

**LET'S GET OUR REGION  
BACK ON TRACK**

**AND UNLEASH OUR POTENTIAL**



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## MY APPROACH TO THE JOB OF WEST MIDLANDS MAYOR

Over the last four years, **we had started to see the West Midlands reclaim its rightful place as a thriving and economically successful region**. But the region has been particularly hard hit by the COVID pandemic, and there is much more to do to make sure that we don't throw away those years of progress. As we get ready to show off the West Midlands to the world with Coventry City of Culture this year and the Birmingham Commonwealth Games next year, we must rebuild a successful economy, where the benefits of growth are shared with everyone.

On 4 May 2017, I was honoured to be elected as the first Mayor of the West Midlands, representing around three million people across Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull and the Black Country. **The job of the Mayor is to tackle the local issues which affect people in the region:**

- **Sorting out the local transport system**
- **Building more homes** in the region
- **Providing young people with the skills they need** to get a good career
- **Bringing in new jobs and businesses**
- **Securing more investment** from Government and beyond
- **Championing the West Midlands** at every opportunity

It's a big job, with responsibility for overseeing billions of pounds of investment, and the ability to attract billions more. I have taken the skills that I learnt in business, during my thirty-year career at John Lewis, and applied them to the job of Mayor. **My approach has been to work hard every day to benefit the region** where I grew up and which is my home. I have always aimed to:

- **Take a business-like practical approach to improving people's lives**
- **Bring people together to get things done, regardless of politics**
- **Champion the whole West Midlands, not just Birmingham**
- **Put the West Midlands first, persuading the Government to change their view when necessary**

At this election we have a critical choice: do we accelerate the progress of the last four years, or do we go back to the old failing approach which let down our region for decades?

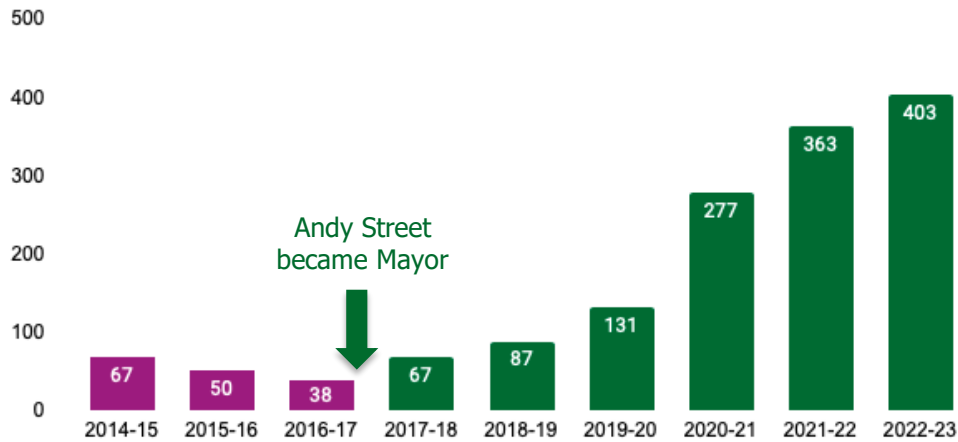
**I have worked tirelessly over the last four years to get the West Midlands moving in a positive direction after decades of decline.** I promise that if you re-elect me as your Mayor on 6 May, I will do everything in my power to restore pride in the West Midlands.



**Andy Street**

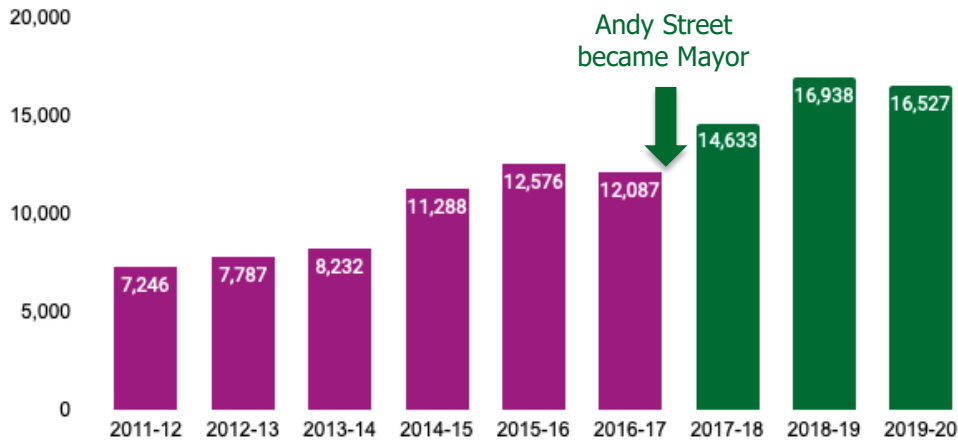
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**SECURING THE TRANSPORT INVESTMENT WE NEED**



