

West Midlands Combined Authority - Integrated Settlement Outcomes Framework 2026/27 to 2028/29

- This document sets out the Outcomes Framework for West Midlands Combined Authority's Integrated Settlement for FY26/27 to FY28/29. It includes:
 - a) **Strategic priorities** across the whole integrated settlement, including key local and national priorities which have shaped the development of the outcomes.
 - b) **Outcomes, indicators, and targets**, including the baselines and trajectories that will be used to assess progress.
- The Outcomes Framework reflects pragmatic considerations that have emerged in this phase of Integrated Settlement rollout. The government and MSAs will renegotiate all outcomes and targets at the next Spending Review, to ensure that the framework continues to evolve and fully represent the ambition of the I/S policy document.

Strategic priorities for the West Midlands Combined Authority Integrated Settlement

The Integrated Settlement will be used to implement the [West Midlands Growth Plan](#), which articulates the region's vision to increase living standards in all parts of the region through realising our long-term (ten-year) priorities.

The priorities of the West Midlands Growth Plan are to:

- a. Empower the people of the West Midlands to get on in life.
- b. Enable the businesses of the West Midlands to become more productive and provide good jobs.
- c. Make the places of the West Midlands more prosperous and resilient.
- d. Tell the West Midlands' story and strengthen its partnerships.

These priorities are fully aligned with the Mayor of the West Midlands' delivery priorities. These are:

- **Jobs for Everyone:** Investing in jobs, skills, training and apprenticeships, and reducing youth unemployment and ensuring everyone has a job that pays well.
- **Homes for Everyone:** Building social and affordable homes and creating vibrant communities, so that everyone will have a place to call home.
- **Growth for Everyone:** Helping businesses grow, supporting innovation and creativity, and making sure everyone benefits.
- **Journeys for Everyone:** Connecting communities and making travel easier, safer and more affordable for everyone.

The priorities outlined in the West Midlands Growth Plan and by the Mayor of the West Midlands are reflected in a series of thematic strategies and delivery plans, which outline, in greater detail, what needs to happen in order to realise them. These include, for example:

- [The Local Transport Plan](#)
- [The Adult Skills and Employment Support Strategy](#)
- [Climate Change Five Year Plan](#)
- [West Midlands Works](#)

The Integrated Settlement is a transformative tool for delivering the region’s strategic priorities, which are all rooted in our commitment to inclusive growth, equalities and place.

Outcome 1: More West Midlands residents will achieve at least a Level 1 qualification, with increasing numbers progressing to Level 2. A growing share will attain Level 3 qualifications in key growth sectors, unlocking better jobs and career opportunities.

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
1.1 Number of achievements on Level 1 and Entry level courses	46,005	170,100	56,000	112,700	WMCA ILR data
1.2 Number of achievements on Level 2 courses [excluding those covered by outcome 2]	16,138	59,700	19,900	39,800	WMCA ILR data
1.3 Number of achievements on Level 3+ courses [excluded those covered by outcome 2]	6,063	18,960	6,320	12,640	WMCA ILR data
Output indicator	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
1.a. Number of enrolments on Level 1 and Entry level courses	65,940	210,000	70,000	140,000	Data available through the DfE FES publication

1.b. Number of enrolments on Level 2 courses [excluding those covered by outcome 2]	24,520	81,000	27,000	54,000	Data available through the DfE FES publication
1.c. Number of enrolments on Level 3+ courses [excluding those covered by outcome 2]	11,730	35,100	11,700	23,400	Data available through the DfE FES publication

Outcome 2¹: We will expand and strengthen our construction workforce, supporting residents to progress into skilled and specialist construction careers. Accessible entry pathways, improved teaching capacity, and strong industry partnerships will ensure more people can enter and advance within the sector.

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
2.1 Achievement on Level 2+ courses	2,030	7,800 (3 years) ²	2,600 (Academic year 26/27)	5,200 (Academic year 27/28)	Data available through the DfE FES publication
Output indicator	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
2.a Number of enrolments on Level 2+ courses	2,529	9,720 (3 years) ²	3,240 (Academic year 26/27)	6,480 (Academic year 27/28)	Data available through the DfE FES publication

¹ Government and West Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority recognise this is an ambitious target in the context of local labour market conditions and, reflecting the pilot status of the Construction Skills Package in the settlement, have agreed to review targets and flexibilities after the first year of delivery. The pilot status and additional monitoring/reporting requirements will also be reviewed at this time.

² These targets relate to outcomes achieved by the end of the 28/29 academic year. HMG and the MSA will work together to agree what proportion of this should be achieved by March 2029.

