

# **Notice of an Executive decision under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

The Cabinet will be asked to consider and determine the following matter, which is a key decision, 17 March 2021.

## **Black Country Transportation Hub Collaboration Agreement**

The item seeks approval to authorise Director of Regeneration and Growth in conjunction with the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer to enter into a Collaboration Agreement covering the operation and financial arrangements associated with the newly established Black Country Transportation Hub and the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer be authorised to seal or sign any associated contracts, deeds or other related documents to give full effect to the work of the Black Country Transport Team.

The item also seeks approval for the financial implications of the Black Country Transport Hub:

- the Local Authority capital contributions of £40,000 each authority per annum (£160,000 total per annum).
- Local Authority revenue contributions circa £25,000 each authority per annum (£100,000 total per annum).
- External Development grants.

The Regulations require that 28 clear days' notice is given before a key decision is made. However, this was impracticable as the four Black Country authorities had agreed to collaborate to identify and develop strategic transport projects across the Black Country and to maximise transport funding opportunities for such projects through the creation and operation of pooled resources in the form of a joint Transportation Hub. The core of the Transportation Hub is a joint team which provides an additional resource to support the existing four Local Authority teams on project and programme delivery and will not replace the scheme delivery function which will continue to sit with the individual Local Authorities.

Due to this, and in accordance with the Regulations, the Chair of the Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board has been informed of this matter in writing.

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