

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## WMR Ltd SPECIAL RESOLUTION – COLLABORATION AGREEMENT/ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	13 March 2017
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Dr Ken Pollock
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	Worcestershire County Council note the change of position to rail devolution being adopted by the new Secretary of State for Transport and approves that Worcestershire County Council continues to support the signing of the revised Collaboration Agreement between West Midlands Rail Ltd and the Department for Transport.
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	A change to the drafting of the Collaboration Agreement between West Midlands Rail Limited (WMR Ltd) and the Department for Transport (DfT) is required since being approved by the Council's Cabinet on 29 September 2016. Since that time, a new Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, has indicated a change of policy with regards to future devolution of rail franchising.
<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	Alternatives were considered but in reality this is the only option because if Worcestershire County Council do not sign up to this then we cease being party to West Midlands Rail Ltd and therefore the ability to both influence local rail services and promote the interests of Worcestershire is reduced.
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	No
<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Dr K A Pollock