

## Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	Thursday, 2 February 2023
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<b>CIRCULATION:</b>	Members of the WYCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Subject/Title of Report</b>	<b>Decision(s)</b>
5	Business Planning and Budgets	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the outcome led business plans for 2023/24 be approved.</p> <p>That the revised outturn budget for 2023/24 be approved.</p> <p>That the indicative capital programme and budget for 2021/22 – 2024/25 be approved.</p> <p>That in accordance with the powers contained in the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended) and by virtue of article 9(6) of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Order and the Transport Levying Bodies Regulations 2015 (as amended) a levy of £103 million be determined for the year ended 31 March 2024.</p> <p>That the Director, Finance and Commercial Services be authorised to issue the levy letter in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 2023 to the five District Councils in West Yorkshire.</p> <p>That a payment of £5.09 million be made to the five District Councils in accordance with Table 1 of the report.</p> <p>That authorisation be given to the Director, Finance and Commercial Services to arrange appropriate funding for all expenditure in 2022/23 and 2023/24 subject to statutory limitation, including the most appropriate application of capital funding as set out in the report.</p>

		<p>That approval be given to the continuing of the policy, effective from 2017/18, for recovering the Combined Authority costs of managing the capital programme against the capital programme spend being mainly West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund, Transforming Cities, Getting Building Fund, Brownfield Housing, Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport and any schemes developed in year.</p> <p>That the adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services be reaffirmed.</p> <p>That the treasury management policy as set out in Appendix 5 be approved.</p> <p>That the prudential limits for the next three years as set out in Appendix 5 be adopted.</p>
6	Pipeline Development Priorities	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the proposed direction of the programmes for development set out above be endorsed. Funding allocations and approvals to spend will be considered as programmes become ready. Any proposals to be brought forward will be progressed in line with the Combined Authority's Assurance Process.</p> <p>That £5m funding per year from the Single Investment Fund to Local Authorities to support capacity issues and enable pipeline development work to be undertaken against the Investment Priorities be indicatively approved in principle. Full approval will be granted once the project has progressed through the assurance process in line with the Combined Authority's Assurance Process.</p> <p>That the approval for programme to pass through Decision Point 2, totalling no more than £10m of funding from the Single Investment Fund be delegated to the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee.</p>
7	Bus Service Funding Update	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That the actions being taken to manage bus service costs in 2023/24 be noted.</p>

8	Adult Education Budget Rates	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the proposal for an AEB rate increase, as outlined in 2.26 be approved</p> <p>The decommitment to residential uplift funding, as outlined in 2.36 be approved</p>
9	LEP Governance	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the proposed LEP governance arrangements as set out in the draft Articles at Appendix 1 and draft Terms of Reference at Appendix 2 and the revised Recruitment and Appointment Procedure for Private Sector Representatives as set out at Appendix 3 for consideration by the LEP Board at its meeting on 8 March 2023 be endorsed.</p> <p>Subject to 10.1, the Head of Legal &amp; Governance Services, in consultation with the Mayor and the Chair of the LEP Board as appropriate, be authorised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• finalise the Articles, Terms of Reference and the Recruitment and Appointment Procedure</li> <li>• make such consequential amendments to the Authority’s Constitution as are necessary</li> <li>• set a date from which the proposed changes are brought into effect.</li> </ul> <p>That the Head of Legal &amp; Governance Services be authorised to convene an Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations to the Mayor and the Combined Authority as to the allowance that shall be payable to the LEP Chair.</p>
10	Assurance Framework Annual Review	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>The proposed revisions to the Leeds City Region Assurance Framework be reviewed and approved.</p> <p>That delegated authority be given to the Combined Authority’s Chief Executive in consultation with the LEP Chair and the Combined Authority Chair to approve the final Local Assurance Framework, in case any further changes are needed to be made to the Local Assurance Framework prior to its</p>

		publication.
11	Investment Priority 1: Good Jobs and Resilient Businesses	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>With respect to the High Growth Enterprise Programme the Combined Authority, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team, approved that:</p> <p>(i) The High Growth Enterprise scheme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (Business Justification) and work commences on activity 5 (Delivery).</p> <p>(ii) The Combined Authority’s contribution of £5,000,000 be given. The total scheme value is £10,352,563.</p> <p>(iii) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £5,000,000.</p> <p>(iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report, 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.</p> <p>With respect to Digital Enterprise the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p>(i) The Digital Enterprise scheme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>(ii) The Combined Authority’s contribution of £4,676,147 be given. The total scheme cost is £8,686,772. 214</p> <p>(iii) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £4,676,147.</p> <p>(iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report, any change requests are delegated to the Finance, Corporate and Resources Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within</p>

