



Report to:	Combined Authority
Date:	14 March 2024
Subject:	Investment Zone Programme Approvals - Investment Priority 3 – Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure
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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To report on proposals for the progression of, and funding for projects under Investment Priority 3 – Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure, within the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy (WYIS), that have been considered at stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Combined Authority's assurance process.



- 1.2 The recommendations can be found in Section 12 of this report.

2 Report

- 2.1 This report presents proposals for the progression of schemes through the Combined Authority's assurance process in line with the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework. Further details on the schemes summarised below can be found as part of this report.

3 Investment Priority 3 (IP3) - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure

- 3.1 At the Combined Authority in June 2021 the approach to the Single Investment Fund (SIF) and the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy (WYIS) were endorsed. The WYIS sets out the Investment Priorities for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2024 which are framed across six areas.

- Investment Priority 1: Good Jobs and Resilient Businesses (including entrepreneurialism)
- Investment Priority 2: Skills and training for people Investment
- Investment Priority 3: Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure

- Investment Priority 4: Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability Investment
 - Investment Priority 5: Future Transport Investment Priority
 - Investment Priority 6: Culture and Creative Industries
- 3.2 Investment Priority 3 is a broad investment priority with cross-cutting themes and is well aligned to place-making, housing, regeneration, flood risk and digital infrastructure which are key areas of activity driven by the Place Regeneration and Housing Committee, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and the Mayor.
- 3.3 Adopted in 2023, the West Yorkshire Plan 2040 sets 5 Missions which are relevant to IP3 and the programmes and projects in this approvals report, in particular Mission 1: A prosperous West Yorkshire – an inclusive economy with well paid jobs and Mission 2: A happy West Yorkshire – great places and healthy communities.

Background

- 3.4 The committee will be aware that West Yorkshire was conditionally awarded an Investment Zone by Government in the 2023 Spring Budget. The Investment Zone programme seeks to harness local sector strengths to drive productivity and leverage the bottom-up energy of local talent, knowledge and networks to deliver sustainable growth that benefits local communities. They will require a holistic approach and must be rooted in partnership between central government, local government, research institutions and the private sector.
- 3.5 A sectoral approach is being taken, with the Government requesting a focus upon a limited number of 5 priority sectors: Digital and Tech, Green Industries, Life Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing and Creative Industries. All Investment Zones should be based on growing an existing cluster and there is a focus on leveraging strength to increase opportunities for local communities.
- 3.6 The total funding available is £80,000,000 over a 5-year period (2024/25 – 2028/29) which can be directed towards revenue and capital spend. An announcement confirming government funding for West Yorkshire is expected in the government's Spring budget on 06 March 2024 and a verbal update will be given at the 14 March Combined Authority meeting. The government announcement may also confirm the extension to £160,000,000 over 10 years that was outlined in the Autumn Statement (2023). This Project Approval is for the initial £80,000,000 only.
- 3.7 The Combined Authority is leading on developing the West Yorkshire Investment Zone in partnership with the 5 local authorities, our universities and private sector businesses. This process includes agreeing the sectoral focus and geography for the Investment Zone as well as the most appropriate package of incentives to achieve maximum outcomes.

The West Yorkshire Investment Zone

3.8 It was agreed with Partners that the sectoral focus of the Investment Zone would be Life Sciences (specifically health innovation/ health-tech) and Digital Tech – with the critical overlapping specialism of Digital Health. Although there are clear cluster strengths, the Investment Zone presents an opportunity to build infrastructure and create revenue interventions that stimulate growth, increasing productivity and innovation abilities regionally and nationally. A Programme of Capital and Revenue Interventions has been developed with local authority and university partners which deliver on four key objectives:

- Generating more innovation activity across our business base.
- Increasing direct investment in research and development space, equipment, and facilities.
- Increase investment and knowledge transfer across businesses within scope of our proposals.
- Increasing collaboration with the business and university ecosystem.

