

## Summary of decisions taken by the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee on Friday, 27 March 2026

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
6	External Audit Plan 2025/26	<p>That the Joint Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve the draft audit plan for 2025/26 as presented by WR Partners attached at Appendix 1.</li> <li>2. approve the commissioning of WR Partners to undertake the audit in accordance with the audit plan.</li> </ol>
7	Internal Audit Annual Report 2025/26	<p>That the Joint Committee endorse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Performance against the Audit Plan for the year ending 31 March 2026.</li> <li>b) That the system of governance, risk management and internal control is operating effectively and can be relied upon when considering the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26.</li> <li>c) The Chief Audit Executive's substantial year end opinion on West Mercia Energy's governance, risk management and internal control environment for 2025/26 based on the work undertaken and management responses received.</li> </ol>
8	Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2026/27	<p>That the Joint Committee endorse the proposed programme of audits for 2026/27.</p>
9	Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2025/26	<p>That the Joint Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve the draft WME Transparency Statement for 2025/26.</li> <li>2. delegate authority to the Director to finalise the WME Transparency Statement and publish it in accordance with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.</li> </ol>

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10	Risk Management Update	<p>That the Joint Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. approve the WME Risk Management Strategy attached at Appendix A; and</li> <li>2. accept the position as set out in this report.</li> </ol>
13	Annual Business Plan and Budget 2026/27 including review of 2025/26	That the recommendations contained within the exempt report be approved.
14	Energy Governance, Accountability, Risk and Reporting Policy	That the recommendation contained within the exempt report be approved.