

Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

DATE OF MEETING:	Thursday, 7 December 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)
8	Skills Bootcamps Project Approvals	<p>(i) The Combined Authority, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team, approved that:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(a) The change request to the Skills Bootcamps programme to accept and spend up to £5,000,183 from the Department for Education, increasing the total programme cost to £12,338,552 and to extend the delivery timeframes from April 2024 to March 2025.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(b) Accepting and spending ‘Wave 5’ funding from Skills Bootcamps, on receipt of the grant offer letter from DfE.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(c) 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>

8	Brownfield Housing Fund Approvals	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>Additional approvals - Brownfield Housing Fund Programme Changes to Project Delivery Dates</p>
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(i) The Combined Authority approves that:

(a) The extensions to the delivery timescales to the following projects and for the DP5 delivery closure assurance tolerances revised for each project to +6 months:

Scheme name	Decision Point 5 (delivery) date approved at Decision Point 4	Revised Decision Point 5 (delivery closure) date
BHF Galem House	29/03/2024	31/03/2025
BHF Canal 30	31/10/2024	31/12/2025
BHF Points Cross Phase 2	31/12/2025	30/04/2026
BHF Sky Gardens	31/07/2026	31/10/26

Brownfield Housing Fund –Seacroft and Gipton

(ii) The Combined Authority, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team approve that:

- (a) The BHF Seacroft and Gipton scheme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).
- (b) Approval is given to the Combined Authority’s contribution of up to £1,760,000. The total scheme cost is up to £26,229,849.
- (c) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £1,760,000.
- (d) 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 - Saxton Lane

(iii) The Combined Authority, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team approve that:

- (a) The BHF Saxton Lane scheme proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).
- (b) Approval is given to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £1,247,500. The total scheme

		<p>cost is £41,372,693.</p> <p>(c) The Combined Authority enters into a funding agreement with Wakefield and District Housing Limited (WDH) for expenditure of up to £1,247,500.</p> <p>(d) 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>
9	Better Homes Project Approvals	<p>Additional Approvals – Climate, Energy and Environment Committee delegation</p> <p>(I) The Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p>(a) Approval of the change request for the Better Neighbourhoods programme, to accept and spend up to £150,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund, is delegated to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee.</p> <p>Better Homes Hub</p> <p>(II) The Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p>(a) The change request to the Better Homes Hub programme for further development costs of £2,522,458 for Combined Authority costs and staffing resources to support delivery of the objectives and to revise the total scheme cost and Combined Authority contribution to the programme from £18,425,000 to £17,587,834.</p> <p>(b) 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</p>

within the tolerances outlined in this report.

Better Homes Hub Area-Based Schemes (Phase 1 – Calderdale)

- (III) The Combined Authority approves that:
- (a) The Better Homes Hub Area-Based Schemes (Phase 1 – Calderdale) proceeds through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).
 - (b) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £1,086,760. The total scheme value is £1,086,760.
 - (c) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with Calderdale Council for expenditure of up to £1,086,760.
 - (d) That delegated authority be granted to the Combined Authority's Senior Responsible Officer (Head of Economic Implementation), without the need to submit a formal change request for approval, if the partner council is unable to use its funding allocation, but another is.
 - To reallocate funding within the programme (and across area-based schemes)
 - To be able to approve changes to measures that are being installed to properties.
 - To be able to approve any changes to the location of where works will be delivered (within the agreed District)

- To close the project if required, and / or amend outputs.

(e) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Economic Implementation and the Deputy Director, Legal, Governance and Compliance Services respectively in consultation with each other to finalise the Grant Funding Agreement and Funding Agreement Addendums such as Deed of Variations, Data Sharing Agreements between the Combined Authority and the partner councils, and any suppliers directly procured by the Combined Authority to support delivery of the area-based schemes, and all other related legal documents that may be required.

(f) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in this report.

The Better Homes Hub Low Interest Domestic Loans

(IV) The Combined Authority, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team approved that:

(a) The Better Homes Hub Low Interest Domestic Loans scheme proceeds through decision point 2 – 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).

(b) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £2,524,086 is given. The total scheme value is £2,524,086.

(c) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with the with the lending partner that is procured for expenditure of up to £1,996,175.

(d) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in this report.

Solar PV and Battery Storage – West Yorkshire Housing Partnership

(V) The Combined Authority, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team approved that:

(i) The Solar PV and Battery Storage – West Yorkshire Housing Partnership scheme proceeds through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and decision point 4 (full business case) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).

(ii) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £5,447,642 is given. The total scheme cost is £15,447,642.