Scheme Summaries

<p>West Yorkshire HealthTech and Digital Tech Investment Zone</p> <p>Leeds, Bradford, Kirklees</p>	<p><u>Scheme description</u></p> <p>The West Yorkshire HealthTech & Digital Tech Investment Zone aims to foster innovation, collaboration, and the growth of companies operating in the healthcare and digital technology cluster.</p> <p>It will deliver targeted investment in local infrastructure and facilities, research and development, training, business support, sector engagement and business finance.</p> <p>The programme has a spatial focus and includes capital projects in Leeds, Huddersfield and Bradford, aligned with the universities and revenue programmes to deliver incubation space supporting business innovation.</p> <p>The programme is to be delivered through the Investment Zone fund following confirmation of Government funding.</p> <p><u>Impact</u></p> <p>The programme is targeted at delivering sustainable growth in the scale, productivity, and international competitiveness of businesses in the regions HealthTech and Digital Tech clusters.</p> <p>It will promote inclusive growth through investment in education and skills, supporting new and better paid employment opportunities and engaging more women and people from ethnic minorities in the HealthTech and Digital Tech sector.</p> <p>The scope of the programme is broadly aligned with the West Yorkshire Climate Emergency Plan and work is underway to establish a framework for assessing the value for money of interventions at a programme and project level.</p> <p><u>Decision sought</u></p> <p>Approval to proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commences on development of the business cases for schemes within the programme</p> <p>Total value of the scheme - £179,368,000 (including indicative match funding)</p> <p>Total value of Combined Authority funding - £80,000,000 (subject to confirmation of Government funding).</p> <p>Funding recommendation sought - £6,400,000</p> <p>A decision by the Combined Authority is sought as part of this report</p>
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Delegated Approvals Update

- 3.9 Since the Combined Authority’s meeting on 1 February 2024, the following decision points and change requests have been assessed in line with the Combined Authority’s assurance process and approved through the agreed delegation to the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee at its meeting on 29 February 2024. The decisions were made by the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee following a recommendation from Combined Authority Director of Policing, Environment & Place.

3.10 The full agenda and papers for the meeting can be found on the Combined Authority website [here](#).

<p>BHF Leeds City Village Phase 1 - Leeds</p>	<p>Approval to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>Funding approved: £7,667,000</p> <p>Total indicative value of the scheme: £200,330,000</p> <p>Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £7,667,000</p>
<p>BHF Parkwood Mills</p>	<p>Approval to proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>Funding approved: £600,000</p> <p>Total indicative value of the scheme: £8,042,483</p> <p>Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £600,000</p>
<p>BHF Kirkby Road (Oaklands)</p>	<p>Approval to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>Funding approved: £1,257,484</p> <p>Total indicative value of the scheme: £39,271,576</p> <p>Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £1,257,484</p>
<p>BHF Bradford Road Idle</p>	<p>Approval to proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>Funding approved: £341,500</p> <p>Total indicative value of the scheme: £10,783,362</p> <p>Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £341,500</p>
<p>BHF Elland Town Hall</p>	<p>Approval to proceed through decision point 4 (Full business case) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>Funding approved: £840,000</p> <p>Total indicative value of the scheme: £7,243,000</p> <p>Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £840,000</p>
<p>BHF St Cecilia Street</p>	<p>Approval to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>Funding approved: £1,250,000</p> <p>Total indicative value of the scheme: £17,889,004</p> <p>Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £1,250,000</p>
<p>BHF Plane Street</p>	<p>Approval to proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>Funding approved: £450,000</p> <p>Total indicative value of the scheme: £8,917,379</p> <p>Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £450,000</p>

BHF Middlecross Extra Care	Approval to proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery). Funding approved: £1,300,000 Total indicative value of the scheme: £19,472,238 Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £1,300,000
BHF Hough Top Court	Approval to proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery). Funding approved: £1,640,000 Total indicative value of the scheme: £22,404,738 Total indicative value of Combined Authority funding: £1,640,000

4 Information

4.1 The Combined Authority's assurance framework requires that formal approval is given to the following elements of a scheme as part of its development:

- The progression of a scheme through a decision point to the next activity.
- Indicative or full approval to the total value of the scheme funding requested.
- The Combined Authority's entry into a funding agreement with the scheme's promoter.
- The assurance pathway and approval route for future decision points.
- The scheme's approval tolerances.

4.2 This report provides information required to enable the Combined Authority to approve each of the above elements.

Additional Approvals

Enterprise West Yorkshire Change to Project Timescales

4.3 Although the Enterprise West Yorkshire scheme sits in Investment Priority 1, Good Jobs and Resilient Businesses, the scheme complements the enterprise elements of the Investment Zone programme, and in the interests of expediency of delivery, has been incorporated into this report for its timescale change request approval.

4.4 The Enterprise West Yorkshire scheme (previously referred to as Entrepreneurship Package of Support) was approved in June 2021. £6,000,000 of Combined Authority funding was approved to deliver support for economic recovery following the Covid-19 pandemic. The programme was to be delivered over three years and was designed to encourage entrepreneurship and to help people get the support that they needed to build successful businesses.

