

## Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	Thursday, 3 February 2022
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<b>CIRCULATION:</b>	Members of the WYCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Subject/Title of Report</b>	<b>Decision(s)</b>
6	Budget and Business Planning 2022/23	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) That approval be given to the Combined Authority proposed revenue budget for 2022/23.</li> <li>b) That approval be given to the indicative capital programme and budget for 2021/22 – 2024/25.</li> <li>c) That progress on the 2022/23 business plan be noted and that the proposal to review the Combined Authority’s corporate priorities is endorsed.</li> <li>d) That in accordance with the powers contained in the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended) and by virtue of article 9(6) of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Order and the Transport Levying Bodies Regulations 2015 (as amended) a levy of £103 million be determined for the year ended 31 March 2023.</li> <li>e) That the Director, Corporate and Commercial Services be authorised to issue the levy letter in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 2023 to the five District Councils in West Yorkshire.</li> <li>f) That a payment of £5.09 million be made to the five District Councils in accordance with Table 1 of the submitted report.</li> </ul>

		<p>g) That authorisation be given to the Director, Corporate and Commercial Services to arrange appropriate funding for all expenditure in 2021/22 and 2022/23 subject to statutory limitation, including the most appropriate application of capital funding as set out in the submitted report.</p> <p>h) That approval be given to the continuing of the policy, effective from 2017/18, for recovering the Combined Authority costs of managing the capital programme against the capital programme spend being mainly West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund, Transforming Cities, Getting Building Fund, Brownfield Housing, Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport and any schemes developed in year. For 2022/23 the estimated total value is £12 million.</p> <p>i) That the adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services be reaffirmed.</p> <p>j) That the treasury management policy as set out in Appendix 5 of the submitted report be approved.</p> <p>k) That the prudential limits for the next three years as set out in Appendix 5 of the submitted report be adopted.</p>
7	Funding Priorities	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That the Combined Authority:</p> <p>a) indicatively approves the revenue funding envelopes (detailed at para 2.8 of the submitted report) to the Investment Priorities within the WYIS for the financial years 21/22-24/25. Full approvals to spend will be granted once pipelines of projects have been developed. All schemes and pipeline will be progressed through the assurance process in line with the Combined Authority’s Assurance Process.</p> <p>b) indicatively approves £11.4m funding from the Single Investment Fund to the Combined</p>

		<p>Authority and Local Authorities to support capacity issues and enable pipeline development work to be undertaken against the Investment Priorities. Full approval to spend will be granted once the project has progressed through the assurance process in line with the Combined Authority's Assurance Process.</p> <p>c) delegates to the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee, the approval for programme to pass through Decision Point 2, totalling no more than £11.4m of funding from the Single Investment Fund.</p>
9	Healthtech Strategy	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That the Combined Authority:</p> <p>a) notes the progress made to support the Health Innovation agenda.</p> <p>b) approves and endorses the vision and direction for the partnership set out by the West Yorkshire Healthtech Strategy and that the Combined Authority adopts it as part of the Strategic Economic Framework.</p>
10	Mass Transit Resourcing	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That the Combined Authority approves:</p> <p>a) to create a new role of Director of the West Yorkshire Mass Transit Programme within the Combined Authority and recruit to the post.</p> <p>b) to delegate to the Managing Director the recruitment process, including convening an interview panel (with member representation) and, in consultation with the Mayor and the Chair of the Transport Committee, to make an appointment in accordance with the recommendation of the interview panel.</p>
11	Capital Spending and Project Approvals	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority approves that:</p> <p>a) the CIP - A629(N) – Ogden to Orange Street Roundabout scheme proceeds through decision 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).</p>

		<p>b) an indicative approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £6,100,000 is given. The total scheme value is £7,010,000.</p> <p>c) additional development costs of £1,180,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case), taking the total scheme approval to £1,810,000.</p> <p>d) the Combined Authority enters into a funding agreement with Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council for expenditure of up to £1,810,000.</p> <p>e) 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 submitted report.</p>
12	Assurance Framework	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority:</p> <p>a) has reviewed and approves the proposed revisions to the Leeds City Region Assurance Framework.</p> <p>b) delegates authority to the LEP’s Chief Executive (the Managing Director) in consultation with the LEP Chair and the Combined Authority Chair to approve the final Local Assurance Framework, in case that any further changes are needed to be made to the Local Assurance Framework prior to its publication.</p>
13	Appointment of external auditors	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That the Combined Authority has considered the recommendation and information provided and approves the opt-in to the PSAA led national scheme for the appointment of external auditors, effective from April 2023.</p>