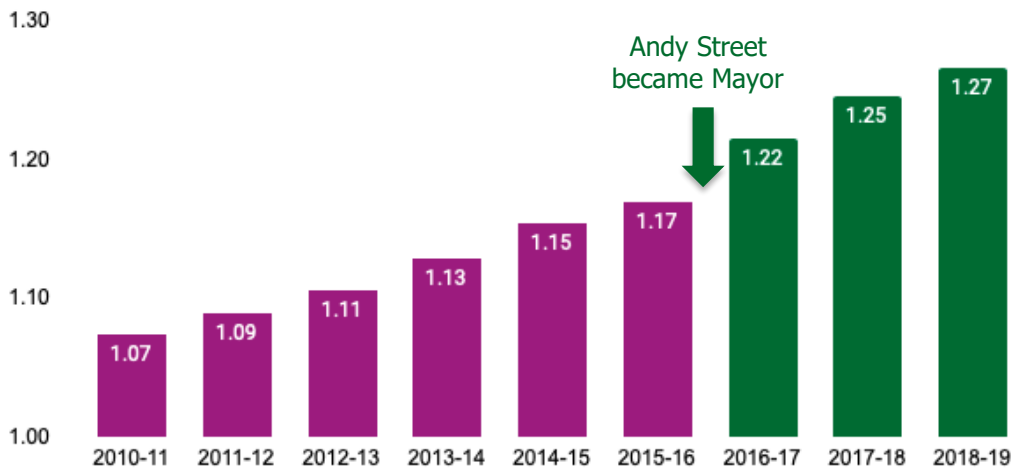
TfWM Capital Expenditure on local transport projects (£ million) (Source: TfWM / WMCA)

**BUILDING HOUSES FASTER THAN WE HAVE DONE BEFORE**



Net additional dwellings in the West Midlands (Source: MHCLG)

**CREATING 97,000 NEW JOBS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC**



Employment aged 16-64 in the West Midlands (millions) (Source: ONS, Annual Population Survey)

## **SUMMARY: GET OUR REGION BACK ON TRACK AND UNLEASH OUR POTENTIAL**

### **WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS AS A REGION SINCE 2017**

In the last four years we have made phenomenal progress as a region, with strong economic growth, and major improvements in transport, housing and skills, before the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic:

- **97,000 new jobs created in the region overall** in the three years before the pandemic, with **the most new jobs from inward investment of any region outside London** (35,000 new jobs created from 2017-2020).
- **Huge progress on my transport plan, with a level of transport investment this year seven times higher than the year before I became Mayor.** New Metro line built to Five Ways, and construction started on the line to Dudley and Brierley Hill, major station upgrades in Coventry and Wolverhampton, re-opening rail stations in Walsall and Birmingham, and new bus and cycle routes.
- **48,098 new homes built in the region in the three years 2017-2020**, nearly double the 25,000 target set in 2017. **Rough sleeping is down 65% since 2017, to the lowest level since 2010**, with over 377 homeless people helped through our Housing First scheme.
- **Over £3 billion of new funding brought in from Government**, with no Mayoral precept added to council tax bills.
- **Won backing for Coventry City of Culture, Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, the West Midlands 5G testbed, and High Speed 2 to bring investment and jobs**, and restore pride in the West Midlands.