- 4.5 The scheme focusses on enterprise support across three workstreams, offering free support that will help people in the region to explore and establish new businesses:
- Workstream one comprises of a marketing campaign to raise awareness of Entrepreneurship as a career choice, an 'Exploring Enterprise' programme to engage participants, and a schools programme to develop entrepreneurship as a career option for young people
 - Workstream two comprises of two elements of support, collectively known as 'Start Up West Yorkshire' which provides advice on setting up businesses and support for businesses and this is delivered by 'People Plus' and five Start Up Managers who are based within each local authority.
 - Workstream three supports early-stage, innovation driven individuals or business with the bespoke and targeted support they need. The University of Leeds (Nexus) is leading a consortium of partners to deliver workstream three in full.
- 4.6 Workstreams one and two have been in active delivery since January 2022, with up to 2061 people enrolled onto the programme and 287 new businesses accessing coaching and mentoring. Workstream three has encountered significant procurement delays and therefore, an extension of delivery timeframes is requested which will allow the outputs and outcomes to be achieved as planned.
- 4.7 Due to underspend on the project so far, funding is available to extend the timescales for the delivery of the Enterprise West Yorkshire scheme by 12 months meaning the full project would be delivered by 30 September 2025. There will be no increase in Combined Authority funding as a result of the timescales extension.
- 4.8 As a result of the timescale extension, there will be an increase in outputs for workstream two. 140 additional start-up businesses will be supported through 'People Plus' and 36 new businesses will access coaching and mentoring support via Start Up Managers.
- 4.9 The Combined Authority approves that:
- (i) The change request for the Enterprise West Yorkshire scheme to extend delivery timeframes by 12 months, from 30 September 2024 to 30 September 2025, is approved.
 - (ii) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in Portfolio Investment Panel report.

Projects in Stage 1: Assessment and Sequencing

- 4.10 There are no schemes to review at this stage.

Projects in Stage 2: Scheme development

Programme Title	The West Yorkshire HealthTech and Digital Tech Investment Zone programme
Stage	2 (scheme development)
Decision Point	2 (strategic outline case)

Is this a key decision?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information or appendices?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, state paragraph number of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, Part 1:		
Are there implications for equality and diversity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Background

- 4.11 In March 2023 the Government announced the introduction of Investment Zones – a policy instrument designed to help areas level-up, increase the rates of innovation and secure additional private sector investment, with up to £80,000,000 available to deliver this over a five-year period (2024/25 – 2028/29) which can be directed towards revenue and capital spend. An announcement confirming Government funding for West Yorkshire is expected in the Government’s Spring budget on 6 March 2024 and a verbal update will be given at the 14 March Combined Authority meeting.
- 4.12 Since these announcements, the proposals for a West Yorkshire Investment Zone ‘programme’ have been developed further through a series of approval gateways with the Department of Levelling Up, Homes & Communities (DLUHC) to refine the sector and geography, the scope of interventions and approach to governance and implementation.
- 4.13 It was agreed with Partners that the sectoral focus of the Investment Zone would be Life Sciences (specifically health innovation/ health-tech) and Digital Tech – with the critical overlapping specialism of Digital Health. Although there are clear cluster strengths, the Investment Zone presents an opportunity to build infrastructure and create revenue interventions that stimulate growth, increasing productivity and innovation abilities regionally and nationally. The following statistics highlight the clear gap and opportunity to level-up:
- Only 42.5% of businesses in West Yorkshire define themselves as innovation active (behind South Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands).
 - The region also has the lowest investment in R&D per £1,000,000 of GVA of any English region outside London.

