

## **BUSINESS, ECONOMY AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE**

**MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2023  
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON  
STREET, LEEDS, LS1 2DE**

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### **A G E N D A**

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- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSEABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
- 3. EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**
- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 24 JANUARY 2023**  
(Pages 1 - 8)
- 5. CHAIR'S UPDATE**
- 6. EVIDENCE REPORT**  
(Pages 9 - 20)
- 7. INNOVATION FINANCE & REGIONAL INVESTMENT VEHICLES**  
(Pages 21 - 26)
- 8. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN BUSINESS SUPPORT**  
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**9. BUSINESS SUPPORT PRINCIPLES AND BUSINESS WEST YORKSHIRE**

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**10. INWARD INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

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**For Information**

**11. GROWING PLACES FUND**

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**12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 26 July 2023, subject to the approval of the proposed Calendar of Meetings 2023-24 at the Combined Authority's Annual Meeting.

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'BSM' in a stylized, cursive font, with a horizontal line underneath.

**Managing Director  
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**