

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
WEST YORKSHIRE AND YORK INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 2019 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A,  
WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS**

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**Present:**

Councillor Peter Box CBE (Chair)  
Councillor Barry Collins  
Councillor Ian Gillies  
Councillor Richard Lewis  
Councillor Peter McBride  
Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw

Wakefield Council  
Calderdale Council  
City of York Council  
Leeds City Council  
Kirklees Council  
Bradford Council

**In attendance:**

Melanie Corcoran  
Angela Taylor  
Kate Thompson  
Henry Rigg

James Brass

Vicky Dumbrell

Jess McNeill

Ian McNichol

Tracey Carter  
David Warburton  
Ruth Chaplin

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West Yorkshire Combined Authority

**55. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Roger Marsh and Councillor Denise Jeffery.

**56. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no pecuniary interests declared by members at the meeting.

**57. Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**Resolved:** That in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendix 1 to Agenda Item 7 on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and for the reasons set out in the report that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**58. Minutes of the Meeting of the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee held on 6 February 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee held on 6 February 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair.

**59. Capital Programme Update**

The Committee considered a report on the capital programme which:

- Provided an update on progress made on the implementation of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's capital programme.
- Provided an update on the Growth Deal programme and the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme.

The actual expenditure up to the end of quarter 3 - 2018/19 against the outturn forecast in respect of the capital programme was set out in Table 1. It was noted that all programmes are currently on track to achieve the revised expenditure forecasts.

The Growth Deal dashboard which provided details of each of the 128 projects within the programme was attached at Appendix 1. It was noted that 20 projects had been completed, 35 were currently in delivery, 64 in development and 9 were still to start.

It was reported that the Department for Transport (DfT) had undertaken an annual review of the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme (LPTIP) and positive feedback had been received on the progress of the programme which was outlined in the submitted report. It was noted that the programme was still under considerable pressure to deliver and the DfT had reiterated the funding timescales which require full spend on the programme by March 2021.

**Resolved:** That the progress made in implementing the Combined Authority Capital Programme including the Growth Deal and Leeds Public Transport Investment Programmes be noted.

**60. Capital Spending and Project Approvals**

The Committee considered a report on proposals for the progression of, and funding for, a number of West Yorkshire Combined Authority supported projects, including West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (Transport Fund) and

Growth Fund at stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Combined Authority's assurance process.

Members discussed the proposals for the progression of the following seven schemes which were detailed in the submitted report:

- Leeds City Region Growth Service
- Resource Efficiency Fund 2
- Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme 2
- A61 (North) Bus Priority Corridor
- Wakefield South East Gateway
- Dewsbury Riverside
- York Central: Access Road and Station Access Improvements

Members were given a presentation on the proposals for the York Central: Access Road and Station Access Improvements scheme. Approval was sought for the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund to contribute to the funding of a new access road into York Central, a series of improvements to the front of York station and pedestrian access improvements into the York Central site. It was noted that delivery of these elements were dependent on City of York Council funding and on securing match funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund.

Copies of the business case summaries for the schemes were attached at Appendices 2-8 of the submitted report.

The Committee also considered a change request in respect of the following scheme, details of which were provided in the submitted report:

- Superfast West Yorkshire and York – Contract 3

It was reported that the following decision points and change requests had been approved since the last meeting through the agreed delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director:

- Harrogate Road/New Line Junction Improvement
- Apprenticeship Grants for Employers (AGE)
- Natural Flood Management – Upper Aire

Details of the change requests and delegated approval for the schemes were outlined in the report.

**Resolved:**

- (i) In respect of Leeds City Region Growth Service, the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
  - (a) That the Leeds City Region Growth Service project proceeds through decision point 2 (case paper) and work commences on activity 5 (full business case).

- (b) That an indicative approval to the total project costs of £3,401,756, of which the Combined Authority contribution will be £2,465,413 (which will be funded through £764,535 from the BEIS Growth Hub funding and £1,700,878 from the ESIF funding is given with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs). The remaining £936,343 will be funded by Leeds City Region District Partners.
  - (c) That the Combined Authority delegates the authority to enter into a funding agreement with Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (ESIF) and BEIS (Growth hub funding) to the Combined Authority's Managing Director.
  - (d) That the Combined Authority delegates the authority to enter into or amend funding agreements with the local authorities to the Combined Authority's Managing Director.
  - (e) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision point 5 through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.
- (ii) In respect of Resource Efficiency Fund 2, the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
  - (a) That the Resource Efficiency Fund 2 project proceeds through decision point 2 and work commences on activity 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (b) That indicative approval to the total project value for both regions (Leeds City Region and four North Yorkshire districts) of £6.293m is given as detailed below, with full approval to spend being granted once the project has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (c) That Leeds City Region element of the project of £4.644 million (subject to a successful ERDF application), of which £2.751 million will be funded by the Combined Authority (£2 million ERDF funding for Leeds City Region and £751,137 from the Leeds City Region Local Growth Fund). The remaining funding will be from £1.893 million SME match.
  - (d) That York, North Yorkshire and East Riding element of the project of £1.649 million (subject to a successful ERDF application) of which £1.035 million will be funded by the Combined Authority (from £824,522 ERDF funding and £210,122 from the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding region Local

Growth Fund, which North Yorkshire County Council as the accountable body for the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP will transfer to the Combined Authority and the Combined Authority will be the accountable body for its expenditure for the purposes of this scheme). The remaining scheme costs of £614,000 will be from SME match funding.