- Only 23% of businesses participate in knowledge transfer and only 21% invest in R&D.
 - Businesses are most likely to collaborate with other businesses (42%) with only 18% engaging with a university.
- 4.14 A Programme of Capital and Revenue Interventions has been developed with local authority and university partners which deliver on four key objectives:
- Generating more innovation activity across our business base.
 - Increasing direct investment in research and development space, equipment, and facilities.
 - Increase investment and knowledge transfer across businesses within scope of our proposals.
 - Increasing collaboration with the business and university ecosystem.
- 4.15 The West Yorkshire' Healthtech & Digital-tech Investment Zone aims to foster innovation, collaboration, and the growth of companies operating in the healthcare and digital technology cluster. This will involve engaging with local councils, universities, and businesses to create new opportunities through capital and revenue interventions in research and innovation, skills, stakeholder support, inward investment and infrastructure.
- 4.16 Programme outcomes are focused on increasing skills to support business and innovation, creating incubator space and increased opportunities and support for collaboration with research and health institutions, unlocking land for development and providing improved access. The programme consists of a set of capital (local infrastructure, land, buildings and facilities) and revenue (research, training, business support, sector engagement and seed-funding) projects.
- 4.17 At this stage, it was agreed not to progress with the option of designating tax or Business Rates Retention (BRR) sites. This decision was led by local authority partners as the relevant bodies and centred on the restrictive nature of the offer with a clear preference for other revenue interventions being prioritised.
- 4.18 The programme has a spatial focus, confirmed with Government, and includes capital projects in Leeds, Huddersfield and Bradford, aligned with our universities and targeted revenue programmes to deliver incubation space supporting business innovation. The wider range of revenue interventions are region wide however, supporting innovation across West Yorkshire.
- 4.19 The programme is aligned to strategic and local policy including:
- [The West Yorkshire Plan - West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk) Mission 1 'A prosperous West Yorkshire – an inclusive economy with well paid jobs'
 - [West Yorkshire Employment and Skills Framework 2021 \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk)

- [West Yorkshire HealthTech Strategy 2022-2027](#)
- [Leeds City Region Innovation Framework](#)
- [Huddersfield Station to Stadium Masterplan Framework \(2023\)](#)
- [Emerging Development Framework for the City of Bradford](#)
- [Leeds City Centre West - Innovation Arc North SPD \(Oct 2023\).](#)

4.20 As confirmation of government funding for West Yorkshire is not expected until the government's Spring budget on 06 March 2024 it is proposed that a programme update is brought to the 20 June 2024 Combined Authority meeting on to provide further detail and seek further approvals, including:

- Confirmation of the programme funding profile and the status of any match funding.
- Confirmation of the programme output profile.
- Confirmation of the projects that will be included in the programme at inception and arrangements for maintaining a pipeline of reserve projects.
- Proposals for Committee and/or Officer delegations together with approval pathways and tolerances for individual projects (or sub programmes as appropriate).
- Details of the framework for assessing the value for money of interventions at a programme and project level, including the monitoring and evaluation of outputs and outcomes.

4.21 So that work can continue, this report requests development funding of £6,400,0000 to support the design, development and delivery of the programme.

4.22 The Combined Authority as the Accountable Body will be responsible for the delivery of the programme. The Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) is the Director of Policing, Environment and Place, and a Programme Board is in place. A Steering Group is being established to enable partners (local authorities, universities and sector organisations/networks) to advise and support delivery.

4.23 A summary of the programme business case is included in **Appendix 1**.

Outputs and Outcomes

4.24 The specific outputs are subject to confirmation with Government. For capital projects this is expected to include the amount of floorspace/land developed/improved for sector specific activities (i.e. business incubators¹).

¹ 'Incubators' provide start-ups and early-stage businesses with support and resources, including access to networks, investors and mentors, or specialist/flexible working space.

For revenue projects this is expected to include the take-up of education, training and businesses support (i.e. seed-funding², business accelerators³).

- 4.25 The programme outcomes are outlined in section 3 of this report.
- 4.26 Work is underway to establish a framework for assessing the value for money of interventions at a programme and project level, including the monitoring and evaluation of outputs and outcomes.

Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 4.27 A Stage 1 Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) for the programme has been completed. This indicates that the scope of the programme is broadly aligned with the West Yorkshire Climate Emergency Plan (CEP).
- 4.28 The climate emergency implications of the programme are:
- An increase in capital carbon emissions through investment in research and development space, equipment and facilities and local sites and infrastructure.
 - A potential reduction in operational carbon emission through greater uptake of technology driven healthcare, reducing consumption, waste and the need for travel.
 - A commitment to creating sustainable buildings, reutilising and refurbishing historic buildings and unlocking brownfield land, minimising embodied carbon impacts and operational carbon emissions.
- 4.29 Stage 2 CIA assessments will be undertaken for all projects as they come forward through the assurance process to demonstrate how carbon emissions will be managed and mitigated over the full project lifecycle. The carbon impacts of the programme as a whole will be considered as part of the programme evaluation.

Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.30 The programme aims to promote inclusive growth through investment in education and skills, new and better paid employment opportunities, and improved healthcare outcomes. The geographical focus of key interventions are within or in close proximity to areas with high levels of deprivation in Leeds, Bradford and Huddersfield.
- 4.31 The inclusive growth implications of the programme include:

² 'Accelerators' provide intensive, time-limited business support for cohorts of startups, to get them ready for investment.

