

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE – 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

**Report of the Director of the Urban Environment**

**Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Extension – Midland Metro**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To seek members support to the Design guide for the Construction of Metro from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill.

**Background**

2. The construction of the Metro line from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill is integral to the regeneration of Brierley Hill that is prefaced on provision of robust access arrangements of which Metro is a major component.
3. The tenders that will be sought by Centro for the construction of Metro will include a Design Guide that will form the basis of the design standards to be adopted by the concessionaire in submitting the detailed Planning Application for construction of the scheme.
4. A presentation was made to the Central Dudley Area Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> November and to the Brierley Hill Area Committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> October and both committees welcomed the construction of Metro and supported the proposals.
5. Following scrutiny of the Design Guide approval will be sought from the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration.
6. The Draft Design Guide has been placed in the Members library.
7. A presentation will be made to the meeting by Peter Adams Assistant Director Metro Implementation from Centro on the proposed design standards.

**Finance**

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **Law**

9. Centro has secured powers under a Transport Works Act Order granted on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2004 to construct the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Light Rail Line.

## **Equality Impact**

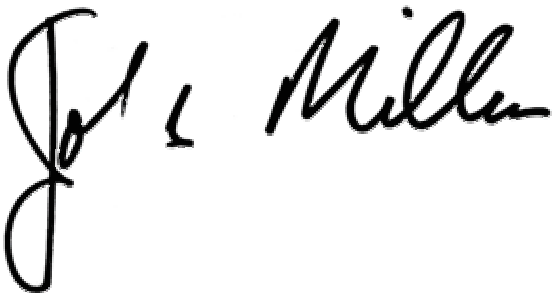
10. Metro seeks to provide an enhanced quality of public transport that will improve equality of access and support the Council's policy on equal opportunities.

## **Recommendation**

11. That the Committee supports the proposals set out in the Design Guide

## **List of Background Papers**

12. Metro Design guide  
Inspectors Report TWA inquiry  
Various e- mails/meetings between Dudley and Centro  
Draft agreement between Dudley and Centro

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Millar'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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