		the tolerances outlined in this report
11	Investment Priority 3: Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>With respect to the Capital Flood Risk Management Programme the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Capital Flood Risk Management Programme proceeds through decision point 1 (strategic assessment) and work commences on the development of individual business cases.</li> <li>(ii) Development costs of £113,735 be approved taking the total scheme approval to £113,735.</li> <li>(iii) The principal that £10,000,000 of Combined Authority funding is utilised in order to engage and leverage funding from other funding sources and that work commences on the development of individual business cases, which will seek approval through the Assurance Framework.</li> <li>(iv) Approval of individual business cases through the Assurance Framework be delegated to the Place, Regeneration Housing Committee.</li> <li>(v) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report and where required, any change requests for the Capital Flood Risk Management Programme are delegated to the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.</li> </ul> <p>With respect to the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme 2, the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme (Step</li> </ul>

2) scheme proceeds through Decision Point 1 to 4 (business justification) and work continues on activity 5 (delivery), subject to assurances on a two outstanding questions from Government's Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

- (ii) The Combined Authority's contribution of £12,565,000 be given. The total scheme cost is £125,826,000.
- (iii) The Combined Authority enters into a funding agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £12,565,000. 246
- (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 tolerances outlined in this report.

With respect to the Brownfield Housing Programme delegation for pipeline of schemes, the Combined Authority approved that:

- (i) The existing delegation, as approved by the Combined Authority in July 2021, to the then Director of Delivery to make changes to the pipeline of schemes in the Brownfield Housing Programme, be transferred to the Director of Policing, Environment and Place.

With respect to BHF Armley Tower Works the Combined Authority approved that, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team:

- (i) The BHF Armley Tower Works scheme proceeds through decision point 2-4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) The Combined Authority’s contribution of £932,775 be given. The estimated total scheme cost is £9,909,032.</li> <li>(iii) The Combined Authority enters into a funding agreement with Yorkshire Housing Ltd for expenditure of up to £932,775.</li> <li>(iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the original report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the original report.</li> </ul> <p>With respect to BHF Galem House the Combined Authority approved that, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The BHF Galem House scheme proceeds through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery)</li> <li>(ii) The Combined Authority’s contribution of £1,200,000 be given. The total scheme cost is £9,752,717.</li> <li>(iii) The Combined Authority enters into a funding agreement with Trident House Development Limited for expenditure of up to £1,200,000.</li> <li>(iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the original report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.</li> </ul>
11	Investment Priority 5: Future Transport	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>With respect to Transformational – North East Calderdale the Combined Authority approved that:</p>

(i) The Transformational North East Calderdale scheme proceeds through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commences on activity 3 (outline business case).

(ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £4,300,000. The total scheme value is £78.400,000 - £88,100,000

(iii) Development costs of £1,560,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 3 (outline business case) taking the total scheme approval to £1,960,000.

(iv) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Calderdale Council for expenditure of up to £1,960,000.

(v) 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 Transport Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

With respect to CRSTS Asset Management and Enhancement the Combined Authority approved that:

(i) The CRSTS Asset Management and Enhancement Programme proceeds through decision point 2 and 4 and delivery continues until the end of quarter 1 of year 2023/24, and work commences on the development of the SOC for year 2.

(ii) An indicative approval to the total CRSTS Asset Management and Enhancement Programme value of £248,000,000 and to the total CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling value of £3,440,000 for Off Highway Walking and Cycling is given.

(iii) An additional £24,800,000 of development and delivery costs for quarter 3 and quarter 4 of the CRSTS Asset Management and Enhancement programme (year 1) be given to provide a total allocation of £49,600,000 for the 2022/23 financial year. For Off Highway Walking and Cycling approval to an additional £344,000 to is given to provide a



total allocation for the 2022/23 financial year of £688,800.

(iv) £12,400,000 of development and delivery costs for quarter 1 for the 2023/24 financial year for the CRSTS Asset Management and Enhancement programme be given and approval to £172,000 of development and delivery costs for quarter 1 for the 2023/24 financial year for the CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling.

(v) The Combined Authority enters into addendums to the existing funding agreements with the partner councils of the apportioned £37,200,000 for Q3 and 4 2022/23 and Q1 of 2023/24 financial year for CRSTS Asset Management and Enhancement programme and £516,000 for 2022/23 and Q1 of 2023/24 financial year for CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling, up to the amounts shown below:

Bradford - £7,906,412

Calderdale - £4,979,964

Kirklees - £7,767,932

Leeds - £11,375,332

Wakefield - £5,686,360

(vi) 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 Transport Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

With respect to CRSTS Network Management and Enhancement the Combined Authority approved that:

(i) The CRSTS Network Management and Enhancement programme proceeds through Decision Point 2 and 4 and delivery continues until the end of quarter 1 of year 2023/24, and work commences on the development of the SOC for year 2.

