

Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

DATE OF MEETING:	Friday, 21 October 2022
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CIRCULATION:	Members of the WYCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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Agenda Item No.	Subject/Title of Report	Decision(s)
5	Economic Report / Crisis in the Cost of Living and Doing Business	<p>To note the latest intelligence around the West Yorkshire economy and comment on the activity taking place locally and nationally.</p> <p>To note that approval is sought under item 9 for the Mayor’s Cost of Living Emergency Fund (to be delivered via local authorities), Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Booster and Energy Price Crisis Emergency Business Grants Programme.</p>
6	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	<p>That the Combined Authority note the progress made on implementing the West Yorkshire UKSPF Local Investment Plans.</p> <p>That the Combined Authority notes the update on the new Rural England Prosperity Fund and authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and submit the Local Investment Plan Addendum to Government, on behalf of the Combined Authority, in consultation with the Mayor, Leaders of each constituent Council and the Interim Chair of the LEP, given the timescales for submission.</p> <p>That members note and approve the recommendations made by the West Yorkshire UKSPF Local Partnership Group which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Hyper-Local £30m LA Allocation Business Justification Case, noting the need to be clear on the intended deliverables, outputs and outcomes, have strengthened equality targets, strong governance and to be clear that UKSPF is for additional/new activity. This includes £1,227,000 for fund

management. Formal approval is sought under Item 9.

- support for the £310,000 Flood Innovation Programme - advice and feedback to be fed into the business case development as it progresses through the Combined Authority's assurance process, part of the Climate and Environment Plan pipeline – wave 1 business case.
- approval of the rationale for the Women and Girls Programme, the proposed criteria for accessing the funding, the process and milestones in the funding decision process, to allow officers to progress the work further.
- broad agreement with the proposed funding envelopes for Pillar 2 Business Support, and key policy areas for intervention using UKSPF - to be developed further with the Business, Economy and Innovation Committee and Local Partnership Group
- approval to the Chief Executive of the Combined Authority in line with the revised AEB (and Multiply) table of delegations as set out in Appendix 1 – for Multiply Community Focused support. The Combined Authority will then enter into Grant Agreements for this provision with each Local Authority.
- to consider, that the limited funding from the Rural Fund should be targeted at rural micro and small businesses, with some sector specialism, for example focusing on the food supply chain, and that Rural engagement is key to delivery of this programme and therefore the LPG to should be expanded to include rural representation.

That members note and approve the delegation from the Combined Authority to the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee for approvals required in relation to the UKSPF implementation and delivery of the Local Investment Plan, following

		<p>advice provided by the West Yorkshire UKSPF Local Partnership Group.</p> <p>That members note and approve the updated AEB (and Multiply) table of delegations.</p>
7	Bus Service Improvement Plan Update	<p>That the Combined Authority note the update on the Bus Service Improvement Plan and that funding has been confirmed by the Department for Transport subject to the making of the Bus Service Improvement Plan Enhanced Partnership Scheme following statutory consultation.</p> <p>That the Combined Authority delegates to the Transport Committee the approval of the Bus Service Improvement Plan strategic outline case in accordance with the Assurance Framework, so that delivery can commence in line with the tight delivery timeframes.</p>
8	Digital Update	<p>That the Combined Authority approves the Digital Skills Plan.</p> <p>That the Combined Authority approves the proposal to convert the Local Digital Skills Partnership into a Local Digital Partnership once the LDSP project ends.</p> <p>That the Combined Authority approves the proposal to refresh the Digital Framework with a focus on the next phases of projects and programmes, to include a deep dive with the LEP Board.</p>
9	Project Approvals	<p>The West Yorkshire Mayor’s Cost of Living Emergency Fund</p> <p>The Combined Authority approves that, subject to the conditions set by PAT and set out in the decision point certificate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Mayor’s Cost of Living Emergency Fund scheme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (Delivery). (ii) Approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £3,000,000 is given. The total scheme value is £3,000,000.

- (iii) The Combined Authority enters into funding agreements with the five West Yorkshire Local Authorities. The amount of funding allocated to 148 each Local Authority is delegated to the Combined Authority's Chief Executive.
- (iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report and where required, any change requests are delegated to the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Booster

The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) The change request for the Social Housing Decarbonisation Booster scheme to increase the Combined Authority's contribution funding from £5,062,000 to £10,257,949, to extend the programme and to increase the outputs as detailed in this report is approved. The total scheme value will increase from £10,381,000 to £17,633,367
- (ii) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreements with the following Social Housing Provider providers for expenditure of up to:
 - Accent £186,535
 - Chartford £154,000
 - Connect £308,000
 - Incommunities £1,084,230
 - Kirklees £280,000
 - Together £1,700,545
 - WDH £847,000
 - Yorkshire Housing £238,000
- (iii) That delegated authority be granted:
 - To the Head of Economic

Implementation to reallocate funding and / or outputs in consultation with PAT but without the need to submit a formal Change Request to PAT if one or more Housing Association is unable to use their funding allocation, but another is.

