and ensure that they have your full address or e-mail details. They will then contact you within 7 working days. Alternatively you may phone them (see contact number on front of agenda) to confirm the outcome.

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