

Regulatory Committee

12 March 2024

Appointment to the West Midlands Investment Zone Joint Committee

Recommendation

That Regulatory Committee approves the nomination of Councillor Martin Watson, the Portfolio Holder for Economy, to the West Midlands Investment Zone Joint Committee.

1. Purpose of the report and context

- 1.1 On 5 March 2024, Cabinet will receive a report seeking approval of arrangements for the Council to participate in the West Midlands Investment Zone (WMIZ) and agree to the Council becoming a member of such Investment Board, including any Joint Committee, established by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) relating to the West Midlands Investment Zone whose functions include oversight of the development of the Coventry & Warwick Gigapark site.
- 1.2 The West Midlands Combined Authority approved the terms of reference for the West Midlands Investment Zone Joint Committee on 17 November 2023. Its primary purpose is to implement the WMIZ in line with the Government's Investment Zone Policy Prospectus and Technical Guidance. This includes approval in principle of development proposals, oversight of delivery and allocation of surplus retained business rates growth in line with the agreed investment plan. The WMIZ area comprises the whole of the WMCA area and the whole of the Warwick District Council area. It is proposed that Warwickshire County Council, Warwick District Council, the WMCA Mayor and each of the seven constituent authorities of the WMCA are represented with each having full voting rights, and with the Mayor chairing the Joint Committee.
- 1.3 Subject to Cabinet's approval of the arrangements to participate in the WMIZ, it is proposed that Councillor Martin Watson, the Portfolio Holder for Economy, be the Council's appointed representative on the Joint Committee. In order to formalise Councillor Watson's 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.

2. Environmental Implications

2.1 None.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 Any travel expenses claimed for the attendance at meetings of the WM Investment Zone Joint Committee will be required to be met from the relevant budgets.

4. Background Papers

4.1 Report to Cabinet, "[West Midlands Investment Zone](#)", 5 March 2024.

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