### **HOWEVER, THE WEST MIDLANDS HAS BEEN HIT HARD BY CORONAVIRUS -- SO WE MUST ACT QUICKLY TO GET BACK ON TRACK**

- **Our region's economy has been hard hit by the pandemic**, particularly sectors like retail, hospitality and manufacturing, with thousands of workers laid off or furloughed.
- **We need to get the West Midlands economy back on track as our top priority, creating jobs and training opportunities**, and forging ahead with our **transport, housing and skills plans, and with the regeneration of local town centres.**
- **We must address the urgent challenge of climate change**, improving public transport, helping our businesses to adopt new green technologies and retrofitting our homes to make them more energy efficient. The environment is right at the heart of our plans for a green West Midlands recovery.
- **Then we must make sure that every community benefits from our region's success:** tackling homelessness and mental health challenges, addressing the region's health inequalities, and focussing on the whole West Midlands, not just Birmingham city centre.
- **Over the last four years, I have worked hard to be a Mayor you can trust to get things done.** This document sets out both my track record as Mayor and detailed plans for how we will succeed together in the years ahead.

## MY PLAN FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS

### CREATE OVER 100,000 NEW GOOD QUALITY LOCAL JOBS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

- **Secure an electric battery Gigafactory for our region**, bringing 4,000 new jobs and protecting thousands more in the automotive industry and supply chain.
- **Achieve every possible contract for local businesses and secure jobs for local people** from major regional projects like HS2, the Commonwealth Games and Coventry City of Culture.
- **Become the national leader in construction, engineering, life sciences, technology, 5G** and other growing industries.
- **Move hundreds of well-paid civil service jobs out of London and into the West Midlands**, starting in Wolverhampton and Birmingham – creating local job opportunities and boosting the economy.

### MAKE MASSIVE PROGRESS ON MY LONG-TERM TRANSPORT PLAN

- **Double transport spending in the region** by bringing in more investment from Government without raising council tax on local people.
- **Open the new metro stations** in Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton, and begin expansion into North Solihull.
- **Reopen five rail stations in Walsall and South Birmingham in the next three years**, and make progress on eighteen other new stations across the region.
- **Agree a major programme of new segregated cycle routes** and complete the roll-out of the West Midlands bike hire scheme.
- **Build on the success of the four-year bus fare freeze**, roll out more hydrogen and electric buses including making Coventry's fleet all-electric.

### BUILD THOUSANDS OF NEW HOMES WHERE THEY ARE WANTED

- **Continue to drive a regional "brownfield first" approach to housing**, with over £400 million of new Government funding brought in to make it happen.
- **Champion our Green Belt and green spaces**, working with communities and residents fighting to protect them.
- **Demand more affordable homes are built**, seek an ambitious Affordable Housing Deal to bring new cash to the region, and pioneer our own "Help to Own" scheme to make home owning possible for more people.
- **Continue our progress on reducing the numbers of rough sleepers**, securing a long-term future for our Housing First scheme after the success housing 377 vulnerable people, and addressing the underlying causes of homelessness.

### IMPROVE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

- **Make rapid progress on our "WM2041" environmental action plan** to make the West Midlands a net zero carbon region within the next 20 years, building on our work to improve public transport.
- **Launch mass programme of retrofitting people's homes with energy efficiency measures** to reduce fuel bills and carbon emissions.
- **Help industry move to green technology** including by winning Government funding for more initiatives like the Black Country zero carbon hub, and training young people for new green jobs like working with electric vehicles.
- **Invest in nature and our surroundings** by opening new urban parks like the Digbeth "Highline" viaduct park, replanting trees in areas such as Shakespeare's Forest of Arden, backing community

projects like Solihull's "Wildlife Ways", and creating a new National Trail for walkers around the Green Belt of the West Midlands.

- **Run a Great West Midlands Clean Up campaign against litter, fly-tipping and graffiti ahead of the Commonwealth Games** to make sure we are ready to welcome the world to our region.

### **BACK OUR HIGH STREETS, TOWN AND CITY CENTRES**

- **Build on our track record of winning over £100 million of Government funding for town centres** including Brierley Hill, Rowley Regis, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Walsall and Wolverhampton.
- **Deliver our own major regional investment plan** including in city centres like Coventry, town centres like Dudley and village centres like Kingshurst.
- **Explore setting up new local co-working office spaces in our local centres** such as Walsall, Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge, so that office workers can work closer to home if they choose.
- **Regenerate iconic local sites** like Ravenscourt shopping centre in Brownhills, the swimming baths in Erdington, the Royalty Cinema in Harborne and Saddlers Quay in Walsall.
- **Champion the masterplans for areas such as Solihull and Sutton Coldfield**, working with partners to make them vibrant thriving local centres for the community.

