

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### WEST MIDLANDS RAIL LIMITED – ADOPTION OF NEW COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Date of Decision</b>	15/01/2026
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Councillor Karl Perks Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	To support West Midlands Rail Executive entering into a new collaboration agreement with the Department for Transport.
<b>Reason(s) for Decision</b>	<p>WCC are members of West Midlands Rail executive, with representation on the board through the Cabinet Member. The Collaboration agreements enables West Midlands Rail Executive to continue with the current management structure for West Midlands Rail, a shared Service Agreement, specification and negotiation on the service offer for West Midlands Rail, and funding of the Rail Executive.</p> <p>This is required because the existing Collaboration Agreement is coterminous with the West Midlands National Rail Contract, which is due to expire on 31 January 2026. The new proposed agreement is largely unchanged from the current agreement, with no major modifications.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b>	Should the new agreement not be agreed, West Midlands Rail Executive will not be able to operate in partnership with the Department for Transport and will become a stakeholder with significantly reduced influence on rail operations and no further powers to negotiate the service offer or specifications.
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted</b>	n/a

<b>Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	
<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Cllr Karl Perks
<b>Date of Implementation of Decision</b>	22 January 2026