

**The Cabinet**

**1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 at 4.30 pm**  
**at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

**Present:** Councillor Eling (Chair);  
Councillors Carmichael, Gill, Hackett, D Hosell,  
Khatun, Marshall, Moore, Shackleton and Trow.

**Apologies:** Councillors Ahmed, P Hughes and Underhill.

**In attendance:** Councillors Crompton, Y Davies and S Jones.

**Strategic Item**

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**West Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority – Implementing the Devolution Agreement (Key Decision Ref. No. SMBC16114)**

The Leader of the Council reported that the Cabinet, at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016, considered proposals on the next stage of implementing the devolution agreement that underpinned the establishment of a Mayoral West Midlands Combined Authority. The Draft West Midlands Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 was the final stage in setting the Mayoral role.

A final position on one or two elements of the Order had not been reached at the point that Cabinet was asked to consider the Order and having considered the views of members expressed at the meeting of Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 the Leader of the Council deferred consideration of the matter until the outstanding issues had been resolved (see Minute No. 197/16).

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The Department for Communities and Local Government now considered that the outstanding issues had been progressed as far as it was able and intended to lay the final Order before Parliament during the 2<sup>nd</sup> March session. To achieve this, the consent of the seven constituent councils on the Combined Authority was required by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

Consideration was now given to the Final Draft Order. The Draft Order detailed the functions required by the Mayoral Combined Authority in order to deliver the devolution deal. The functions being transferred were primarily government functions that it was devolving to the Mayoral Combined Authority and not the functions of the Council, which would remain unchanged.

The Leader of the Council now sought approval to consent to the Draft West Midlands Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017 to be laid before Parliament.

### **Resolved:-**

- (1) that consent be given for the Draft West Midlands Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2017, as now submitted, to be laid before Parliament;
- (2) that in connection with resolution (1) above, the Chief Executive be authorised to make any minor and drafting amendments to the Order that may be required in order to secure its submission to Parliament.

(Meeting ended at 4.35 pm)

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