

Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

DATE OF MEETING:	Thursday, 27 July 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)
5	West Yorkshire Investment Strategy Review	Resolved: That the revisions to the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy be approved.
6	UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)	<p>Resolved:</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 on its 31st July 2023 meeting be noted and approved, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LPG endorsed the design of the Calls 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. <p>The funding envelopes and priority areas for the three Pillar 3 People and Skills 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 and the Chair of the Employment and Skills Committee given the launch timescales.</p>
7	Appointment of Combined Authority Returning Officer	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That Tom Riordan, Leeds City Council Chief Executive and Local Returning Officer, be appointed as the Combined Authority Returning Officer (CARO) in respect of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Mayoral election, due to take place on</p>

		<p>Thursday 2 May 2024.</p> <p>The intention that Ben Still, Chief Executive of the Combined Authority will be appointed as a deputy CARO be noted.</p>
8	<p>Investment Priority 3: Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure</p>	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>With respect to Employment Land Accelerator Fund the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Employment Land Accelerator Fund scheme proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery). ii. Approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £2,000,000. The total scheme value is £2,000,000. iii. 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 Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee. <p>With respect to Enterprise Zone Langthwaite Business Park Extension the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Enterprise Zone Langthwaite Business Park Extension scheme proceed through decision point 4 (FBC) and work commences on activity 5 (Delivery), subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team. ii. Subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team, approval of £11,626,000 be given, taking the total approval to £12,678,000. The total scheme value is £12,678,000. iii. Approval of £350,000 development costs, from the total approval, taking the approval to date to £1,402,000.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Approval be granted for the purchase of additional land adjacent to Onward Way for provision of the access road. 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 Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee.
8	Investment Priority 5: Delivering Sustainable, Inclusive and Affordable Transport	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>With respect to Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Programme the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Programme proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commence on individual project business cases as outlined in the submitted report. ii. An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £17,142,000. The total programme value is between £20,642,000 and £32,642,000, dependent on leveraged private sector contributions. iii. Subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team, approval to funding of £1,316,000 to progress the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capability Fund scheme to Activity 5 (Delivery). The total scheme costs are £1,316,000. iv. Indicative approval to funding of £1,500,000 for the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Phase 1 Pilot scheme be given and work commence on Activity 4 (full business case). The total scheme costs are £3,000,000. v. Indicative approval to funding of £14,326,000 for the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Phase 2 scheme be given and work commence on Activity 3

(outline business case). The total scheme costs are £16,326,000.

vi. The following development costs be approved:

- £354,953 for the Combined Authority for the LEVI Capability scheme
- £ 961,047 for the five West Yorkshire partner local authorities for the LEVI Capability scheme
- £120,000 for the Combined Authority for the Phase 1 LEVI Pilot scheme and the Phase 2 LEVI scheme

vii. The Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement for the amounts set out below with each of the five partner councils for the capability fund:

- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council for expenditure of up to £184,480.
- Calderdale Council for expenditure of up to £195,000.
- Kirklees Council for expenditure of up to £188,631.
- Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £197,936.
- Wakefield Council for expenditure of up to £195,000.

viii. Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report and where required, any change requests be delegated to the transport committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

With respect to CRSTS Highways Asset Management and Enhancement Programme and Off Highway Walking and Cycling Network the Combined Authority approved that:

i. The CRSTS Highways Asset Management and

Enhancement Programme for the 2023/24 financial year (year 2) proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (strategic outline case) and delivery continue to end of 2023/24, and work commence on the strategic outline case for future years.

- ii. The CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling Network Programme for the 2023/24 financial year (year 2) proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (strategic outline case) and delivery continue to end of 2023/24, and work commence on the strategic outline case for future years.
- iii. The Department for Transport's Pothole Fund proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (strategic outline case) and into delivery.
- iv. An indicative approval be given to the total £248,000,000 for CRSTS Highways Asset Management CRSTS Highways Asset Management and Enhancement programme and £3,440,000 for the Off Highway Walking and Cycling network programme.
- v. Approval to an additional £35,768,466 of development and delivery costs for quarters 2, 3 and 4 of the CRSTS Highways Asset Management and Enhancement programme (year 2) be given to provide a total allocation of £48,168,466 for the 2023/24 financial year.
- vi. Approval to an additional £516,000 of development and delivery costs for quarters 2,3 and 4 of the CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling network programme (year 2) be given to provide a total allocation of £688,000 for the 2023/24 financial year.
- vii. Approval to the £6,484,800 additional funding awarded from the Department for Transport's Pothole Fund to fund interventions to maintain the highway network prioritised through the CRSTS programme.

viii. The Combined Authority enter into addendums to the existing funding agreement(s) with partner councils for expenditure of the apportioned £35,768,466 for CRSTS Highways Asset Management and Enhancement programme (year 2), £516,000 for the CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling Network programme (year 2) for the 2023/24 financial year, and £6,484,800 for the Pothole Fund up to the amounts below:

