

**Minutes of Portfolio Holder (Environment) Decision Making
Session held on 7 August 2009**

Present:

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Cabinet portfolio holder for Environment)

Others in attendance:

Other Cabinet members:

Councillor **Bob Stevens (Deputy Leader)** and Councillor **Chris Saint (Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Housing)**.

Officers:

Peter Barnett (Team Leader – Transport Planning), Andy Cowan (County Planner), Jane Pollard (Democratic Services Manager) and Janet Purcell (Executive and Member Support Manager).

1. General

(1) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

2. Consultation Response to West Midlands Region Rail Development Plan

Councillor Alan Cockburn (portfolio holder for Environment) presented the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy that set out a proposed response to the consultation on the West Midlands Region Rail Development Plan.

Councillor Cockburn welcomed the Plan, which had been prepared in parallel with the plans of Network Rail, rail companies, Centro and local transportation authorities in the West Midlands, and noted that it will assist in securing funding for rail improvements in the Region.

Resolved

That the response to the West Midlands Region Rail Development Plan be as set out in Appendix B of the report and appended to these minutes.

3. Any other items

There were no other items of business.

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Portfolio holder for Environment

The session concluded at 10.11 a.m.