

## Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	Thursday, 16 March 2023
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<b>CIRCULATION:</b>	Members of the WYCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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Agenda Item No.	Subject/Title of Report	Decision(s)
5	West Yorkshire / Homes England Strategic Place Partnership	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority agreed:</p> <p>That entry into the Strategic Place Partnership be agreed.</p> <p>That the Strategic Place Partnership Business Plan be approved.</p> <p>That the Terms of Reference for the SPP Board be approved.</p>
6	Bus Reform Update	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That securing the conditional availability and preliminary briefing of a suitably qualified independent audit organisation ("Auditor") be approved, so that after having prepared the assessment and should the Combined Authority wish to proceed, the Auditor may then be instructed to prepare a report in accordance with section 123D of the TA 2000.</p>
7	Mass Transit Programme Update Report	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That the content of the report be noted.</p>
8	West Yorkshire Tourism	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority agreed</p> <p>That a Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) application for West Yorkshire to Visit England be supported.</p> <p>That as part of this work, appropriate governance will be developed. The Mayor will play a key role in championing the tourism sector and this will be reflected in the governance.</p> <p>That an independent Destination Management Plan</p>

		be commissioned, utilising capacity gainshare funding already allocated to Leeds City Council.
9	Investment Priority 1: Good Jobs and Resilient Businesses	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority approved:</p> <p>The change request for approval of £3,500,000 of UKSPF funding to replace £3,500,000 of the gainshare funding and increase the programme delivery timeframes from March 2025 to March 2026. To note UKSPF to be spent by March 2025.</p> <p>Future approvals be 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>
9	Investment Priority 3: Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p>The Investment Priority 3 - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure portfolio proceeds through decision point 1 (strategic assessment) and work commences on the development of individual business cases.</p> <p>An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £7,132,098. The total capital value of known projects and programmes in the IP3 portfolio is £72,044,680.</p> <p>Development costs of £632,098 are approved in order to progress the individual business cases, taking the total approval to £745,833.</p> <p>Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report.</p> <p><b>Additional Recommendations</b></p> <p>Where scheme approval is required before 30 June 2023, the schemes outlined in paragraph 3.11 are delegated for approval to the Chief Executive, due to expediency of delivery.</p> <p>Any change requests for the Capital Flood Risk Management Programme are delegated to Climate, Energy and Environment Committee.</p> <p>The update on the Langthwaite Enterprise Zone</p>

		Phase 1 project be noted.
9	Investment Priority 4: Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p>The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund programme proceeds through decision point 1 (strategic assessment) and work commences on activity 3 (outline business case).</p> <p>Indicative approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £15,032,090 be given. The total scheme cost is £31,967,212.</p> <p>That the Combined Authority enter into the Memorandum of Understanding and Data Sharing Agreement with BEIS.</p> <p>That delegated authority be granted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To the Head of Economic Implementation to accept receipt of the funding from BEIS for the SHDF.</li> <li>(ii) To the Head of Economic Implementation and the Head of Legal and Governance Services in consultation with each other to finalise the Memorandum of Understanding and Data Sharing Agreement with BEIS and the Funding Agreements / letter between to Combined Authority and the Housing Providers (Accent Housing Limited, Chartford Housing Limited, Manningham Housing Association Limited, Wakefield District Housing Limited, Leeds and Yorkshire Housing Association Limited, Leeds Federated Housing Association Limited, Yorkshire Housing Limited, Kirklees Council, Incommunities Limited) and all other related legal documents that may be required.</li> </ul> <p>That future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report, any change requests are delegated to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.</p>

9	Investment Priority 5: Future Transport	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p><u>Castleford Growth Corridor</u> The change request to the Castleford Growth Corridor scheme to increase the Combined Authority contribution funding to £11,519,000 and to increase the outputs as detailed in this report be approved. The total scheme value will increase from £9,491,000 to £11,740,000.</p> <p>The Combined Authority enters into a variation to the existing Funding Agreement with Wakefield Council for expenditure of up to £3,497,473. Future approvals be 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> <p><u>CRSTS Programme</u> The Combined Authority, approved that:</p> <p>The change request to the CRSTS Programme to increase the approved programme development costs by £7,000,000 to £10,000,000 be approved, and delegation to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority’s Chief Operating Officer to authorise schemes access to these development costs, in accordance with the Assurance Framework be approved.</p> <p>The Combined Authority be authorised to enter into funding agreements between the Combined Authority and Districts for District led schemes for business case development for CRSTS led schemes.</p> <p>Where scheme approval is required before 30 June 2023, the schemes outlined in paragraph 3.5 be delegated for approval to the Transport Committee, due to expediency of delivery.</p> <p>Where scheme approval is required before 30 June 2023, the schemes outlined in paragraph 3.6 be delegated for approval to the Chief Executive, due to expediency of delivery.</p>
10	Regional Investment Vehicles for Innovation Finance	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive Officer to approve £1.5 million investment to Northern Gritstone. This delegation is</p>