(ii) An indicative approval to the total CRSTS Network Management and Enhancement

programme value of £25,000,000 be given.

(iii) An additional £1,862,500 of development and delivery costs for quarter 3 and quarter 4 for the CRSTS Network Management and Enhancement programme (year 1) be given to provide a total allocation of £4,362,500 for the 2022/23 financial year. 300

(iv) Approval to £931,250 of development and delivery costs for quarter 1 for the 2023/24 financial year for the CRSTS Network Management and Enhancement programme (Year 2) be given taking total approval up to £5,293,750.

(v) The Combined Authority enters into addendums to the existing funding agreements with the five partner councils of the apportioned £2,793,750 for Q3 and 4 of 2022/23 and Q1 of 2023/24 financial year taking, up to the amounts shown below:

Bradford - £1,475,000

Calderdale - £280,000

Kirklees - £1,006,250

Leeds - £1,657,500

Wakefield - £ 875,000

(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 set out in this report.

With respect to CRSTS Safer Roads the Combined Authority approved that:

(i) The CRSTS Safer Roads Programme proceeds through Decision Point 2 and 4, and delivery continues until the end of quarter 1 of year 2023/24, and work commences on the development of the strategic outline case for Year 2.

(ii) An indicative approval to the total CRSTS Safer Roads programme value of £25,000,000 be given.

(iii) An additional £2,500,000 of development and delivery costs for quarter 3 and quarter 4 for the CRSTS Safer Roads programme (Year 1) be given to provide a total allocation of £5,000,000 for the

		<p>2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>(iv) £1,250,000 of development and delivery costs for quarter 1 for the 2023/24 financial (year 2) for the CRSTS Safer Roads programme (Year 2) be given taking total approval up to £6,250,000.</p> <p>(v) The Combined Authority enters into addendums to the existing funding agreements with the five partner councils for expenditure of the apportioned £3,750,000 for Q3 and 4 of the 2022/23 financial year and Q1 of the 2023/24 financial year, up to the amounts shown below:</p> <p>Bradford: £866,250  Calderdale: £330,000  Kirklees: £693,750  Leeds: £1,297,500 301  Wakefield: £562,500</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 set out in this report.</p> <p><b>City Square Plus – Thirsk Row</b></p> <p>The Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p>(i) The change request to approve £939,000 from the CRSTS Fund to progress the Thirsk Row works as part of the City Square Plus scheme to Activity 5 (Delivery), and to extend the delivery timescale to July 2023, is approved.</p> <p>(ii) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement for the City Square Plus scheme with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £11,641,000.</p> <p>(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 set out in this report.</p>
12	Governance Arrangements	<b>Resolved:</b>

		<p>That a nonvoting advisory representative from West Yorkshire Housing Partnership to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee be appointed.</p> <p>That a nonvoting advisory representative of the West Yorkshire Business Groups to the Business, Economy and Innovation Committee be appointed.</p> <p>That the appointment of Dave Haskins into the post of Interim Director, Transport Policy &amp; Delivery until such time as a substantive Chief Operating Officer appointment is made be approved.</p> <p>That the Chief Executive be authorised to take decisions which would have been taken by a committee and where, for exceptional circumstances, that committee has been unable to meet, and the decisions are of an urgent nature and cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting.</p> <p>That the Head of Legal &amp; Governance Services be authorised to make such consequential amendments to the Authority’s Constitution as are necessary.</p>
13	CoSTAR Innovation Hub	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the participation as a party in the CoSTAR bid and submission of the non-binding letter of support outlining the potential financial support the Combined Authority is providing to the bid (subject to full Combined Authority Agreement and Assurance) provided at Appendix 2 be approved.</p> <p>That the principles of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (to which the Combined Authority will be a signatory) outlined at Appendix 3 be approved. Both the letter of support and the Memorandum of Understanding would be in substantially the form attached and subject to further legal input.</p> <p>The release of £250k in initial resourcing capacity to enter into this bidding process and to enable development of the Langthwaite site, funded through residual Growing Places Fund monies be agreed.</p> <p>That the indicative funding package for Langthwaite</p>

		enabling works as detailed in Appendix 1, para 5.1 be noted.
14	Minutes for information	<b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes and notes of the Combined Authority's committees and panels be noted.