

Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

DATE OF MEETING:	Thursday, 22 June 2023
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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)
1	Membership of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority	<p>Resolved: That the Combined Authority noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the position of Mayor as Chair of the Combined Authority by virtue of that office, • the ongoing appointment of the Deputy Mayor by the Mayor, • the appointment of Constituent Combined Authority Members and their Substitutes by the Constituent Councils, and • the appointment of the Non-Constituent Council Member and Substitute by York City Council, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report. <p>That the LEP Member of the Combined Authority and the Substitute LEP member would be appointed to the Combined Authority in due course, and the proposal that to ensure LEP Board private sector representation on the Combined Authority at its next meeting on 27 July, a nominated LEP Member may attend to provide representation be agreed.</p> <p>That the Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member may exercise one vote at any Combined Authority meeting (including any decision-making committee or sub-committee to which the Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member is appointed) only in respect of any decision which gives rise to a direct and significant financial liability for the Non-Constituent Council.</p> <p>That the Substitute Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member may exercise the</p>

		<p>voting rights granted to the Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member, when acting in the absence of the Non-Constituent Council Member.</p> <p>That the LEP Member, once appointed, may vote at any meeting of the Combined Authority (including any committee or sub-committee to which the LEP Member is appointed) on any decision, subject to the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decision-making in relation to budget and levy setting; and • the adoption of any implementation plans appended to the Local Transport Plan which relate specifically to the Combined Authority’s area (that is, West Yorkshire). <p>That the Substitute LEP Member (once appointed) may exercise the voting rights granted to the LEP Member, when acting in the absence of the LEP Member.</p>
7	Committee Arrangements and Appointments	<p>Resolved: That each of the following statutory committees with the terms of reference set out in the relevant appendix of the submitted report be appointed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance and Audit Committee (Appendix 1) • Economy Scrutiny Committee (Appendix 2) • Transport/Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee (Appendix 3) • Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Terms of Reference (Appendix 4) <p>That each of the following decision-making committees, with the terms of reference set out in the relevant Appendix be appointed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business, Economy and Innovation Committee (Appendix 5) • Climate, Energy and Environment Committee (Appendix 6) • Culture, Heritage, and Sport Committee (Appendix 7) • Employment and Skills Committee (Appendix 8) • Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee (Appendix 9) • Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee (Appendix 10) • Transport Committee (Appendix 11)

The Joint Independent Audit Committee be appointed, and that the arrangements for the committee were matters for the Mayor and the Chief Constable for West Yorkshire be noted.

That Combined Authority Members be appointed to the Governance and Audit Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report, and Joanna Wardman and Debbie Simpson be appointed as Independent Members of the Governance and Audit Committee for this municipal year.

That Combined Authority Members as set out in Appendix 13 of the submitted report, be appointed to each of the decision-making committees.

That members as set out in Appendix 13 of the submitted report be appointed to the overview and scrutiny committees.

That members as set out in Appendix 13 of the submitted report be co-opted to committees.

In relation to voting rights for committee members, (in addition to any Combined Authority Member exercising one vote) that the Combined Authority:

Resolved that any Independent Member of the Governance and Audit Committee shall be a voting member of that committee.

Noted that any member of a Constituent Council appointed to an overview and scrutiny committee has one vote and resolved that this may be exercised in their absence by their substitute.

Resolved that any Co-optee from a Constituent Council on any ordinary decision-making committee shall be a voting member of that committee (and of any sub-committee to which they may be appointed by that committee).

Resolved that any Co-optee who is Deputy Chair of a committee shall be a voting member of that committee (and of any sub-committee to which they may be appointed by that committee).

That the Chairs and Deputy Chairs to committees,

		<p>as set out in Appendix 13 be appointed.</p> <p>That Ian Brown and Carolyn Lord continue as Independent Persons in relation to complaints concerning allegations of a breach of the Combined Authority's Members' Code of Conduct on the existing terms for remuneration, until the Combined Authority's annual meeting in 2024.</p>
8	Representation on Outside Bodies	Resolved: That the appointments to the outside bodies for the municipal year 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report be approved.
9	Officer Arrangements	Resolved: That Officer Delegation Scheme in relation to Non-Mayoral Functions attached as Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.
10	Constitutional Arrangements	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>The minor amendments to Constitution documents as set out at Appendix 1 of the submitted report be approved</p> <p>The remaining, unamended Constitution documents, for the next municipal year be approved.</p>
11	Corporate Governance Code and Framework	Resolved: That the proposed revisions to the Code of Corporate Governance and the proposal to review it further and receive a report in the Autumn be endorsed.
12	Member's Allowance Scheme	Resolved: That the Members' Allowances Scheme attached as Appendix 1 to the submitted report be adopted for the municipal year 2023/2024, as amended to reflect those matters set out at paragraph 2.2 in the submitted report.
13	Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/2023	Resolved: That the Combined Authority annual report summarising the work undertaken by the overview and scrutiny committees in 2022/23 be noted.
14	Calendar of Meetings 2023/2024	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the calendar of meetings of the Combined Authority and its committees for 2023-24 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report be approved.</p> <p>That the dates identified for the Transport</p>

