

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLACE, REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2021 AT THE OLD
RESTAURANT 3RD FLOOR, WAKEFIELD TOWN HALL. WOOD ST,
WAKEFIELD WF1 2HQ**

Present:

Councillor Denise Jeffery (Chair)
Amir Hussain (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Darren Byford
Councillor Helen Hayden
Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw
Councillor Jane Scullion
Tamsin Hart Jones (Advisory
Representative)

Wakefield Council
Architect / Professional services
Wakefield Council
Leeds City Council
Bradford Council
Calderdale Council
Homes England

In attendance:

Melanie Corcoran
Patricia Davey
Vicky Dumbrell
Dave Haskins
Ian Smyth
Janette Woodcock
Amy Jones
James Young

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8. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Denise Craghill, Councillor Peter McBride, Helen Lennon and Sam Keighley.

9. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Agenda item 8 Appendix 6 - Cllr Scullion declared that her husband was secretary of a voluntary organisation in Hebden Bridge.

Exempt Appendix 10

Amir Hussain read out the following statement to members of the Committee and said that:

“For the record, I would like to confirm that, by mutual agreement with the Chair, given my wider business interests and in the interests of transparency and openness, the exempt Appendix 10 to Item 8 has not been disclosed to me. I do intend to take part in the discussion and debate on this item, however if the Committee wishes to discuss the exempt information I will withdraw from the meeting for that part. I will not take part in any vote, should one be taken, but otherwise do wish to participate fully in the wider debate.”

It was noted that Exempt Appendix 10 was not shared with Helen Lennon, West Yorkshire Housing Partnership by mutual agreement.

10. Exempt information - possible exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED – That in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendix 10 of Agenda Item 8 and Appendix 1 of Agenda item 9 on the grounds that they are likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and for the reasons set out in the report that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

11. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 be approved.

12. Statement of Intent on Mass Transit

The Committee considered a report and verbal update by the Head of Economic Policy to approve the first version of the West Yorkshire Mass Transit Statement of Intent, a document that provides a foundation for cross-boundary working on planning matters relating to mass transit and was asked to approve the signing of the first version of the Mass Transit Statement of Intent...

The planning process needs to achieve the following outcomes to support mass transit:

Mass transit corridors to be in conformity with statutory spatial strategy and policy in advance of examination through Transport and Works Act / Development Consent Orders (DCO) processes.

Detailed route alignments to be protected through statutory plans (safeguarded) as early as possible.

Support place making and design principles of the mass transit scheme.

In noting the Panel discussed and said this was very much supported.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That members feedback and comments be noted.
- (iii) That the signing of the first version of the Mass Transit Statement of Intent be approved.

13. Greater Manchester Planning for Places Statement of Common Ground

The Committee considered a report and verbal updated from the Head of Economic Policy to seek approval to sign the Greater Manchester Planning for Places Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) relating to matter 12 – Cross Boundary Transport. Signing of the Statement provides confirmation that we have engaged in the plan preparation process and that we agree to continuous joint working.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (February 2019) sets out that all local planning authorities are required to produce, maintain and update a SoCG.

A SoCG must be produced to support more effective joint working where planning issues need to be addressed by more than one local planning authority. The objectives of the policy are to:

Increase certainty and transparency, earlier on in the plan-making process, on where effective co-operation is and is not happening; Encourage all local planning authorities, regardless of their stage in plan making, To co-operate effectively and seek agreement on strategic cross-boundary matters, including planning for the wider area's housing need; Help local planning authorities demonstrate evidence of co-operation by setting clearer and more consistent expectations as to how co-operation in plan-making should be approached and documented.

It was noted that this was a very important document for Calderdale as there is flow on the Western border and M62 into Manchester. Members supported and looked forward to relationships developing.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report and verbal update be noted.
- (ii) That the signing of the Greater Manchester Planning for Places Statement of Common Ground relating to matter 12 – Cross Boundary Transport be approved.

14. Housing Market Dashboard (for information)

The Committee considered a report for information and Housing Market dashboard containing the latest data on the performance of the region's housing market. Further analysis of the issues raised in the dashboard will be presented to the Committee in due course, in support of a revised West Yorkshire Housing Strategy, which will be developed by the Committee during 2022.

Resolved: That the contents of the report be noted.

15. Capital Spending Report

The Committee considered a report and verbal updates on proposals for the progression of, and funding for a number of West Yorkshire Combined Authority supported projects that have been considered at stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Combined Authority's assurance process.

The Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee has delegated decision making authority approved by the Combined Authority on 9 September 2021.

