

Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

DATE OF MEETING:	Thursday, 1 February 2024
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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	Business Planning and Budget 2024/25	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) That the 2024/25 business plans be approved.(ii) That the Combined Authority approves the revised outturn revenue budget for 2023/24.(iii) That the proposed revenue budget for 2024/25 be approved.(iv) That the indicative capital programme and funding for 2023/24 – 2026/27 be approved.

- (v) 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 £102 million be determined for the year ended 31 March 2025.
- (vi) That the Director, Finance and Commercial Services be authorised to issue the levy letter in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 2025 to the five District Councils in West Yorkshire.
- (vii) That a payment of £4,099,410 be made to the five District Councils in accordance with Table 3 of the report.
- (viii) That authorisation be given to the Director, Finance and Commercial Services to arrange appropriate funding for all expenditure in 2023/24 and 2024/25 subject to statutory limitation, including the most appropriate application of capital funding as set out in the report.
- (ix) That the capitalisation approach set out in the paper be approved.
- (x) That the adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services be reaffirmed.

		<p>(xi) That the treasury management policy as set out in Appendix 6 be approved</p> <p>(xii) That the prudential limits for the next three years as set out in Appendix 6 be adopted.</p>
6	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>(i) That progress made on implementing the West Yorkshire UKSPF Local Investment Plans, including Core UKSPF, Multiply and the new Rural England Prosperity Fund (“The Rural Fund”) be noted.</p> <p>(ii) That a delegation to the Chief Executive to authorise the final list of successful projects selected in response to the UKSPF Pillar 3: People and Skills Invitation to Bid, in consultation with the Mayor, following the conclusion of the assessment process and endorsement from the UKSPF Local Partnership Group to a maximum of £10,000,000, to allow delivery to commence April 2024 be approved.</p> <p>(iii) That the progress on delivering the Rural Fund, as outlined at section 2.24 of the report and support the changes to the operating model as set out at 2.30 be noted.</p>
7	Level 4 Devolution	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>(I) That the recent publication of the Government’s Level 4 Devolution Framework which sets out guidance and the</p>

		<p>powers and flexibilities on offer through a Level 4 Devolution Deal be noted.</p> <p>(II) That the work that has taken place across the partnership to consider the opportunities presented through the Level 4 Devolution Framework and activity undertaken to develop the West Yorkshire response be noted.</p> <p>(III) That the ongoing Scrutiny Protocol review and the report due for submission to the 14 March 2024 Combined Authority meeting be noted.</p> <p>(IV) That the Deputy Director of Legal, Governance and Compliance be authorised to convene an Independent Remuneration Panel to make any recommendations to the Combined Authority arising from the conclusions of the Scrutiny Protocol review.</p>
9	Cross-Cutting Project Approvals	<p>(a) The Combined Authority approved that:</p> <p>(i) The change request to the Gainshare Capacity Funding scheme to increase funding by £15,000,000 to 26,400,000, allocated by partner councils as shown below, extend the programme by one year to 31 March 2026, and work continues on activity 5 (delivery) is approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradford Council £3,486,000. • Calderdale Council £1,318,500.

- Kirklees Council £2,764,500.
- Leeds Council £5,178,000.
- Wakefield Council £2,253,000.

(ii) Approval to the total scheme value of £26,400,000 is given, allocated as detailed below.

- Bradford Council £5,376,000.
- Calderdale Council £3,208,500.
- Kirklees Council £4,654,500.
- Leeds Council £7,068,000.
- Wakefield Council £4,143,000.
- Combined Authority £1,950,000.

(iii) The Combined Authority enters into a contract variation to the existing funding agreements with each of the partner councils for expenditure as detailed in (ii) above.

(iv) 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 Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this

report.

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Transport Project Approvals

The Combined Authority approved that:

- (i) The change request to revise the current Combined Authority funding for the Kirklees projects in the WY+TF, detailed in the table below is approved:

Project & Assurance Stage	Current Approval	Revised Approval	Funding Change
M2D2L (Mirfield to Dewsbury to Leeds) (OBC)	£1,335,000	£1,345,000**	£10,000
A629 Halifax Road Phase 5 (FBC)	£10,546,347	£13,801,870*	£3,255,523
Huddersfield Southern Corridors (excl. Q'gate) (FBC)	£10,315,765	£12,087,660*	£1,771,895
North Kirklees Orbital Route (Pipelined at OBC)	£248,000	£283,409**	£35,409
Holmfirth Town Centre Action Plan (FBC)	£5,173,821	£14,370,426*	£9,196,605
A62 Smart Corridor (In delivery)	£8,350,000	£15,415,496**	£7,065,496

CityConnect Ph3 - Huddersfield town centre (Paused at OBC)	£180,000	£282,333**	£102,333
A629 Fenay Lane (To pause at OBC submission)	£600,000	£750,000**	£150,000

* = Revised Indicative approval

** = Revised Full Approval

- (ii) That the A62 to Cooper Bridge scheme submits a change request to provide details of how the scheme is proposed to be progressed with reduced funding, detailing the change to project scope, costs and delivery, in order to determine a new indicative Combined Authority funding allocation. A revised outline business case will then be developed and submitted to the Combined Authority.
- (iii) That the Kirklees Council contribution to the WY+TF schemes is reduced by £6,547,750 from £13,067,803 to £6,520,053.
- (iv) That the Combined Authority enters into addendums to the existing funding agreements with Kirklees Council for expenditure up to the revised full approval amounts detailed for the individual schemes in the above table.
- (v) That individual scheme cost tolerances are re-baselined against the updated costs included in this report.
- (vi) That no further approvals for the funding changes requested will be required through the Assurance Framework and that projects continue on their approval pathways and routes to

the next decision point.