

A meeting of the

West of England Combined Authority Committee

will be held on

Date: Friday 17 March 2023

Time: 1.00pm

**Place: Room 1, Bawa Healthcare & Leisure, 589 Southmead Road,
Filton, BS34 7RG**

Notice of this meeting is given to members of the West of England Combined Authority Committee as follows:

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Cllr Toby Savage, South Gloucestershire Council

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The West of England Combined Authority Committee Agenda

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

Members who consider that they have an interest to declare are asked to state:

- a) The item number in which they have an interest;
- b) The nature of the interest, and;
- c) Whether the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest, non-disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest.

Any Member who is unsure about the above should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting in order to expedite matters at the meeting itself.

4. MINUTES

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To consider and approve the minutes of the West of England Combined Authority Committee meetings held on 18 January and 27 January 2023.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Chair of the West of England Combined Authority.

6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC (QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS)

WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. Any member of the public can submit a maximum of two written questions in advance of this meeting.
2. The deadline for the submission of questions is 5.00pm, at least 3 clear working days ahead of a meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for questions is **5.00pm on Monday 13 March 2023**.
3. Questions should be addressed to the Chair of the meeting and e-mailed to democratic.services@westofengland-ca.gov.uk.
4. Under the direction of the Chair, wherever possible, written replies to questions will be sent to questioners by the end of the working day prior to the meeting.
5. Please note - under the Combined Authority's committee procedures, there is no opportunity for oral supplementary questions to be asked at committee meetings.

6. The written questions and replies will be circulated to committee members in advance of the meeting and published on the Combined Authority website.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

1. Any member of the public may submit a written statement (or petition) to this meeting.

2. Please note that one statement per individual is permitted.

3. Statements must be submitted in writing and received by the deadline of 12 noon on the working day before the meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for statements is **12 noon on 16 March 2023**. Statements should be emailed to democratic.services@westofengland-ca.gov.uk.

4. Statements will be listed for the meeting in the order of receipt. All statements will be sent to committee members in advance of the meeting and published on the Combined Authority website.

5. **Please note:** If any member of the public wishes to attend the meeting to orally present their statement, they are asked please to notify the Combined Authority's Democratic Services team of this at the point when their statement is submitted and by 12noon on the working day before the meeting at the very latest.

6. For those presenting their statements at the meeting, up to 3 minutes 'speaking time' is permitted for each statement. The total time available for the public session at this meeting is 30 minutes.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Chair (or the Chair's representative) of the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership Board to be invited to address the meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair (or Chair's representative) of the Combined Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee to present the comments of that Committee.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Chair (or Chair's representative) of the Combined Authority's Audit Committee to be invited to address the meeting.

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10. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2023

To consider an update on regional progress towards tackling the climate and ecological emergencies and seeking approval to adopt a revised

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