(iii) The Combined Authority enters into Grant Funding Agreements with the five Housing Associations for expenditure of up to £5,000,000 as follows:

- Up to £2,000,000 with Together Housing Group
- Up to £1,000,000 with Connect Housing
- Up to £500,000 with Leeds Federated Housing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £1,000,000 with Wakefield and District Housing • Up to £500,000 with Yorkshire Housing <p>(iv) That approval to amend the funding levels to the five Housing Associations is delegated to the Director of Policing, Environment and Place.</p> <p>(v) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in this report.</p>
9	Flood Risk Management Project Approvals	<p>Wortley Beck Re-naturalisation Scheme</p> <p>(i) The Combined Authority, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team approved that:</p> <p>(a) The Wortley Beck Re-naturalisation scheme proceeds through decision. points 2 – 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).</p> <p>(b) Approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £966,000 is given The total scheme value is £1,000,000.</p> <p>(c) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with the Environment Agency for expenditure of up to £966,000.</p> <p>(d) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in this report. Where required any future committee level approvals are delegated to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee.</p>
10	Local Area Energy Plans Project Approvals	Resolved:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Combined Authority approves that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Local Area Energy Plans scheme proceeds through decision point 2- 4 (business justification) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery). (b) Approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of up to £510,000 is given. The total scheme value is £510,000. (c) That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Policing, Environment & Place to accept and spend any funding of up to £100,000 that is currently being applied for from the Northeast and Yorkshire Net Zero Hub. (d) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in this report. Where required, any future committee level approvals are delegated to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee.
10	Transport Project Approvals	<p>CRSTS Kirklees Enhanced Electric Vehicle Residential Charging and Support Programme</p> <p>The Combined Authority approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The CRSTS Kirklees Enhanced Electric Vehicle Residential Charging and Support Programme proceeds through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work progresses on decision point 4 (full business case) (b) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority’s contribution of £4,600,000 is given. The total scheme value is £5,520,000. (c) Additional development costs of £7,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full

business case) taking the total scheme approval to £117,000.

(d) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Kirklees Council for expenditure of up to £117,000.

(e) 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.

Leeds Station Platform Extension

The Combined Authority, approved that:

(a) The Leeds Rail Station Platform Extension scheme proceeds through Strategic Outline Case (Decision Point 2) to Activity 3 (Outline Business Case).

(b) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority costs of up to £10,000,000 is given. The total scheme cost is between £20,970,000 and £24,900,000.

(c) Approval to the development costs of £100,000 is given to progress the scheme to Activity 3 (Outline Business Case), taking the total approval to £100,000.

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

A660 Lawnswood Roundabout

The Combined Authority approved that:

- (a) The A660 Lawnswood Roundabout scheme proceeds through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
- (b) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £12,373,479 is given. The total scheme value is £13,050,442.
- (c) Development costs of £964,484 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case) taking the total scheme approval to £1,790,291.
- (d) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £1,790,291.
- (e) 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. Where required, any future committee level approvals are delegated to the Transport Committee.

Dawsons Corner

The Combined Authority approved that:

- (a) The change request to revise the scope of the Dawsons Corner scheme, to change the total scheme costs to £51,925,824, for additional development costs of £1,493,000 to progress the scheme to full business case and to extend the schemes delivery timeframe to December 2025.
- (b) An indicative approval to the Combined

Authority's contribution of £8,480,000 is given. The total scheme value is £51,925,824.

- (c) Approval of £1,493,000 development costs, in order to progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case) taking the total scheme approval to £4,100,000.
- (d) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £4,100,000.
- (e) 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. Where required, any future committee level approvals are delegated to the Transport Committee.

Heckmondwike Bus Hub

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

- (a) The Heckmondwike Bus Hub scheme proceeds through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commences on activity 5 (delivery).
- (b) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £8,666,152. The total scheme value is £8,666,152. (iii) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Kirklees Council for expenditure of up to £8,666,152.
- (c) 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.

10	Leeds 2023 Year of Culture Project Approvals	<p>The Combined Authority, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team, approved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The change request for the LEEDS 2023 Women of the World, Women of West Yorkshire scheme to expand the scope to include ‘The Gifting’ and ‘Northern Dreaming’, to extend the completion date to 29 February 2024 and to increase the CA funding by £150,000 is approved. (b) The total Combined Authority funding is increased by £150,000, from £1,500,000 to £1,650,000. The total costs of ‘The Gifting’ and ‘Northern Dreaming’ is £726,384, taking the total scheme costs to £2,226,384. (c) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for additional expenditure of up to £150,000 from the Gainshare fund. (d) 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.
11	West Yorkshire Business Board (LEP)	Resolved: That proposed changes to the LEP be approved.