

**Change, Choice & Principles**

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Our mission: Working as one to serve our city



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## Change....



**WEST MIDLANDS  
COMBINED AUTHORITY**

BIRMINGHAM • EDWENTRY • DORSET • GUYRE • SOLIHULL • WALDALL • WOLVERHAMPTON



- \* Local Authority of the Year
- \* Most Improved Local Authority
- \* Senior Leadership Team
- \* Excellence in Governance



**PRIDE in our city** 2017-2020

How we will behave

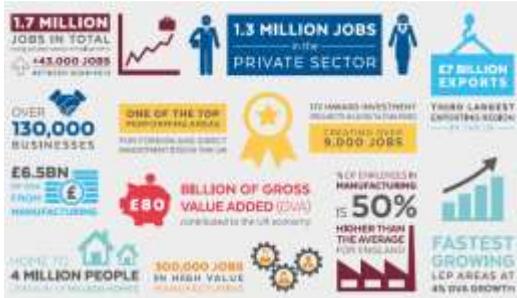
**P R I D E**

Put customers first - Be customer focused	Raise the profile of the city - Be visible	Inspire trust and confidence - Be open	Demonstrate a can-do and get-on-to-it attitude - Be a change agent	Encourage teamwork - Be a team player
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Choice





## Choice...

- Negotiating with the representatives of the other Constituent Councils and Government
- Accommodating the needs of the three LEPs and the other Councils which fall within the West Midlands Combined Authority 3 LEP Geography
- Adapting to new legislation affecting governance and scrutiny arrangements of Combined Authorities

**“every area will benefit, but not at the same time and not in the same way”**



### Principles...

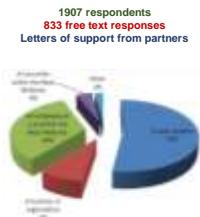
- City of Wolverhampton's role
- Process – establishing protocols and good governance
- Devolution and the West Midlands Combined Authority Mayor

### Principles: Openness and Transparency

- Sharing of information internally
- Operation of meetings
- Public meetings
- Socialising reports

### Principles: Openness and Transparency – Establishing the Combined Authority Consultation

- Building on previous engagement exercises
- Adapting to changing legislation
- Working at pace with partners



### Principles: Openness and Transparency Consultation to incorporate the devolution deal, including the West Midlands Mayor

- Drilling down to the detail from a high-level devolution document
- Being clear about what we were consulting on in a complex agenda



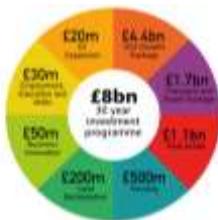
### Principles: Openness and Transparency – Engagement and increasing participation

- West Midlands Combined Authority Mayoral election – 4 May 2017
- £600,000 spend in the West Midlands, compared to £1 million government spend across the country
- Key objective: raise awareness of the Combined Authority, the Mayor and our vision

### Principles: Openness and Transparency - Scrutiny

- Scrutiny Committee established in line with the establishment of the Combined Authority
- Representatives from all Constituent authorities, plus non-Constituent authorities and LEPs
- Chief Executive sponsor and appointed scrutiny officer to support the Committee, coordinating with the Chair
- Proactively responding to legislation, consulting on the approach
- Working closely with Audit

### Choices: Devolution Deal





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# Thank You