2.b No. of teacher days delivered by industry professionals within FE setting	N/A	776 (3 years)	490 (March 2027)	775 (March 2028)	WMCA monitoring
2.c No. of industry placements completed	N/A	7,899 (3 years)	2,508 (March 2027)	2,631 (March 2028)	WMCA monitoring

Outcome 3: Disabled residents, residents with long-term health conditions, and other agreed disadvantaged groups with complex barriers are supported to sustain work through delivery of supported employment

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data Source
			March 27	March 28	
3.1 Share of total out of work supported employment programme starts to achieve first earnings	N/A	40% (5,989)	26% (1,274)	32% (3,303)	HMRC RTE data (PRaP)
3.2 Share of out of work supported employment participant starts to achieve a lower threshold job outcome	N/A	29% (4,368)	15% (740)	22% (2,244)	HMRC RTE data (PRaP)
3.3 Share of out of work supported employment participant starts to achieve a higher threshold job outcome	N/A	19% (2,863)	8% (406)	14% (1,406)	HMRC RTE data (PRaP)
3.4 Share of in work retention supported employment participants to achieve a higher threshold job outcome	N/A	72% (1,886)	51% (431)	61% (1,084)	HMRC RTE data (PRaP)
Output indicator		Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
3.a Supported Employment programme Starts		17,618	5,836	12,036	PRaP

3.b Provision of Supported Employment	Ongoing compliance with external assessments and commitment to continuous improvement	N/A
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Outcome 4: Improve business productivity in the West Midlands, boosting local economic prosperity and living standards.					
Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
4.1 Number of enterprises supported with improved turnover/workers (FTE) Priority sectors which are aligned with the West Midlands Growth Plan and Modern Industrial Strategy: i. Total (target) ii. Advanced manufacturing iii. Clean energy industries iv. Creative industries v. Defence vi. Digital and technologies vii. Everyday economy viii. Financial services ix. Life sciences x. Professional and business services	275	1560	0	540	MCA reporting
4.2 No. of supported businesses demonstrating improved practice:	275	935	190	500	MCA reporting

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Total (target) ii. Engaged in new markets iii. Adopting new to firm technologies or processes iv. With new to market products / services v. Scaling vi. Accessing better finance and funding 					
<p>4.3 Number of Full time equivalent (FTE) jobs created by MSA intervention in local priority sectors</p> <p>Priority sectors which are aligned with the West Midlands Growth Plan and Modern Industrial Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Total (target) ii. Advanced manufacturing iii. Clean energy industries iv. Creative industries v. Defence vi. Digital and technologies vii. Everyday economy viii. Financial services ix. Life sciences x. Professional and business services 	995	4275	870	2285	MCA reporting

Outcome 5: Increase the trading income for social economy organisations in the West Midlands to boost local economic prosperity and living standards.

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
5.1. Number of social economy organisations in each local authority district accessing universal and specialist support	N/A	1,000	100	500	MCA reporting

Outcome 6: Deliver the infrastructure needed to support place-based growth

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
6.1 Additional floorspace unlocked because of MSA interventions measured in (m2).	N/A	542,588 m2	-	5,800 m2	MCA reporting

Outcome 7: Reduction in direct carbon emissions from domestic buildings, with reduced fuel poverty gaps for treated households in, or at risk of, fuel poverty (Buildings Retrofit)

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2028	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27		
7.1 Reduction in direct carbon emissions from domestic buildings upgraded (modelled)	N/A	369Kt CO2e saving	-		Modelled energy savings by measure, split by fuel type and other home characteristics

Output indicator	Target March 2028	Trajectory	Data source
		March '27	
7.a Number of social homes with a pre-installation Energy Efficiency Rating of D-G upgraded to C or above as a result of the upgrades (Measured via Improved Energy Efficiency Ratings)	12,300 (for the 3-year period)	6,887 (25-26 and 26-27 delivery)	Pre- and post-install EPCs
7.b Number of private low-income / fuel poor households in a property with a pre-installation Energy Efficiency Rating of D-G upgraded to C or above as a result of the upgrades (Measured via Improved Energy Efficiency Ratings)	1,700 (for the 3-year period)	1,166 (25-26 and 26-27 delivery)	Pre- and post-install EPCs
7.c. Accumulative lifetime household bill savings (modelled) (Measured via Accumulative annual household bill savings modelled from EPC data)	£145.2m over 2025-2069 (3 year target)		Modelled energy savings by measure, split by fuel type and other home characteristics

Outcome 8: Reduction in direct carbon emissions from public sector buildings (Buildings Retrofit)					
Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2028	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27		
8.1 Reduction in direct carbon emissions from public sector buildings upgraded	N/A	3.6 Kt CO2e (per year from 2028/29) (for the 3-year period)	TBD		Estimated energy savings split by fuel type. Over time, validated by actual energy savings (feasibility/detailed design studies and smart meter data)

