



**Black Country Executive Joint Committee**  
Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

## **BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**Friday 20 June 2014, 11.15am**

**To Be Held at:**

**Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council,**  
**The Council House, Committee Room 2**

### **AGENDA**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

Councillor David Sparks, Dudley MBC  
Councillor Mike Bird, Walsall MBC  
Councillor Roger Lawrence, Wolverhampton CC

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

John Polychronakis, Dudley MBC  
Paul Sheehan, Walsall MBC  
Sarah Middleton, The Black Country Consortium Ltd

#### **NON VOTING MEMBERS**

Ninder Johal, Black Country LEP Board

#### **INVITED GUESTS**

Simon Neilson, Walsall MBC  
Paul Mountford, Sandwell MBC

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1. **Apologies**

Councillor Darren Cooper, Sandwell MBC  
Stewart Towe, Black Country LEP Board  
Jan Britton, Sandwell MBC  
Simon Warren, Wolverhampton CC

2. **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2014/15**

3. **Notes of Previous Meeting held on 7 May 2014**

*(attached)*

4. **Matters Arising from the notes of the previous meeting**

5. **Declarations of Interest**

6. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):**

To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda.

There are no items to be considered in private session.

7. **Confirm Substitute Members of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee**

The substitute voting and non-voting members of the Committee are:

- Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, Dudley
- Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell
- Councillor Adrian Andrew, Walsall
- Councillor Peter Bilson, Wolverhampton
- Ninder Johal, Black Country LEP



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8. **Black Country Strategic Economic Plan Update – Simon Neilson, Walsall** *(attached x 3)*
9. **City Deal Update – Simon Neilson, Walsall** *(attached x2)*
10. **Black Country Superfast Broadband Project – Paul Mountford, Sandwell**
11. **Adoption of Enhanced Outline Business Case Form – Sarah Middleton, BC Consortium Ltd** *(attached x2)*

#### **Date of future meetings**

- Black Country Joint Committee – Wednesday 17 September 2014, 11.15am at Wolverhampton CC
- Black Country Joint Committee – Wednesday 3 December 2014, 11.15am at Dudley MBC