

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1	Election of Chairman	That Councillor Liz Harvey be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.
3	Appointment of Vice-Chairman	That Councillor Rae Evans be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
4	Minutes	That the Minutes of the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee held on 29 th November 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
8	External Audit Plan 2021/2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft audit plan for 2021/22 as presented by WR Partners attached at Appendix 1, be approved. 2. That the commissioning of WR Partners to undertake the audit in accordance with the audit plan be approved.
9	Internal Audit Performance Report to March 2022	That the performance to date against the 2021/22 Audit Plan as set out in this report be endorsed.
10	Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2022	That the proposed programme of audits for 2022/23 be endorsed.
11	Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement - 2021/2022	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the draft WME Transparency Statement for 2021/22 be approved. 2. That authority be delegated to the Director to finalise the WME Transparency Statement and publish it in accordance with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
12	Risk Management Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the WME Risk Management Strategy attached at Appendix A be approved 2. That the position as set out in this report be noted.

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13	Distribution of Surplus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the retention of a minimum accumulated surplus of £0.894 million be approved 2. That authority be delegated to the Treasurer, following a review of the updated forecasted positions and final volumes for March 2022, to increase the retained amount of the accumulated surplus in Recommendation 2.1 in order to ensure prudent cashflow for the 21/22 financial year. 3. That once the Treasurer has exercised the delegation in Recommendation 2.1(b), the distribution of any remaining accumulated surplus up to a maximum of £0.576 million following the deduction of the retained amount, in accordance with the revised distribution method under the amended provisions of the Joint Agreement. This is subject to the formal approval of the revised distribution method by Worcestershire County Council, the remaining Member Authority to do so.
15	Exempt Minutes	That the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2021 be approved as a correct record.
16	Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022/23 including review of 2021/22	That the recommendations contained within the exempt report be approved.