Outcome 9: Effective local leadership of local nature recovery strategy					
Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
9.1 Leadership of local nature recovery strategy	N/A	On track	On track	On track	MSA reporting

Outcome 10: Get back on track to ending homelessness and rough sleeping through strong regional leadership and convening local partners.					
Output indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
10.a More coordinated strategic approaches to tackle homelessness across the region	N/A	On track	On track	On track	MSA reporting

Outcome 11: Increase the provision of land and infrastructure to unlock housing development					
Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
11.1 Number of contracted homes completed	NA	299	0	36	WMCA housing programme data
Output indicator		Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
11.a Capacity for [x.no.] homes unlocked by WMCA intervention (measured via contract)		2,528	481	440	WMCA housing programme data
11.b Number of new starts on site		1,528	243	423	WMCA housing programme data

Outcome 12: Improve accessibility to key amenities through public and active transport.

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
12.1 % mode share of trips made by public transport	7.7%	7.93%	7.78%	7.85%	NTS data (2023/24) Includes local bus, Rail and other public transport i.e. tram
12.2 Public transport, walking and cycling connectivity score to key destinations (education, leisure and community, health, shopping, residential and workplaces)	64.81	Increase against agreed baseline	-	-	DfT Connectivity Tool
12.3 Bus patronage (Millions of passenger journeys)	246.6m	254.0m	249.1m	251.m	DfT Annual Bus Statistics (2024/25)
12.4 Bus punctuality and reliability:					
i. % of buses departing from stops no more than one minute early and no more than five minutes fifty-nine seconds late across all routes	80%	87%	-	-	DfT Bus Open Data Service (BODS) (2024/25)
ii. % of bus journey km cancelled – [where applicable]	3%	2%	-	-	TfWM Data (NX services only)
12.5 Bus passenger satisfaction (inc. on personal security and accessibility):					
i. % total of all bus passengers very and fairly satisfied with bus journey	79%	85%	-	-	Transport Focus – Your Bus Journey (2024)

ii. % satisfaction of passengers with personal security on the bus	77%	85%	-	-	
iii. % total of disabled passengers very and fairly satisfied with bus journey	82%	85%	-	-	
12.6 Tram / Light rail patronage (millions of passenger journeys)	8.8m	10.6m	9.4m	10.0m	DfT Light Rail and Tram Statistics (2024/25)
12.7 Delivery of transport capital programme:	N/A	To be reported in year			LTA Reporting (TCR programme in development)
i. The number of schemes in development / delivery / completed					
ii. The percentage of capital spend in development / delivery / completed					

Outcome 13: Reduce traffic and improve safety and security across the transport system.

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
13.1 Number of road casualties killed or seriously injured (KSI) split by Adults (18+) and Children (17 and below)	1053	571	651	611	DfT Road Casualties statistics (2024) via Collision Analysis Tool
13.2 Number of road casualties killed or seriously injured (KSI) - Adults	901	428	475	453	DfT Road Casualties statistics

13.3 Number of road casualties killed or seriously injured (KSI) - Children	124	91	112	101	DfT Road Casualties statistics
13.4 Average number of walking, wheeling and cycling journey stages per year	To be agreed following the publication of the third cycling and walking investment strategy (CWIS3)				DfT National Travel Survey. Trip Stages for Walk and Pedal cycle (excl Motorcycle 2023/24)
13.5 Miles of compliant new / improved active travel network delivered					LTA Reporting through Active Travel Update Your Capital Scheme (UYCS)
13.6 Proportion of the A roads that should be considered for maintenance.	To be agreed following the publication of PAS2161 (due in Autumn 2027).				DfT Road Condition Statistics (2024)
13.7 Proportion of the B + C roads that should be considered for maintenance.					DfT Road Condition Statistics (2024)
13.8 Proportion of the unclassified roads that should be considered for maintenance.	20.00%	19.00%	19.00%	19.00%	DfT Road Condition Statistics (2024)

Outcome 14: Reduce transport’s contribution towards harmful emissions.

Outcome indicators	Baseline	Target March 2029	Trajectory		Data source
			March '27	March '28	
14.1 Number of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) roadside monitoring sites in exceedance of the annual statutory concentration limit (40µg/m3).	13	0	-	-	Local Authority Monitoring Data and DEFRA National Monitoring Network (2023)
14.2 Estimated annual transport carbon impacts up to 2050, disaggregated by user emissions.	N/A	≤0	-	-	LTA Reporting (using <u>Local Transport Quantifiable Carbon Guidance</u>)
14.3 % of the bus fleet that is zero tailpipe emission	18%	30%	22%	26%	DfT Annual Bus Statistics
14.4 Provision of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment and charging devices, including pavement channels, on LA controlled land	3439	+2000	+500	+2000	LTA Reporting