This report presented proposals for the progression of 9 schemes through the Combined Authority's assurance process in line with the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework. These schemes have a funding value of £328,409,768 when fully approved, of which £56,743,988 will be funded by the Combined Authority. A total expenditure recommendation to the value of £29,720,988 was sought as part of the report for the development and delivery of these schemes. Further details on the schemes were summarised as part of the report.

It was noted that Appendix 10 was an exempt item.

Resolved:

- (i) That in respect of the Outwood Park and Ride Scheme the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approved that:
 - (a) The Outwood Park and Ride scheme proceeds through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
 - (b) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £2,731,000. The total scheme value is £2,731,000.
 - (c) Development costs of £86,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case) taking the total scheme approval to £296,000. The Combined Authority enters into

an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Wakefield Council for expenditure of up to £296,000.

- (d) 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 this report.
- (ii) That in respect of the North Halifax Improved Streets for People the Place Regeneration and Housing Committee approved that:
 - (a) The North Halifax Improved Streets for People scheme proceeds through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
 - (b) An indicative approval to total scheme costs of £10,958,000 is given, to be funded by the Combined Authority's Transforming Cities Fund (TCF).
 - (c) Additional development costs of £1,350,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case), taking the total scheme approval to £1,980,000.
 - (d) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Calderdale Council for expenditure of up to £1,980,000.
 - (e) A progress report to be submitted to the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team by end of March 2022 to include:
 - Outcome of public consultation on feasibility designs and demonstrate continued political support for the scheme.
 - An update on the progress of land acquisition.
 - Preliminary designs for the scheme.
 - Progression of statutory undertaker work requirements and associated costs.
 - Updated costs, QRA and programme.
 - Updated economic case.
 - Demonstrate project affordability within the overall Transforming Cities Fund's programme.
 - (f) 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 this report.
- (iii) That in respect of West Halifax Street for People the Place Regeneration and Housing Committee approved that:
 - (a) The West Halifax Improved Streets for People scheme proceeds

through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).

- (b) An indicative approval to total scheme costs of £9,240,000 is given, to be funded by the Combined Authority's Transforming Cities Fund.
 - (c) Additional development costs of £1,275,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case), taking the total scheme approval to £1,827,000.
 - (d) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Calderdale Council for expenditure of up to £1,827,000.
 - (e) A progress report to be submitted to the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team by end of March 2022 to include:
 - Outcome of public consultation on feasibility designs and continued political support for the scheme to be demonstrated
 - An update on the progress of land acquisition
 - Preliminary designs for the scheme
 - Progression of statutory undertaker work requirements and associated costs
 - Updated costs, QRA and programme
 - Updated economic case
 - Demonstrate project affordability within the overall Transforming Cities Fund's programme
 - (f) 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 this report.
- (iv) That in respect of BHF West Leeds Phase 1 the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approved the recommendations set out at 1.8 of exempt appendix 10
 - (v) That in respect of BHF Hebden Bridge the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approved the recommendations set out at 1.16 of exempt appendix 10
 - (vi) That in respect of BHF Leeds Central the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approved the recommendations set out at 1.24 of exempt appendix 10
 - (vii) That in respect of BHF Leeds South 1B the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approved the recommendations set out at 1.33 of exempt appendix 10

- (viii) That in respect of BHF Knottingley the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approved the recommendations set out at 1.43 of exempt appendix 10
- (ix) That in respect of White Rose Station the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approved that:
 - (a) The White Rose Rail Station scheme proceeds through full business case with finalised costs and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).
 - (b) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £22,000,000 is given. The total scheme value is £26,500,000.
 - (c) The Combined Authority enters into a funding agreement with Munroe K for expenditure of up to £22,000,000.
 - (d) 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 this report.

16. Broadband

The Committee considered a report and verbal update by the Head of Economic Implementation Delivery to provide members of the committee with an update on delivery of Superfast West Yorkshire and York (SWYY) Broadband, Contracts 2 and 3. The SWYY programme aims to deliver fast and reliable broadband infrastructure (defined as broadband with speeds greater than 24mb/s) in some of the hardest to reach areas of market failure which are not currently targeted through a commercial roll out or were not targeted by previous phases.

The Committee was asked to note progress to date on the delivery of the SWYY Broadband Contracts 2 and 3 Programme and the further update in exempt appendix 1 of the report.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That progress to date on the delivery of SWYY Broadband Contracts 2 and 3 Programme as highlighted in Section 2 of the report and the further update in Exempt Appendix 1 be noted.
- (iii) That the recommendation outlined in Appendix 1 be approved.