		Committee may be subject to change be noted.
15	Crisis in the Cost of Living and Doing Business	Resolved: That the latest economic evidence, as well as the policy interventions that had been rolled out thus far be noted.
16	Local Visitor Economy Partnership	Resolved: That the approach of a West Yorkshire LVEP application to VisitEngland be endorsed. That the proposed Governance structure and proposals for considering the gainshare to support the activity of the LVEP (to be brought to a future meeting) be noted.
18	Assurance Framework post LEP integration update	Resolved: The proposed revisions to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Assurance Framework required because of the changes to the LEP Constitution and governance arrangements following the approval of the LEP Integration Plan be reviewed and approved. The update on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Assurance Framework peer review be noted.
19	Investment Priority 2: Skills and training for people	Resolved: With respect to the Digital Skills, Green Skills, and Skills Support for Business, the Combined Authority approved that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Projects 1 to 4 (Phase 1) of The Digital Skills, Green Skills, and Skills Support Programme proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and decision point 4 (full business case) and work commence on 320 activity 5 (delivery) of these projects. Project 5 continues work on its full business case. (ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of up to £7,500,000 be given (Projects 1 to 5). The total programme cost is £7,500,000.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Approval be given to the Combined Authority’s contribution of up to £6,650,000 for Projects 1 to 4 (Phase 1). (iv) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. Where required, any future committee level approvals be delegated to the Employment and Skills Committee.
19	Investment Priority 4: Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>With respect to the Natural Flood Management Programme the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Programme costs of £1,186,090 be approved in order to support the delivery of the Natural Flood Management - Flood Risk and Drainage Programme. The total programme value is £7,392,862. <p>With respect to Landscapes for Water – Natural Flood Management the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Landscapes for Water – NFM scheme proceeds through decision points 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery). (ii) An approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £1,984,000 be given. The total scheme value is £1,984,000. (iii) The Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with the National Trust for expenditure of up to £1,984,000. (iv) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance

pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

With respect to the Chellow Dene Wetland the Combined Authority approved that:

- (i) The Chellow Dene Wetland scheme proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £41,000, to the Chellow Dene Wetland scheme. The total scheme value is £75,530.
- (iii) The Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with Aire Rivers Trust for expenditure of up to £41,000.
- (iv) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

With respect to the Better Homes Hub the Combined Authority approved that:

- (i) The Better Homes Hub programme proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commence on the development of individual scheme business cases as outlined in the submitted report.
- (ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of up to £18,425,000 be given and the reallocation of indicative funding between programmes and schemes

		<p>within the Better Homes Hub Programme be delegated to the Director of Policing, Environment & Place. The total scheme value is up to £18,425,000.</p> <p>(iii) Development costs of up to £2,585,000 be approved to secure staffing resources, consultancy support, undertake research work, develop individual scheme business cases, and deliver the Local Energy Advice Demonstrator element of the programme, taking the total programme approval to £3,303,293.</p> <p>(iv) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.</p>
19	Investment Priority 5: Future Transport	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>With respect to the West Yorkshire Rail Accessibility Package the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p>(i) The West Yorkshire Rail Accessibility Package proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commence on activity 4 (full business case)</p> <p>(ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority costs of up to £5,000,000 be given. The total scheme value is £20,042,450.</p> <p>(iii) Development costs of £337,100 be approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case), taking the total scheme approval to £583,100.</p> <p>(iv) The Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement, under Section 56 of the Transport Act, with Northern,</p>

for expenditure of up to £583,100.

- (v) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. Where required, any future committee level approvals be delegated to the Transport Committee.

With respect to Mobility Hubs the Combined Authority approved that:

- (i) The Mobility Hubs scheme proceeds decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commence on activity 4 (full business case).
- (ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £3,312,811. The total scheme value is £3,312,811.
- (iii) Development costs of £200,000 be approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case) taking the total scheme approval to £310,000.
- (iv) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. Where required, any future committee level approvals be delegated to the Transport Committee.

With respect to the Leeds City Centre Active Travel Links (North and South) the Combined Authority approved that:

- (i) The Leeds City Centre Active Travel Links (North and South) scheme proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commence on activity 4 (full business

case).

- (ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £3,304,000. The total scheme value is £3,815,488.
- (iii) Development costs of £400,000 be approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 taking the total scheme approval to £500,000.
- (iv) The Combined Authority enter into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £500,000.
- (v) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. Where required, any future committee level approvals be delegated to the Transport Committee.

With respect to the Levelling Up - Bus Enhancement Package the Combined Authority approved that:

- (i) The Levelling Up - Bus Enhancement Package proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commence on development of a programme business case to government and individual scheme business cases.
- (ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £47,628,832 be given. The total programme cost is £47,628,832.
- (iii) Approval of the delivery costs of £1,500,000 for the Thirsk Row bus hotspot scheme be given, and work continue on activity 5 (delivery). This will replace the existing £1,500,000 CRSTS approval.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Development costs of up to £3,950,000 be approved in order to progress the programme business case to government and to support the development of individual scheme business cases up to activity 4 (full business case). (v) The Combined Authority enter into an addendum to an existing funding agreement with Wakefield Council for the A639 Park Road scheme for expenditure of up to £970,000. (vi) The Combined Authority enter into an addendum to an existing funding agreement with Calderdale Council for the A629 North Halifax scheme for expenditure of up to £2,110,000. (vii) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report, subject to remaining within the tolerances outlined.
19	Investment Priority 6: Culture and Creative Industries	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>With respect to CultureDale: Calderdale’s Year of Culture 2024 the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The CultureDale: Calderdale’s Year of Culture 2024 scheme proceed through decision point 2-4 (business justification) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery). (ii) Approval be given to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £800,000. The total scheme value is £2,520,000. (iii) The Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with Calderdale Council for expenditure of up to £800,000

- (iv) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. Where required, any future committee level approvals be delegated to the Culture, Heritage, and Sport Committee.

With respect to Wakefield Our Year of Culture 2024 the Combined Authority approved that:

- (i) The Wakefield Our Year 2024 scheme proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) The Combined Authority's contribution of £800,000 be approved. The total scheme value is £4,500,270.
- (iii) The Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with Wakefield Council for expenditure of up to £800,000.
- (iv) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. Where required, any future committee level approvals be delegated to the Culture, Heritage, and Sport Committee.