

Written statement of a non-key decision
Marches Enterprise Joint Committee

Title	WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY - NON-CONSTITUENT MEMBERSHIP
Decision maker	Marches Enterprise Joint Committee Information about Marches Enterprise Joint Committee, including the names of the members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=873
Date of decision	20 July 2016
Report exemption class	Part exempt
Purpose	To set out the case for the Marches LEP becoming a “Non-Constituent” Member of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and the potential long term economic growth benefits to the Marches LEP in so doing.
Decision	THAT: a) the Marches LEP applies to become a Non-Constituent Member of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) at a cost of £25k for 2016/17; and b) the Chair of the Marches LEP, or his nominated substitute, be authorised to represent the LEP at the WMCA board and subgroups as appropriate as a nonconstituent member.
Reason for the decision	To ensure that the Marches LEP is in the best possible position to continue to secure government funding to support the growth aspirations of the LEP area and to influence regional policy as appropriate.
Options considered	It should be noted that the three Local Authorities have decided to pursue Non-Constituent Membership of the WMCA rather than submit a Marches Devolution proposal. This is because the Government was unlikely to have progressed our Marches proposal due to it not meeting its Combined Authority and Mayoral governance requirements.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where general exception or special	Herefordshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council: 27 July 2016 Shropshire Council: 1 August 2016

urgency provisions apply)	
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Councillor:	Date 20 July 2016
Councillor AW Johnson, Chairman of the Marches Enterprise Joint Committee	

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.