### **MAKE SURE EVERY COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM THE REGION'S SUCCESS**

- **Maximise the benefits of Coventry City of Culture in 2021, the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022 and High Speed 2**, with jobs for local people and investment in the region.
- **Support those who need extra help**, for example continue our work in "designing out" homelessness by addressing its causes, and support people with mental health issues through our Thrive programmes.
- **Set up a new Equalities Taskforce to ensure the West Midlands is a great place to live in, work and grow up for *all* our communities**, and work together with faith and community groups as trusted partners in our work on jobs, housing, transport and skills.
- **Make our communities safer and get crime down**, particularly on the transport network, while providing opportunities for young people so they don't get drawn into crime.

### **A CREDIBLE DELIVERY PLAN TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN**

- **A proven track record over the last four years**, beating our targets and other city-regions on investment, skills and housing.
- **Commitment to secure £10 billion of new investment from Government and private investors** into the region.
- **Detailed plans on what exactly we plan to do**, and how we practically get the money and people together to achieve our goals.
- **A clear approach to the Mayor's role as a regional champion**, and proposals to strengthen the way the Combined Authority and other regional structures operate.

## **THE STARK CHOICE AT THIS ELECTION**

On 6 May, voters in the West Midlands face a choice that will define the future direction of our region. Do we accelerate the progress of the last four years, or do we look backwards? My approach to the job is:

- **Taking a business-like practical approach to getting things done, with a credible plan for action**, rather than proposing theoretical ideas with no practical way of making them happen.
- **Bringing people together to get things done, regardless of who they work for, or what their politics are**, rather than reinforcing divisions and factional politics.
- **Supporting and investing in the whole West Midlands, particularly those places and communities that often get left out**, rather than always thinking of central Birmingham first.
- **Working with Government to win investment and make things happen**, rather than criticising Government and getting headlines, but being ignored.



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## CREATING JOBS FOR ALL WITH A STRONG REGIONAL ECONOMY

### KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

**Get the West Midlands back into work after COVID with Andy's Jobs Plan**

**Create at least 100,000 jobs and training opportunities in the next two years** to help local people who are out of work after the Coronavirus pandemic, in our growing industries like construction and professional services, and **through West Midlands 'big wins' like High Speed 2 and the Commonwealth Games.**



**Help the West Midlands make the transition to green technology**

**Secure a major investor to build a battery Gigafactory at Coventry Airport and develop a local supply chain** in manufactured components, metals and chemicals, **launch a massive regional programme to improve the energy efficiency of homes** with the installation of smart meters and thermostats, wall and loft insulation, double glazing and heat pumps, **attract new low carbon modular housing factories** to the region, and **train thousands of young people for these new green jobs.**



**Develop a globally competitive tech sector**

**Hire a Mayor's Tech Commissioner** with responsibility for increasing the number of tech jobs and startups in the West Midlands, **build on our expertise in rolling out 5G, scale up the West Midlands "Beat the Bots" fund to provide more training** in fields like coding, UX/UI, cybersecurity and product management, **explore setting up an Ambassador programme for West Midlands born entrepreneurs or investors who now live outside the region** to help startups here.



**Reinvigorate our creative industries**

**Open the new Mercian Studios and the Creative Content Hub in Digbeth,** work with the BBC to help their relocation to the West Midlands create as many new jobs for local people as possible, **challenge the region's film industry to produce an Oscar- or BAFTA-winning film or TV series here within five years,** and **seek to make Birmingham the national home for eSports and gaming events.**



**Bring life back to our town centres and city centres**

**Support local areas in delivering the over £100 million of Government-funded town centre projects** in Brierley Hill, Rowley Regis, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Walsall and Wolverhampton, and **deliver our own major regional investment plan** including in city centres like Coventry, town centres like Dudley and village centres like Kingshurst. **Champion the masterplans for areas such as Solihull and Sutton Coldfield** and **explore setting up new local co-working office spaces in high streets.**



**Grow trade & Investment, bringing new jobs to the region**

**Deliver the Trade, Tourism and Investment programme for the Commonwealth Games, seek full devolution of trade and investment functions and funding to the West Midlands,** including funds to incentivise inward investment in the region like Scotland or Wales, and **undertake a rapid piece of work looking at the opportunities for reshoring of overseas jobs after the Coronavirus pandemic.**



# CREATING A WORLD-CLASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM

## KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

**Double spending on the public transport network**

**Double transport spending in the region** by bringing in more investment from Government without raising council tax on local people, building on the seven times increase in transport investment since taking over as Mayor, from £38 million in 2016/17 to £277 million in 2020/21.



