

# Regulatory Committee

9 January 2024

## Appointments to External Organisations

### Recommendations

That Regulatory Committee:

1. Approves the nomination of Councillor Rob Tromans to the Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the West Midlands Combined Authority.
2. Approves the nomination of the Director of Economy & Place as a Director of the Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub Limited.
3. Approves the nomination of the Chief Executive as a Director/Trustee of the West Midlands Growth Company.

### 1. Purpose of the report and context

#### *WMCA Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee*

- 1.1 The Council has been invited to nominate a representative to the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 The Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for the WMCA's statutory scrutiny function in respect of Transport for West Midlands' transport powers and the delivery of its services. Warwickshire non-constituent authorities hold one non-voting seat on the Committee.
- 1.3 It is proposed that Councillor Rob Tromans be the Council's appointed representative and in order to formalise Councillor Tromans' nomination, it is necessary to obtain the approval of the Regulatory Committee pursuant to Part 2(6) of the Council's constitution. That approval is now requested.

### ***Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub Limited (CWGH)***

- 1.4 Following the Government's review of Local Enterprise Partnerships, it was agreed that the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership Limited (CWLEP) be dissolved and the Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub Limited (CWGH) which was a wholly owned subsidiary of CWLEP be owned 50% by Coventry City Council and 50% by this Council. The Council now holds one of the two shares in CWGH with Coventry City Council holding the other.
- 1.5 This Council's Chief Executive is a director of CWGH alongside the Director of Business, Investment & Culture at Coventry City Council, and representatives from the private sector. However, following approval of the restructure proposals by Cabinet on 13 July 2023, it is proposed that the nomination be changed so that a senior officer is appointed with appropriate internal governance arrangements in place.
- 1.6 It is proposed that the Director of Economy & Place, currently David Ayton-Hill, be appointed as a director of CWGH. It is necessary to obtain the approval of the Regulatory Committee to effect the appointment pursuant to Part 2(6) of the Council's constitution. That approval is now requested.
- 1.7 Upon the appointment of the Director of Economy & Place as a director of CWGH, the Chief Executive will resign as a director of CWGH.

### ***West Midlands Growth Company***

- 1.8 The West Midlands Growth Company was established in 2017, succeeding Marketing Birmingham which had worked to promote the region since 2006. The Company supports the delivery of the West Midlands Combined Authority's Local Industrial Strategy, focusing on attracting investment, jobs, visitors, and business to the West Midlands region.
- 1.9 The Board Membership consists of a mixture of private, public and heritage sector leaders in the region, including representatives from the constituent members of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), WMCA, regional universities, museums, and industry.
- 1.10 Warwickshire County Council's Chief Executive, currently Monica Fogarty, has been invited to join the West Midlands Growth Company as director/trustee, and approval of this appointment is sought.

## 2. Environmental Implications

2.1 None.

## 3. Financial Implication

3.1 Any travel expenses claimed for the attendance at meetings of the Transport and Delivery Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub Limited or West Midlands Growth Company will be required to be met from the relevant budgets.

## 4. Background Papers

4.1 None

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