



West London Economic Prosperity Board

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Summary

This report corresponds to items 4 and 5 on the agenda and provides background and context to the decisions which the Board is invited to consider: the admittance of LB Hillingdon to the Board, and the updating of the Function and Procedure Rules which govern the Board's operation.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- NOTE** LB Hillingdon's wish to join the West London Economic Prosperity Board, and **VOTE** on whether they should be admitted to membership¹; and
- NOTE** the proposed updates to the Function and Procedure Rules for the West London Economic Prosperity Board, and **VOTE** on whether to adopt the revised Rules².

1. BACKGROUND & WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

¹ In addition to a vote of the current Board members, Hillingdon's prospective membership of the Economic Prosperity Board is also subject to a decision of Hillingdon's Cabinet.

² In addition to a vote of the current Board members, agreement of any amendments to the Function and Procedure Rules is also subject to approval through the appropriate processes within each Participating Borough.

1. BACKGROUND & WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The West London Economic Prosperity Board (WLEPB) is a formal Joint Committee of local authorities, established pursuant to powers under the Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000, and under the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.2 The WLEPB first met in 2015, following discussions facilitated by West London Alliance (WLA), to advance boroughs' aspirations for economic prosperity in West London. Importantly, the Function and Procedure Rules for the WLEPB state that 'The purpose of the Joint Committee will be collaboration and mutual co-operation and the fact that some functions will be discharged jointly by way of the Joint Committee does not prohibit any of the Participating Boroughs from promoting economic wellbeing in their own areas independently from the Joint Committee.'
- 1.3 Five boroughs initially formed the Joint Committee, with Hammersmith & Fulham joining formally during 2016. The Board now consists of the Leaders of the constituent councils, currently comprising six of the seven West London Alliance member authorities (Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow and Hounslow). The member authorities are referred to in the Function and Procedure Rules for the WLEPB as the 'Participating Boroughs'.
- 1.4 LB Hillingdon now wishes to join the WLEPB as a Participating Borough. This would align the WLEPB membership with that of WLA as a whole. The Function and Procedure Rules state that 'When a new borough wishes to become a Participating Borough, then this may be achieved if agreed by a unanimous vote of all the existing Participating Boroughs'. In addition to this, Hillingdon's prospective membership of the Economic Prosperity Board is also subject to a decision of Hillingdon's Cabinet. Hillingdon has made arrangements for this decision to be taken in September 2025, following the meeting of the WLEPB.
- 1.5 If these conditions are met and Hillingdon becomes a member of the WLEPB, the Function and Procedure Rules for the WLEPB would need to be updated to reflect this. The Rules were last updated in 2016, and have become outdated in some respects. It may be, therefore, that this is an opportune time to make minor revisions to the Rules to ensure that they are up-to-date. Again, as set out in the Rules themselves, any changes to the Rules must be agreed by the Joint Committee; and again, agreement of the amended Rules is also subject to approval through the appropriate processes within each Participating Borough.
- 1.6 Relevant governance, democratic services or monitoring officers within the West London boroughs have been consulted by WLA officers, to solicit expert input and seek to ensure that all parties have a common view of the necessary processes for admittance of new members to the WLEPB, and for agreement of any changes to the Function and Procedure Rules.