

Single Member Cabinet Decision**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3063****West of England Combined Authority (Business Rate Supplements
Functions) Order 2018**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Tim Warren, Leader of the Council
The Issue	As part of the arrangements for devolution and the establishment of combined authorities, the Government committed to give the West of England Combined Authority Mayor the power to place a supplement on business rates to fund infrastructure, with the agreement of the local business community through the local enterprise partnership, up to a cap of 2p per pound of rateable value. The Government now intends to bring forward Regulations to be laid before Parliament in 2018 which will give effect to this commitment. The Government requires each of the constituent councils to give consent to the West of England Combined Authority (Business Rate Supplements Functions) Order 2018, this report seeks the granting of this consent.
Decision Date	16 Apr 2018
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees to (i) Give consent to the West of England Combined Authority (Business Rate Supplements Functions) Order 2018. (ii) Delegate to the Chief Executive, authority to make all related decisions and provide written authority to the Secretary of State of consent to the West of England Combined Authority (Business Rate Supplements Functions) Order 2018.
Rationale for decision	The Government requires each of the constituent councils to give consent to the West of England Combined Authority (Business Rate Supplements Functions) Order 2018.
Financial and budget implications	The decision report is financial in nature and there are no direct implications arising. Subject to Consent being given to the West of England Combined Authority (Business Rate Supplements Functions) Order 2018, the WECA mayor will have flexibility to propose a supplementary business rate as part of the Mayoral Budget process and subject to the provisions set out in Section 5 of the decision report.
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Corporate; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer

How consultation was carried out	WECA has undertaken consultation with each of the constituent council Chief Executive, Monitoring and S151 Officers. Consent to the Regulations will also need to be given by each of the constituent councils as an executive function. The specific consultation requirements for any proposed business rate supplement are set out in paragraph 5.4 of the decision report.
Other options considered	The order will give effect to the business rates supplement commitment contained in the WECA Devolution agreement.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	<i>The nature of interest and whether interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an-other interest, including any conflict of interest, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests). Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of their staff before taking the decision.</i>
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	