

COUNCILLORS

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Francis Purdue-Horan
Dave Shaw - apologies

OFFICERS

Sara Allmond	Advanced Democratic Services Officer
Martin Elliott	Senior Scrutiny Officer
Derek Higton	Executive Director, Place
Emily Holmes	Graduate Trainee
Nigel Stevenson	Service Director, Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement and Section 151 Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was submitted from Councillor Dave Shaw (medical/illness).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

3. EAST MIDLANDS COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY (EMCCA) UPDATE

Derek Higton, Executive Director, Place introduced the report which set out the scope of the relationship between Nottinghamshire County Council and the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA).

The following information was provided in response to comments and questions asked by Members of the Committee:

- Members were advised that the Council were represented on various EMCCA committees and was a member of the EMCCA Board and these

positions were the Council's opportunities to have an input in shaping the direction of EMCCA.

- Members were advised that public transport was the only area of responsibility that was transitioning up to EMCCA from the Council and there would be a transition period until April 2026 when it would formally transfer. This would mean that County Councillors would no longer be accountable for local public transport. Any correspondence and petitions from local residents regarding EMCCA matters should be directed to EMCCA to consider and respond to in the same way as matters relating to District / Borough Councils and national Government were currently signposted.
- Officers would consider how best to keep Members informed and up to date regarding the work of EMCCA, including considering adding information to the Members Hub.
- Members were advised that the Inclusive Growth Commission was self-determining and had a defined piece of work to develop a long term growth strategy. The Commission membership was made up of local, regional and national representatives with the skills and knowledge to develop the strategy. The Commission would be reporting back to the EMCCA Board in the Spring and would publish its final report later in 2025.
- Members were advised that in regard to how funding from the Mayor would be allocated across the region, the Council were proposing that clear regional priorities and a framework were agreed and funding be allocated according to that. This was felt to be a better approach for the region compared to creating a bidding system where the Council which submitted the best bid or shouted the loudest got the funding.
- Members were advised that the first six to seven months have been taken up by the setting up of EMCCA and its governance processes including recruiting staff into key posts.
- EMCCA Board papers had been published on 5 December and included plans to allocate £9.5 million of EMCCA funding across the region with Nottinghamshire receiving funding towards STEP Fusion.
- Members were advised that EMCCA had its own scrutiny function, of which Councillor Elliott was the Vice-Chairman, and whilst Overview Committee could invite the EMCCA Mayor, Claire Ward to attend a meeting, it did not have the power to formally scrutinise EMCCA as it was a separate authority.

RESOLVED 2024/028

- 1) That the work being carried out to establish the relationship between the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) and Nottinghamshire County Council be noted.

- 2) That the following issue raised by the Committee in its consideration of the report be progressed:
 - a) That web links to information on EMCCA, including information on the meetings of the EMCCA Board and of the other EMCCA committees, be made available on the Members Hub site.

The meeting closed at 11.43am

CHAIRMAN