**Make massive progress delivering our long-term transport plan**

**Open the new metro stations** in Birmingham, Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton, begin expansion into North Solihull, **reopen five rail stations in Walsall and South Birmingham in the next three years**, and make progress on eighteen other new stations across the region.



**Deliver cleaner, safer, quicker buses with low fares**

**Build on the success of the four-year bus fare freeze**, roll out more hydrogen and electric buses including making Coventry's fleet all-electric. **Improve bus waiting areas in urban centres** across the region, and **look for more opportunities for prioritised rapid bus routes**.



**Take bold steps to get people cycling and walking**

**Agree a major programme of new segregated cycle routes** and complete the rollout of the West Midlands bike hire scheme, with a new **Executive Commissioner for cycling and walking at Transport for West Midlands**.



**Get driverless vehicles on the roads and become the UK's home of transport innovation**

**Become the home of driverless vehicle testing in the UK**, building on our existing testbeds and 5G expertise, **complete the rollout of eScooters**, and **explore whether an on demand bus service** could be used to provide better services for rural areas of the West Midlands.



# GIVING EVERYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO GET ON IN LIFE

## KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

**Get people back into training and work after the pandemic**

**Retrain or find work for over 100,000 people in the next two years** through my Jobs Plan for the West Midlands, making the most of **big regional opportunities** like City of Culture, the Commonwealth Games and High Speed 2 and new jobs in the **high growth sectors**.



**Take an intensive “Swap Don’t Drop” approach to helping young people train through pandemic**

**Take an intensive “Swap Don’t Drop” approach to making sure that young people at risk of unemployment do not drop out** of education and training by falling through the gaps.



**Scale up our “Beat the Bots” digital retraining skills programmes**

**Scale up the West Midlands “Beat the Bots” fund to provide more training** in fields like coding, UX/UI, cybersecurity and product management, and work with tech sector businesses to keep more talent in the region.



**Be the region that cracks world-class technical education**

Work with schools and colleges to **make sure that the launch of the new technical T-Levels is successful** in the West Midlands, **increase the number of apprenticeships in our priority industry sectors**, and **seek the full devolution of all 16-18 further education funding to the West Midlands**, so that it can be aligned with West Midlands priorities and with 18+ adult education funding.



**Take control of careers advice in the region, and link it up with local jobs**

**Seek the full devolution of Government careers funding to the Combined Authority and establish a West Midlands Careers Service, set up a new online work experience platform for young people, so that everyone can apply for internships and work experience opportunities**, not just those with existing knowledge or connections, and **develop the Mayor’s Mentors scheme even further**.



**Create the most flexible skills system anywhere in Britain to make sure everyone can gain the skills they need**

Work with colleges and training providers to **make teaching hours more flexible for those with other jobs**, for example by **running night school evening classes or providing more teaching online**, and **explore the challenges faced by people who lose their jobs later in their careers**, and develop retraining schemes and support specifically for over 50s.



# ENSURING EVERYONE HAS HIGH-QUALITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

**Take a Brownfield First approach to housebuilding backed by my Green Belt Pledge**

**Fight green belt development by working with councils to provide viable alternative brownfield sites using our £458 million housing fund**, and continue a policy of 'Brownfield First' housing development. **Call on the Government to review the National Planning Policy Framework to make sure the rules better protect the green belt.**



**Build thousands more truly affordable homes in the West Midlands**

**Build thousands of new homes for social rent, through our West Midlands Affordable Housing Collaborative Development Vehicle** with local housing associations, and secure an **Affordable Housing Deal with Government**, from the West Midlands' share of the Government's **£11.5 billion Affordable Homes Programme**



**Make our homes green and reduce energy bills through a massive retrofit programme**

**Work with developers who are committed to high-quality environmentally conscious design**, and build new Zero Carbon homes in the region. **Launch a massive regional programme to improve the energy efficiency of homes** with the installation of smart meters and thermostats, wall and loft insulation, double glazing, heat pumps and hydrogen-ready boilers.