- To the Head of Economic Implementation and the Head of Legal and Governance Services in consultation to finalise the Funding Agreement Addendums between the Combined Authority and the Housing Associations (WDH, Connect Housing, Incommunities, Together Housing, Accent Housing, Yorkshire Housing, Kirklees Council, Chartford) and all other related legal documents that may be required.

(iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report and any change requests are delegated to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee, which will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

Climate Environment Plan Wave 1

The Combined Authority approves:

(i) The change request to the CEP Wave 1 Portfolio to:

d) Further development costs of £1,507,893 to continue to develop individual programme business cases plus the UK Shared Prosperity Fund's (UK SPF) contribution to the Flood Innovation Programme (FLIP) (£310,000), taking the total portfolio development costs approval to £2,654,133. Note: the release of the £310,000 is subject to final approval of the UKSPF Local Investment Plan by Government.

e) Approval of £1,100,000 for the Energy Price Crisis Emergency Business Grants Programme, part of the CEP's Business Sustainability Package to provide immediate support businesses with the cost-of-living crisis

f) Taking the total portfolio approval to £2,917,893.

- (ii) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £310,000.
- (iii) Delegation to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee is requested for approval of any change requests to FLIP or the Energy Price Crisis Emergency Business Grants Programme and approval of the business cases for the other projects in the CEP Wave 1 portfolio.
- (iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report and any change requests are delegated to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee, which will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

UKSPF Local Authority Hyper Local Programme

The Combined Authority approves that, subject to the conditions set by PAT and set out in the decision point certificate and subject to final approval of the UKSPF West Yorkshire Local Investment Plan by Government:

- (i) The UKSPF - Local Authority Hyper Local Programme scheme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (Delivery).
- (ii) Approval to the Combined Authority's

contribution of £31,227,000 UKSPF is given. The total scheme value is £35,037,000.

- (iii) The Combined Authority enters into funding agreements with the five West Yorkshire Local Authorities for the following amounts:
- Bradford £7,578,145 + £303,126 management fee.
 - Calderdale £2,764,079 + £137,563 management fee
 - Kirklees £5,824,858 + £232,994 management fee
 - Leeds £9,393,538 + £375,742 management fee
 - Wakefield £4,439,380 + £177,575 management fee

- (iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report and where required, any change requests are delegated to the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee, following advice by the UKSPF LPG. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

West Yorkshire Innovation Programme

The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) The West Yorkshire Innovation Support Programme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) Approval is given to Combined Authority's contribution of £5,550,376. The total scheme value is £6,934,126.
- (iii) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report

and where required, any change requests are delegated to the Business, Economy and Innovation Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

Business West Yorkshire

The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) The Business West Yorkshire scheme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (Business Justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £4,573,426. The total scheme value is £5,298,920
- (iii) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report and where required, any change requests are delegated to the Business, Economy and Innovation Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

Employment Support West Yorkshire

The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) The Employment Support West Yorkshire scheme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (Delivery).
- (ii) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £12,000,000. The total scheme value is £12,023,833.
- (iii) The Combined Authority enters into a funding agreement with each of the five partner councils for expenditure up to the allocations outlined below:

- Bradford Council £3,233,194
- Calderdale Council £1,014,916
- Kirklees Council £2,371,940
- Leeds City Council £3,658,917
- Wakefield Council £1,227,059

- (iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report and where required, any change requests are delegated to the Employment and Skills Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report

TCF Huddersfield Bus Station

The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) The Huddersfield 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 £18,995,380. The total scheme value is £19,995,380.
- (iii) Development Costs of £2,178,470 are approved in order progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case) taking the total scheme approval to £3,077,100.
- (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.

Brownfield Housing Fund Programme

The Combined Authority approves:

- (i) The change request to the Brownfield Housing Programme to increase the total

		<p>programme cost from £66,778,719 to £89,038,292 and increase the programme output targets from 4500-6000 homes unlocked to 5,400- 7,855 homes unlocked by March 2025.</p> <p>(ii) Development costs of up to £5,000,000 from the Brownfield Housing Fund are approved in order to develop and manage the programme, including acquisitions, and design and develop individual schemes to the 152 next decision point, taking the development funding approved to date to £10,000,000.</p> <p>(iii) The change to the BHF Burmantofts project to increase the delivery timeframe from June 2025 to October 2025.</p> <p>(iv) The change to the BHF Leeds Central project to increase the delivery timeframe from July 2024 to January 2025.</p> <p>(v) The change to the BHF Hebden Bridge project to increase the delivery timeframe from January 2024 to February 2025.</p> <p>(vi) 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.</p>
10	Governance - Representation on Outside Bodies	<p>That the Combined Authority note the thematic split of roles of the Deputy Chairs of the Transport Committee as set out in paragraph 2.3 above.</p> <p>That the Combined Authority approves the appointments to the TfN Scrutiny Committee and the Consortium of East Coast Main Line Authorities for the municipal year 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 2.5 above.</p>