- Expenditure of up to £20,297,416 with Bradford Council
- Expenditure of up to £13,810,080 with Calderdale Council
- Expenditure of up to £21,839,627 with Kirklees Council
- Expenditure of up to £33,203,445 with Leeds Council
- Expenditure of up to £16,478,698 with Wakefield Council

ix. Delegations to the Director of Transport Policy and Delivery to amend allocated funding amounts released as part of this decision as required.

x. Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report and where required, any change requests be delegated to the Transport Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

The Combined Authority approved that subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team that:

- i. The CRSTS Highways Asset Management and Enhancement Programme for the 2024/25 financial year (year 3) proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (strategic outline case) and delivery continue to end of 2024/25.
- ii. The CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling

Network Programme for the 2024/25 financial year (year 3) proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (strategic outline case) and delivery continue to end of 2024/25.

- iii. Approval to an additional £52,736,931 for development and delivery costs for the CRSTS Asset Management and Enhancement programme (year 3) be given to provide a total allocation of £52,736,931 for the 2024/25 financial year.
- iv. Approval to an additional £688,000 for development and delivery costs for the CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling network programme (year 3) be given to provide a total allocation of £688,000 for the 2024/25 financial year.
- v. The Combined Authority enter into addendums to the existing funding agreement(s) with partner councils for expenditure of the apportioned £52,736,931 for CRSTS Asset Management and Enhancement programme (year 3) and £688,000 for CRSTS Off Highway Walking and Cycling Network programme for the 2024/25 financial year (year 3), up to the amounts below:
 - Expenditure of up to £32,607,832 with Bradford Council
 - Expenditure of up to £19,954,032 with Calderdale Council
 - Expenditure of up to £31,866,203 with Kirklees Council
 - Expenditure of up to £50,036,552 with Leeds Council
 - Expenditure of up to £24,589,578 with Wakefield Council
- vi. Delegations to the Director of Transport Policy and Delivery to amend allocated funding amounts released as part of this decision as required.
- vii. Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval

route outlined in the submitted report and where required, any change requests be delegated to the Transport Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

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

- i. The CRSTS Safer Roads Programme proceed through Decision Point 2 and 4, and delivery continues until the end of 2023/24, and work commence on the development of the strategic outline case for Year 3.
- ii. An indicative approval to the total CRSTS Safer Roads programme value of £25,000,000 be given.
- iii. Approval to an additional £4,397,000 of development and delivery costs for quarters 2, 3 and 4 for the CRSTS Safer Roads programme (Year 2) be given to provide a total allocation of £5,647,000 for the 2023/24 financial year. The total allocation up to the end of Year 2 is £10,647,000.
- iv. The Combined Authority enter into addendums to the existing funding agreements with the five partner councils for expenditure of the apportioned £5,647,000 for the 2023/24 financial year, up to the amounts shown below:
 - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council for expenditure of up to £1,155,000
 - Calderdale Council for expenditure of up to £440,000
 - Kirklees Council for expenditure of up to £925,000
 - Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £2,377,000
 - Wakefield Council for expenditure of up to £750,000
- v. Future approvals be made in accordance

with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report and where required, any change requests be delegated to the Transport Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

With respect to Active Travel Fund 3 - A660 Otley Road the Combined Authority approved that:

- i. The Active Travel Fund - Tranche 3: A660 Otley Road scheme proceed through FBC (Decision Point 4) to Activity 5 (Delivery).
- ii. Approval to the delivery costs of up to £10,005,000 be given, taking the total approval to £10,475,000. The total scheme cost is £10,475,000, which is to be fully funded by the Combined Authority.
- iii. The Combined Authority enter into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £10,475,000.
- 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 Zero Emission Bus Regional Area the Combined Authority approved that:

- i. The change request for the Zero Emission Bus Regional Area scheme to increase the funding approval by £5,744,069, taking the total contribution to £30,309,240, be approved. The total scheme value is £69,978,646.
- ii. The Combined Authority enter into an Addendum to the existing Grant Funding Agreement with First Bus for expenditure of up to £12,635,472 from the DfT Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) fund.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report and where required, any change requests be delegated to the transport committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.
8	Investment Priority 6: Culture and Creative Industries, Sport and Physical Activities	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>With respect to Bradford City of Culture 2025 the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Bradford City of Culture 2025 scheme proceed through decision point 1 (strategic assessment) and work commence on the business case. ii. Approval be given to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £300,000. iii. The Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with Bradford Council for expenditure of up to £300,000. <p>With respect to You Can Make it Here – Creative Industries Skills and Business Support the Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The You Can Make it Here – Creative Industries Skills and Business Support scheme proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery). ii. Approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £1,734,750 be given. The total scheme value is £1,734,750. iii. Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report. This would be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report. Where required, any future committee level approvals be delegated to the Culture, Heritage, and Sport Committee.

9	Governance Arrangements	Resolved: That the update provided at the meeting on the process to seek new private sector members for the LEP Board be noted.
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