

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FINANCE, RESOURCES, AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2022 AT COMMITTEE ROOM 1,
WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS, LS1 2DE**

Present:

Mayor Tracy Brabin (Chair)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Mark Roberts (Substitute)	Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership
Councillor James Lewis	Leeds City Council
Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe	Bradford Council
Councillor Matthew Morley (Substitute)	Wakefield Council
Councillor Cathy Scott (Substitute)	Kirklees Council
Councillor Jane Scullion (Substitute)	Calderdale Council

In attendance:

Ben Still	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Melanie Corcoran	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Alan Reiss	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Lorna Jones	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Celia Yang	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

51. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jeffrey, Councillor Pandor, Councillor Swift and Sir Roger Marsh

52. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest at the meeting.

53. Exempt Information - Possible Exemption of the Press and Public

There were no items on the agenda requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

54. Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 April 2022

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2022 be approved.

55. Financial Reporting

Members considered a report to provide the latest financial position for 2021/22 and emerging inflationary and other financial pressures identified for the coming years. The report also advised of a delay for the audit of the annual accounts, due to the late completion of last year's police audit, and auditor pressures this year.

The Committee noted the financial position and considered the position regarding inflation and the budgetary pressures this presents.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted
- (ii) That the planned delay to the external audit for 2021/22 be noted.

56. Capital Spending and Project Approvals

The Committee considered a report which set out proposals for the progression of, and funding for West Yorkshire Combined Authority supported projects. Members discussed the proposals for the progression of the following schemes which were detailed in the submitted report.

- Inclusivity Champion
- The TCF A638 Dewsbury Cleckheaton Sustainable Travel Corridor.

Members welcomed the proposal for an Inclusivity Champion to shape an ambitious work programme.

Resolved:

That the Finance Resources and Corporate Committee approves that:

Inclusivity Champion

(i) The Inclusivity Champion scheme (Phase 1) proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).

(ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £400,000 is given. The total scheme value is £625,000.

(iii) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £175,000.

(iv) 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.

The TCF A638 Dewsbury Cleckheaton Sustainable Travel Corridor

That the Finance, Resource and Corporate Committee approve that:

(i) The TCF A638 Dewsbury Cleckheaton Sustainable Travel Corridor scheme proceeds through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case), subject to the conditions set by PAT.

(ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £12,884,315 is given, subject to the conditions set by PAT. The total scheme value is £12,884,315.

(iii) Approval to additional development costs of £415,970 taking the total scheme approval to £1,367,470.

(iv) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council for expenditure of up to £1,367,470.

(v) 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.

Conditions

That Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council provides a report to the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team by 31st August 2022 to include the conditions outlined in the PAT Appraisal Report.

57. Corporate Planning and Performance

The Committee considered a report which provided an update on corporate planning and performance activities and was asked to note the contents of the report and endorse the Corporate Governance Code and Framework.

Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee have received regular updates throughout the business planning process. This year the business plans have been refined further to ensure that equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) implications are fully embedded within the plans to achieve the best outcomes for the people, communities and businesses of West Yorkshire in line with the Combined Authority's EDI vision statement and framework to meet the standards set out in the Local Government Equality Framework.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report including the corporate Key Performance Indicator end of year dashboard and Corporate Plan be noted.

- (ii) That the Corporate Governance Code and framework be endorsed.