³ 'Seed-funding' refers to early-stage funding for the costs associated with developing a proposition

- A focus on improving access to education, skills and career progression routes for people from typically underrepresented groups and communities.
- Supporting new and better paid jobs by enabling businesses to locate and grow in the area.

Equality and Diversity Implications

- 4.32 A Stage 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been undertaken for the scheme and equality and diversity impacts taken account of as part of the development of the programme and the business case development.
- 4.33 The equality and diversity implications of the programme are:
- Providing education and training to address barriers to employment for young people (18-24), those aged over 50, and disabled people.
 - Engaging more women and people from ethnic minorities in the HealthTech and Digital Tech sector.
- 4.34 Stage 2 EqIAs will be completed for all projects as they come forward through the assurance process, to establish how positive outcomes can be achieved across the protected characteristics.

Consultation and Engagement

- 4.35 The programme was developed through consultation and engagement with local authority partners, universities, healthcare providers, HealthTech and Digital Tech sector networks, the DLUHC and other Government departments.
- 4.36 A stakeholder engagement plan for the programme is in place and the communications strategy will focus on maximising awareness and take-up of opportunities by individuals, business and organisations, and reflect the Combined Authority's priorities for inclusive growth, equality, diversity and inclusivity.
- 4.37 The extent of public consultation on individual projects will be determined through business case development, and where required for meet statutory obligations such as the planning process.

Risks

- 4.38 The key programme risks and mitigations are:
- The risk that cost increases and delays/reductions in funding limit the scope of the programme – mitigated by ongoing cost profiling to maintain appropriate contingencies and allowances, and ongoing engagement with DLUHC and local authority partners on the release of programme and project funding.
 - The risk of programme delays due to capacity constraints and limited project development activity - mitigated by the release of development

funding to support the design and development of the overall programme and support partners project development.

- The risk of reduced programme outputs due to lack of demand and limited take up of services and opportunities – mitigated by robust project design, effective communications, and ongoing stakeholder engagement activities.

4.39 The risk profile will evolve as the programme moves into delivery and individual risk registers will be maintained for all projects as they progress through the assurance process to ensure that service delivery and operational risks can be managed and mitigated.

4.40 All projects will complete a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to identify risks arising out of the processing of personal data and to minimise these risks as far as possible.

Costs

4.41 The total scheme costs are £179,368,000 (including indicative match funding).

4.42 The Combined Authority's contribution is £80,000,000. An announcement from the Government confirming this funding is expected in the Government's Spring Budget (6 March 2024). This funding is provisionally split between capital (£52,298,000) and revenue (£27,702,000).

4.43 The timing of the release of this funding has not been confirmed by DLUHC, the Government's sponsor Department. It is anticipated that initial funding will be released during quarter two of financial year 2024/25 and on this basis, it is proposed that the Combined Authority's Gainshare funding is used to cashflow the programme ahead of the release of Government funding.

4.44 The following match funding is also anticipated. However, this match funding is indicative only at this stage and will be confirmed following the Government's Spring Budget through further detailed business case and project development over the 5 year programme:

- £5,700,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- £38,200,000 from the Department for Health & Social Care
- £10,400,000 from public sector land value uplift and capitalised rental income
- £45,068,000 from the private sector

4.45 Development funding of £6,400,0000 is requested to support the design, development and delivery of the programme over its initial 5-year timeframe to fund:

- Staffing resources in the Combined Authority and local authority partners.
- External technical advice and support, including legal, commercial and economic consultancy services.

- Early interventions to support project development, including site investigations and land and property acquisitions.

4.46 Delegation is requested to the Director of Policing, Environment and Place to allocate these development funds and to enter into funding agreements with local authority partners to progress the development of projects in their areas.

Future Programme Assurance Pathway and Approval Route

4.47 The programme assurance pathway and approval route is shown below. The Combined Authority will be asked to endorse arrangements for the assurance and approval of individual business cases at its meeting on 20 June 2024

Assurance pathway	Approval route	Forecast approval date
Programme update	Recommendation: Combined Authority's Director of Policing, Environment & Place Decision: Combined Authority	20/06/2024
5 (completion/service delivery)	Recommendation: Combined Authority's Portfolio Investment Panel Decision: Combined Authority's Director of Policing, Environment & Place (DoPEP)	02/04/2029

Assurance Tolerances – Investment Zone Programme

4.48 This approval is the first decision point for the programme at committee. The assurance tolerances for the recommended approval in this report are:

Assurance tolerances
Combined Authority funding remain within +10% of those outlined in this report. Completion/service delivery date remains within +6 months of those outlined in this report. Outputs remain within -10% of those outlined in this report.