**Protect the feel of our local areas and restore our region's heritage buildings**

Restore a number of heritage buildings such as **the former Royalty Cinema in Harborne, the historic Erdington Baths, Sutton Coldfield Town Hall and Soho Foundry in Sandwell**, and **support the development of highly capable Local Heritage Trusts to restore historic buildings**, following the model of the Historic Coventry Trust.



# PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

## KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

<b>Meet our #WM2041 target of becoming a net zero region by 2041</b>	<b>Reduce carbon emissions in the transport, industrial and domestic</b> sectors through large-scale green programmes, and <b>improve the natural environment in the region</b> to improve the environment.	
<b>Improve our public transport system to reduce emissions</b>	<b>Continue the massive investment in the public transport system</b> in the West Midlands, with £1.1 billion already committed, and <b>move to green technology such as electric and hydrogen buses and trains.</b>	
<b>Accelerate industry moves towards green technology</b>	<b>Create at least 21,000 new green jobs in the low carbon sector by 2026, and turn hundreds of thousands more jobs in the region green</b> by cleaning up industries such as the automotive and manufacturing industries. Use COP26 as an opportunity to bring businesses together to accelerate their efforts, and <b>encourage businesses in making their own premises energy efficient, in particular in retail units and office buildings</b>	
<b>Reduce fuel bills and carbon emissions in the region's homes</b>	<b>Launch a massive regional programme to improve the energy efficiency of homes</b> with the installation of smart meters and thermostats, wall and loft insulation, double glazing, heat pumps and hydrogen-ready boilers, <b>installing measures in at least 290,000 homes in the West Midlands by 2026, and create thousands of jobs for retrofit and heating.</b>	
<b>Make the mass switch over to electric vehicles happen in the West Midlands</b>	<b>Secure investment in a new battery Gigafactory at Coventry airport</b> to help manufacturers in the region transition to electric vehicles. <b>Roll out thousands of new electric vehicle charging points</b> , both on street and at people's homes to charge cars overnight, at offices and car parks to charge during the day, and <b>create thousands of new jobs in electric charging point engineering, planning, installation and maintenance</b> across the West Midlands.	
<b>Invest in nature to keep the West Midlands a great place to live</b>	<b>Invest in nature and our surroundings</b> by opening new urban parks like the Digbeth "Highline" viaduct park, replanting trees in areas such as Shakespeare's Forest of Arden, backing community projects like Solihull's "Wildlife Ways", and <b>creating a new National Trail for walkers around the Green Belt of the West Midlands.</b>	
<b>Tackle the disgraceful litter and fly tipping in our region</b>	<b>Run a Great West Midlands Clean Up campaign against litter, fly-tipping and graffiti ahead of the Commonwealth Games</b> to make sure we are ready to welcome the world to our region.	

# CHAMPIONING THE WEST MIDLANDS CULTURAL AND SPORTING RENAISSANCE

## KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

**Use Coventry City of Culture to lead our region's recovery from COVID-19**

**Bring thousands of visitors to Coventry bringing in money to local businesses**, train young people and give them opportunities which they can take with them to build their careers in the arts, hospitality or management. Create lasting benefits to Coventry like **upgraded cultural venues, improvements to the city centre and to the local transport network** and **new green urban spaces**



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**Oversee a successful Birmingham Commonwealth Games which makes sure residents feel the benefits**

**Host a Commonwealth Games we can all be proud of across the West Midlands**, secure a high proportion of the contracts for local firms, support 6,600 people into training and jobs through the Jobs and Skills Academy, **encourage businesses to create new jobs in the West Midlands** through the Trade, Tourism and Investment Programme, and secure **permanent transport improvements for residents**, like refurbished rail stations and new bus routes.



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**Kickstart the region's cultural renaissance**

**Seek to agree a joint cultural investment plan for the West Midlands** with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Arts Council, which levels up cultural funding in the West Midlands, and **develop the existing arts organisations and stimulate new arts activities in the Black Country. Support plans to bring the Government Art Collection to Coventry and develop the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery**, making more of its collections accessible to the public.



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**Make the West Midlands a world-class sporting region**

**Attract further international sporting events in the West Midlands such as games during the 2030 Men's World Cup**, seek the return of the Birmingham International Marathon and motor racing on the streets of the West Midlands. **Strengthen the programme of community sports in the region, and bring new sports facilities** to the West Midlands such as a velodrome.



