

WECA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT TO: WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY

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This update report provides members of the West of England Combined Authority the views of the West of England Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to agenda item 9 (West of England Combined Authority and Mayoral Budget Outturn 2017/18: Revenue and Capital Monitoring April 2017 to September 2017)

Agenda item 9

West of England Combined Authority and Mayoral Budget Outturn 2017/18: Revenue and Capital Monitoring April 2017 to September 2017

The views of WECA Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) are:

The WECA O&S supports the Mayoral Budget Outturn 2017/18: Revenue and Capital Monitoring April 2017 to September 2017, but wishes to make two points in relation to the recommendations. These points are:

- WECA O&S would like a greater understanding of the reasons for the reported underspend caused by a reduction in take up of Concessionary Fares. It is keen that officers explore the issue in further detail to establish why the underspend and drop in take up is occurring.
- The budget envelope for WECA staff needs to be sufficient to ensure it has the appropriate level and calibre of staff to deliver its functions effectively.

The WECA O&S welcomed confirmation that there will be a Medium Term Financial Plan developed as part of the 2018/19 Budget.

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