

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLACE, REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2022 AT THE OLD RESTAURANT, 3RD
FLOOR, WAKEFIELD TOWN HALL, WOOD STREET, WAKEFIELD WF1
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Present:

Councillor Denise Jeffery (Chair)	Wakefield Council
Amir Hussain (Deputy Chair)	Architect / Professional services
Councillor Denise Craghill	York Council
Councillor Helen Hayden	Leeds City Council
Sam Keighley	Yorkshire Sport Foundation
Councillor Jane Scullion	Calderdale Council
Helen Lennon (Advisory Representative)	LCR Housing Partnership

In attendance:

Melanie Corcoran	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Patricia Davey	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Judith Furlonger	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ben Marchant	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Mark Ramsden	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Kate Thompson	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

26. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Darren Byford, Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw, Cllr Peter McBride and Tamsin Hart-Jones

27. Chair's Update

Amir Hussain and Helen Lennon

“For the record, Amir Hussain and Helen Lennon confirmed that, by mutual agreement with the Chair, given their wider business interests and in the interests of transparency and openness, the exempt Appendix x of Item x has not been disclosed to them and do intend to take part in the discussion and debate on this item, however if the Committee wishes to discuss the exempt information they will withdraw from the meeting for that part”

28. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

29. 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.

30. Notes of the meeting held on 7 February 2022

Resolved: That the notes of the informal consultative meeting held on 7 February 2022 be noted.

31. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2021

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2021 be approved.

32. Levelling Up White Paper

The Committee considered a report and verbal update to inform about the implications of the Government's Levelling Up White Paper on the region.

On 2 February 2022, Michael Gove, the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities, unveiled their flagship Levelling Up White Paper 'setting out a plan to transform the UK by spreading opportunity and prosperity to all parts of it'.

Resolved: That the contents of the report and recommendations for West Yorkshire be noted.

33. Capital Spending and Project Approvals

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.

Due to the commercial nature of these projects some of the details of the schemes were outlined in the exempt **Appendix 8**.

TCF Dewsbury Bus Station

The Committee considered a report and verbal update on PCF Dewsbury Bus Station.

Resolved:

That the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approves that:

(i) The Dewsbury Bus Station scheme proceeds through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).

(ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £14,337,600. The total scheme value is £14,337,600.

(iii) 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 Committee considered a report and verbal update on York Station Gateway

Resolved:

That the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approves:

(i) The change request to the York Station Gateway scheme for development costs of £1,050,000, to extend the scheme delivery timescales from February 2023 to August 2024 and to reallocate the previously approved development costs of £2,684,000 from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund to the Transforming Cities Fund. This takes the total scheme approval to £6,055,125. The total scheme cost is £26,379,433.

(ii) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to an existing funding agreement with City of York Council for expenditure of up to £6,055,125.

(iii) 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 Committee considered a report on BHF Leeds East details contained in exempt Appendix 8

The Committee considered a report on BHF Burmantofts details contained in exempt Appendix 8

The Committee considered a report on BHF Wheatley details contained in exempt Appendix 8

The Committee considered a report on BHF Bingley, details contained in exempt Appendix 8

The Committee considered a report on BHF South Bradford details contained in Exempt Appendix 8

Resolved:

- (i) That the BHF Leeds East Leeds be approved
- (ii) BHF Burmantofts be approved
- (iii) BHF Bingley be approved
- (iv) BHF South Bradford be approved

34. West Yorkshire Regional Brownfield Analysis Report and Dashboard

The Committee considered a report and verbal update as an up-to-date evidence base of the regional brownfield housing supply and past 10 years of delivery and was asked to consider and comment on the recommendations and actions contained within the report, including how best to reflect and develop the analysis further within the forthcoming regional Housing Strategy work: and to agree to write to Government to propose they implement the key recommendations in the report.

Members discussed the contents of the report and the verbal update and considered the actions contained within the report and provided comments including how best to reflect and develop the analysis further within the forthcoming regional Housing Strategy work.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the recommendations and actions contained within the report, including how best to reflect and develop the analysis further within the forthcoming regional Housing Strategy work be noted.
- (iii) That writing to Government to propose they implement the recommendations in paragraph 2.2 of the report be agreed.

35. One Public Estate Programme - Meanwhile Use Report

The Committee considered a report to obtain final approval for the Meanwhile Use Report prepared as part of the One Public Estate Programme.

Vacant land and property can lead to a spiral of decline, acting as a magnet for antisocial behaviour and impacting on the costs to councils managing such space. As part of a wider approach to repurposing town centres and high streets, there is a case for creating space for temporary, transitional or meanwhile purposes for use by the cultural and creative sectors as well as business start-ups and local communities and voluntary groups.
and to invite Committee members to discuss

Members discussed the contents of the report and provided views on the consultants' recommendations which will inform how the report is taken forward.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the final report be noted and approved.

36. Transport Fund Review

The Committee considered a report and verbal update to detail the process and outcomes of the annual review of the Transport Fund 2021 and set out recommendations for revised project allocations and over-programming. The West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund commenced on 1 April 2015 and is now in its seventh year of operation.

Members discussed the contents of the report.

Resolved:

That the Place, Regeneration and Housing committee approves:

- (i) The proposed revised funding allocations as set out in Appendix 1 and detailed in paragraphs 2.6 and 2.10;
- (ii) The revised programme dates for each project as set out in Appendix 2;
- (iii) The increase in over-programming on the Transport Fund from £115.34 million to £151.20 million

37. Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme (LPTIP) Review 2022 - Part 3

The Committee considered a report and verbal update on the third review of the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme (LPTIP) which set out recommendations for managing the different financial elements of the Programme.

This report followed on from the Part one report which was presented to and approved by Investment Committee on the 7 January 2021, which covered the Bus Infrastructure package and programme management elements. The Part two report was presented to and approved by Investment Committee on the 4 March 2021, and covered the Bus Delivery and Rail Package element.

The Committee discussed and was asked to approve the reprofiled project and package budget approvals, as set out in Appendix 1 and for the Combined Authority to issue an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for the LPTIP Com Exchange System.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the reprofiled project and package budget approvals, as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.
- (iii) That the Combined Authority issues an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for the LPTIP Com Exchange Scheme be approved.

38. Broadband Contract Three - Update

The Committee considered a report and verbal update to provide members of the committee with an update on delivery of Superfast West Yorkshire and York Broadband, Contract Three.

An update was provided to the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee on 25 November 2021 on the progress of Superfast West Yorkshire and York Broadband Contracts Two and Three. As noted in the report, Contract Two with Openreach has now completed and has commenced its formal closedown through the Broadband UK (BDUK) external assurance process. Contract Three with Quickline Communications is currently scheduled to complete deployment of infrastructure in June 2022. This report provided a further update on the progress achieved by the end of December 2021

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the progress to date highlighted in the report and exempt appendix be noted.