4.49 Project level tolerances will be established as individual projects come forward through the assurance process.

Appraisal Summary

4.50 There is a clear strategic rationale for intervention, closely aligned with national, regional and local priorities for innovation and growth. The programme has been developed through co-production (Government, local authority partners, universities and other key stakeholders) and work is underway to establish a framework for assessing the value for money of individual projects that will come forward from a pipeline of capital and revenue proposals over the 5-year Investment Zone programme.

Recommendations

4.51 The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) The West Yorkshire HealthTech and Digital Tech Investment Zone programme proceeds through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commences on development of individual business cases.
- (ii) Indicative approval is given to the Combined Authority's contribution of £80,000,000. The total programme value is approximately £179,368,000 (including indicative match funding).
- (iii) Development costs of £6,400,000 are approved in order to progress programme and project development, taking the total approval to £6,400,000.
- (iv) Approval is given to the use of Gainshare funding to cashflow programme costs pending the confirmation of Government funding.
- (v) A programme update, including proposals for the assurance pathway and approval route of early projects, is brought forward for consideration by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 20 June 2024 with further programme level updates provided to the Combined Authority or thematic committees at regular intervals over the programme lifetime.
- (vi) The Director of Policing, Environment and Place is delegated to allocate development funds and to enter into funding agreements with partners to progress the development of projects in their areas.
- (vii) Future programme approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway, approval route and tolerances outlined in this report. Where further approval is required, the respective programme or schemes will return to the Combined Authority/Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee/Business or the Business, Economy and Innovation Committee.

Projects in Stage 3: Delivery and Evaluation

4.52 There are no schemes to review at this stage.

5 Tackling the Climate Emergency implications

5.1 The Climate Emergency implications have been considered on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

6 Inclusive Growth implications

6.1 The inclusive growth implications have been considered on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

7 Equality and Diversity implications

7.1 Equality Impact Assessments (EqIA) have been undertaken on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

8 Financial implications

- 8.1 The report seeks endorsement to expenditure from the available Combined Authority funding as set out in this report.

9 Legal implications

- 9.1 The payment of funding to any recipient will be subject to a funding agreement being in place between the Combined Authority and the organisation in question.
- 9.2 In accordance with the voting arrangements of the Combined Authority, all Combined Authority members may vote on this item with the exception of the Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member.

10 Staffing implications

- 10.1 A combination of Combined Authority and local partner council project, programme and portfolio management resources are or are in the process of being identified and costed for within the schemes in this report.

11 External consultees

- 11.1 Where applicable scheme promoters have been consulted on the content of this report.

12 Recommendations (Summary)

Enterprise West Yorkshire

- 12.1 The Combined Authority approves that:
- (i) The change request for the Enterprise West Yorkshire scheme to extend delivery timeframes by 12 months, from 30th September 2024 to 30th September 2025, is approved.
 - (ii) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the Portfolio Investment Panel report.

West Yorkshire HealthTech and Digital Tech Investment Zone programme

- 12.2 The Combined Authority approves that:
- (i) The West Yorkshire HealthTech and Digital Tech Investment Zone programme proceeds through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commences on development of individual business cases.
 - (ii) Indicative approval is given to the Combined Authority's contribution of £80,000,000. The total programme value is approximately £179,368,000 (including indicative match funding).

- (iii) Development costs of £6,400,000 are approved in order to progress programme and project development, taking the total approval to £6,400,000.
- (iv) Approval is given to the use of Gainshare funding to cashflow programme costs pending the confirmation of Government funding.
- (v) A programme update, including proposals for the assurance pathway and approval route of early projects, is brought forward for consideration by the Combined Authority at its meeting on 20 June 2024 with further programme level updates provided to the Combined Authority or thematic committees at regular intervals over the programme lifetime.
- (vi) The Director of Policing, Environment and Place is delegated to allocate development funds and to enter into funding agreements with partners to progress the development of projects in their areas.
- (vii) Future programme approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway, approval route and tolerances outlined in this report. Where further approval is required, the respective programme or schemes will return to the Combined Authority/Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee/Business or the Business, Economy and Innovation Committee.

13 Background Documents

13.1 None as part of this report.

14 Appendices

[Appendix 1 - West Yorkshire HealthTech and Digital Tech Investment Zone programme - Business Case Summary](#)