		<p>requested to allow time for further due diligence and application of the Combined Authority assurance processes before the deadline for investment.</p>
11	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the progress made on implementing the West Yorkshire UKSPF Local Investment Plans be noted.</p> <p>That the recommendations made by the West Yorkshire UKSPF Local Partnership Group at its meeting on the 6th March 2023 be noted and approved. The recommendations made are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the LPG was supportive of the £972,762 Women and Girls Programme providing their feedback and advice is taken in to account as the business case is finalised.</li> <li>• the LPG endorsed the design of the Calls and the scoring framework at its meeting on the 6th March 2023 including the proposed funding envelopes and key policy areas for intervention as set out above providing their feedback and advice is taken in to account as the Invitation to Bid is finalised.</li> <li>• the LPG endorsed the operating model at its meeting on the 6th March 2023 providing their feedback and advice is taken in to account as the full business case is finalised.</li> </ul> <p>That the progress made on Pillar 1 Safety of Women and Girls strand and the delegation requested in Item 10b for the Chief Executive to authorise the scheme to proceed through the Assurance Process with full delivery costs approved for an April 2023 start be noted.</p> <p>That the funding envelopes and priority areas for the three Pillar 2 Business Support open calls for projects via an invitation to bid be approved, and the Chief Executive be authorised to agree, prior to publication, the full Invitation to Bid documentation in consultation with the Mayor, the Chair of the Business, Economy and Innovation Committee and the Interim Chair of the LEP – also Chair of the UKSPF Local Partnership Group (LPG), given the launch timescales.</p> <p>That the progress made on Rural England Prosperity Fund be noted, the operating model be approved,</p>

		and the delegation requested in Item 10b for the Chief Executive to authorise the scheme to proceed through the Assurance Process with full delivery costs approved for an April 2023 start be noted.
12	Spatial Priority Areas	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority agreed:</p> <p>That the content of the report be noted.</p> <p>That the SPA name changes listed in Table 1 be approved.</p> <p>That the additional two SPAs of North Halifax Growth Area (Calderdale) and Huddersfield Station to Stadium Enterprise Corridor (Kirklees) and the amended South Kirkby and South Elmsall Urban Extension SPA in Wakefield be approved. Subject to this approval, the content on the Combined Authority website relating to SPAs will be refreshed.</p>
13	Corporate Plan 2023/24	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That the approach to the development of the Corporate Plan 2023-24 be endorsed.</p> <p>That final approval of the Corporate Plan be delegated to the Mayor, LEP Chair and the Managing Director.</p>
14	Governance and Appointment Arrangements	<p><b>Resolved:</b> The Combined Authority agreed:</p> <p>That with effect from 17 February 2023, Councillor Sam Firth replaces Councillor Matthew Robinson as one of the three political balance members of the Combined Authority be noted.</p> <p>That Councillor Sam Firth be appointed to the Governance and Audit Committee as the Conservative Group replacement for Councillor Matthew Robinson.</p> <p>That the resignation of Councillor Peter Harrand as Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee be noted, and Councillor Geoff Winnard be appointed as his replacement.</p> <p>That a representative of the Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs) be appointed as a non-voting advisory representative to the Employment and Skills Committee.</p>

		<p>That the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel at Appendix 1 and determines the level of remuneration which is expected to be paid to the LEP Chair from the start of the new municipal year be considered.</p> <p>That the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Mayor, the LEP Chair as appropriate and following notification to Combined Authority members, to make future appointments to the roles of Exec Director, Chief Operating Officer and Director following the outcome of the respective recruitment processes.</p>
15	Minutes for Information	<p><b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes and notes of the Combined Authority's committees and panels be noted.</p>