## HELPING THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

### KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

**Expand our work to “design out” homelessness**

**Secure further funding to expand the successful Housing First scheme, build thousands more affordable homes for rent and to buy**, explore whether a ‘Commitment to Collaborate’ between councils, the NHS, Jobcentres could **develop into a new form of integrated case management**.



**Get a grip of the serious mental health issues in the region**

**Develop new projects to support people whose mental health has been particularly affected by lockdown due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and grow our successful Thrive into Work and Thrive at Work schemes**, and increase the number of trained mental health first aiders in the region. **Create specific efforts focused on BME communities who are affected by poor mental health**, as part of the region’s successful Thrive mental health programme, and **kick off a new programme of activity to help parents and children deal with the challenges of young people’s mental health**, particularly the links to social media usage, eating disorders and self-harm.



**Tackle the health inequalities between different communities**

**Implement the recommendations in the West Midlands Health of the Region report**, which are practical steps to tackle some of the poor health in the region, particularly amongst BME communities, **develop new health screening centres in locations that are convenient for people to get to, support our NHS Trusts win their plans to create new types of digital healthcare and secure funding from Government for a West Midlands Radical Health Prevention Fund to provide investment funding**.



**Double the size of our entrepreneurial social enterprise sector**

**Provide more financial support, advice, mentoring and training to charities and social enterprises**, and **continue to partner with charities and social enterprises to deliver the Combined Authority’s most important priorities**,



## MAKING SURE EVERYONE SHARES IN THE REGION'S SUCCESS

### KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

**Set up an Equalities Taskforce to make sure all communities share in the region's success**

**Set up an Equalities Taskforce, with representatives of all communities, which will look at the specific issues facing under-represented communities,** in Combined Authority policy areas like transport, skills, jobs and housing. **Take action on improving diversity in leadership especially on boards in the region,** through the refreshed Leadership Commission during the next Mayoral term.



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**Supporting the women of the West Midlands**

**Support women back into work after the disproportionate impact of the pandemic, by creating more flexible training options for women, particular those returning to the job market after having children,** such as Night School with flexible timings, part-time options, transport options and childcare support, and **run specific careers schemes to encourage young women into STEM careers where they are under-represented,** working with engineering, construction and car companies in the region.



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**Back our region's thriving faith communities**





**Work with faith leaders through the Faith Strategic Partnership on how they can be partners in the Combined Authority's work,** for example helping young people find career opportunities, or hosting other public services, such as health screening, following the superb efforts of mosques, temples and churches in the region in hosting COVID-19 testing and vaccination centres.







## TACKLING CRIME AND ITS CAUSES

### KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

<b>Tackle crime on the public transport system</b>	<b>Support and continue to fund the Safer Travel Partnership, and continue our policy of tough enforcement</b> , roll out further technology on buses, trains and Metro, and <b>set up the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme, which would create an additional security team with the right to issue Fixed Penalty Notice fine.</b>	
<b>Create opportunities for young people to stop them being drawn into crime</b>	<b>Champion the role of the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit and the Combined Authority's skills work</b> to provide training and job opportunities for young people at risk of getting drawn into crime.	
<b>Support the campaign to keep local police stations open</b>	<b>Work with new Police &amp; Crime Commissioner to keep community police stations open</b>	
<b>Campaign for a public inquiry into the Birmingham Pub Bombings</b>	<b>Fight for an independent public inquiry into the Birmingham Pub Bombings</b> to provide the answers that the families deserve.	

## WINNING THE BEST DEAL FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS

### KEY COMMITMENTS: 2021-2024

<b>Secure new investment with no additional burden on local residents</b>	<b>Secure £10 billion of new investment from Government and private investors</b> into the region and <b>commit to no Mayoral council tax precept for the whole of the 2021-24 term</b> as Mayor.	
<b>Seek a new Scotland / Wales-style financial settlement for the region</b>	<b>Press the Government for the power to retain existing taxes which are collected in the West Midlands, to be spent in the West Midlands</b> , such as Vehicle Excise Duty, Stamp Duty and Air Passenger Duty. <b>Win control of further Government funds to be spent improving the region</b> , such as a long-term transport funding settlement, a dedicated West Midlands affordable housing fund, all 16-18 further education funding, all careers support funding and the West Midlands share of the Energy Company Obligation.	



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