- (e) That the Combined Authority delegates authority to the Combined Authority's Managing Director to enter into an agreement with North Yorkshire County Council as the accountable body for the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership (at decision point 5), for the Combined Authority to receive and manage the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding match funding contribution of £210,122 from the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Growth Fund.
  - (f) That the Combined Authority delegates authority to the Combined Authority's Managing Director to enter into a contract for the provision of the ERDF funding with Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) at decision point 5.
  - (g) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision point 5 through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.
- (iii) In respect of the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme 2, the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
- (a) That the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 2 proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (b) That an indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of up to £3.9 million, which will be funded through Growth Deal 3 is given with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs). The total project value is £112 million.
  - (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision point 5, through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.

- (iv) In respect of A61 (North) Bus Priority Corridor, the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
  - (a) That the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme: A61 (North) Bus Priority corridor project proceeds through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
  - (b) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £16.1 million is given from Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme funding with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision point 4 (full business case) and decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs) through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director.
- (v) In respect of Wakefield South East Gateway, the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
  - (a) That the Wakefield City Centre, South East Gateway scheme proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
  - (b) That the individual elements of the Wakefield City Centre, South East Gateway scheme progress as separate full business cases for Kirkgate and the Waterfront through activity 4 (full business case) and activity 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (c) That an indicative approval to the Combined Authority's capped contribution of £4.9 million to the Waterfront scheme and capped contribution of £1.6 million to the Kirkgate scheme (a total contribution of £6.5 million) to be funded from the Local Growth Fund programme is given towards a total scheme cost of £32.62 million (Waterfront (Rutland Mills) £21.52 million, Kirkgate £11.1 million) with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (d) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.
- (vi) In respect of Dewsbury Riverside, the Investment Committee approves:
  - (a) That the Dewsbury Riverside scheme proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).

- (b) That an indicative approval to the total scheme value of £4.612 million is given from the Local Growth Fund with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision point 4 through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.
- (vii) In respect of York Central: Access Road and Station Access Improvements, the Investment Committee approves:
  - (a) That the York Central Access Road and Station Access Improvement scheme proceeds through decision point 4 and work commences on activity 5 (full business case plus costs) subject to the conditions detailed in 2.155 being discharged to the satisfaction of the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team.
  - (b) That an indicative approval of £37.32 million is given from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund, an increase of £4.32 million from the previous Gateway 1 approval, towards a total scheme cost of £187.46 million with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision point 5 through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.
- (viii) In respect of Superfast West Yorkshire and York - Contract 3, the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
  - (a) That the change request to the Superfast West Yorkshire and York – Contract Three project to reduce the total project value to £10.828 million due to changes in funding from Gainshare, DEFRA, BDUK and ESIF / ERDF is approved.
  - (b) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £10.828 million from the funding sources outlined in this report for which the Combined Authority is the accountable body is given, with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5

(full business case with finalised costs)

- (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the approval pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision 5 (full business case with finalised costs) through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.

**(a) Dewsbury Riverside**

**Resolved:** In respect of Dewsbury Riverside, the Investment Committee approves:

- (a) That the Dewsbury Riverside scheme proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
- (b) That an indicative approval to the total scheme value of £4.612 million is given from the Local Growth Fund with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
- (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision point 4 through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.

**(b) York Central Access Road and Station Access Improvements**

**Resolved:** In respect of York Central: Access Road and Station Access Improvements, the Investment Committee approves:

- (a) That the York Central Access Road and Station Access Improvement scheme proceeds through decision point 4 and work commences on activity 5 (full business case plus costs) subject to the conditions detailed in 2.155 being discharged to the satisfaction of the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team.
- (b) That an indicative approval of £37.32 million is given from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund, an increase of £4.32 million



from the previous Gateway 1 approval, towards a total scheme cost of £187.46 million with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs).

- (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision point 5 through a delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director following a recommendation by the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.

## **61. Growing Places Fund**

The Committee considered a report on the Growing Places Fund (GPF) which:

- Provided an update on progress with the Growing Places Fund programme.
- Provided a position statement on a Growing Places Fund Loan with changed circumstances.

Members noted the report which highlighted some of the achievements of the programme and joint investments with the Leeds City Region Revolving Investment Fund (RIF). The report also provided an update on the work being undertaken on the principles and parameters in respect of future reinvestment of the returned funds from the GPF programme to support significant ongoing returnable investment and grant funding for inclusive growth projects.

It was reported that one of the loan recipients was subject to changed circumstances and further details were provided in Exempt Appendix 1. The company had entered into administration and it was noted that the Combined Authority would need to impair the GPF loan within its accounts and an appropriate point in the proceedings.

**Resolved:** That the information provided in the report and Exempt Appendix 1 be noted.

## **62. Draft Minutes of the Business Investment Panel held on 5 February 2019**

**Resolved:** That the draft minutes of the Business Investment Panel held on 5 February 2019 be noted.