

Decisions taken by West Yorkshire Combined Authority

DATE OF MEETING:	Thursday, 14 February 2019
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CIRCULATION:	Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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Agenda Item No.	Subject/Title of Report	Decision(s)
5	Rail Update	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>(a) That the Combined Authority's concerns that rail passengers continue to experience delays, cancellations and short forming of trains and the steps taken by Northern, TransPennine Express and Network Rail to remedy this be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the Combined Authority's initial submission to the Williams review of the UK Rail Industry be endorsed.</p>
8	Capital Spending and Project Approvals	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>(a) In respect of Raising Aspirations –</p> <p>That following a recommendation from the Investment Committee, the Combined Authority approves:</p> <p>(i) That the raising aspirations project proceeds through decision point 2 and work commences on activity 5 (full business case with finalised costs).</p> <p>(ii) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £400,000 to be funded by the Combined Authority from the secured business rates pool funding with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has</p>

progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs).

- (iii) 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.

(b) In respect of Headrow City Centre Gateway

That following a recommendation from the Investment Committee, the Combined Authority approves:

- (i) That the Headrow Gateway scheme proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
- (ii) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £20.7 million is given from the Leeds Public Transport Investment 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).
- (iii) That development costs of £500,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs) taking the total project approval to £1.1 million.
- (iv) That the Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Leeds City

Council for expenditure of up to £1.1 million from the Leeds Public Transport Investment Fund.

- (v) 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.

- (c) In respect of A647 Bus Priority Corridor –

That following a recommendation from the Investment Committee, the Combined Authority approves:

- (i) That the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme: A647 Corridor project proceeds through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
- (ii) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £9.68 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).
- (iii) 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 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.

(d) In respect of Corridor Improvement Programme Phase 1 - Huddersfield Southern Corridors –

That following a recommendation from the Investment Committee, the Combined Authority approves:

- (i) That the Huddersfield Southern Corridors scheme proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
- (ii) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £8.199 million is given from the West Yorkshire plus Transport 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).
- (iii) That development costs of £2.234 million are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs) taking the total project approval to £2.534 million. This includes land acquisition costs of £1.6 million.
- (iv) That the Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Kirklees Council for expenditure of up to £2.534 million from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund.
- (v) 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.

(e) In respect of Rochdale Canal – Cycle Safety Fund –

That following a recommendation from the Investment Committee, the Combined Authority approves:

- (i) That the Rochdale Canal Cycle Safety Fund Towpath Phase 2 (Hebden Bridge to Todmorden) scheme proceeds through decision point 4 and work commences on activity 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
- (ii) That an indicative approval to total project cost of £2.101 million of which £1.971 million will be Combined Authority Funding which will be funded from the DfT Cycle Safety Grant and Cycle City Ambition Grant 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).
- (iii) 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

		<p>Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the report.</p> <p>(f) That the Combined Authority approves the revised approval route for the A629 Phase 2 and the Dewsbury Riverside Housing scheme, to enable the Investment Committee to make the decision on behalf of the Combined Authority.</p>
9	Budget and business plan 2019/20	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>(a) That the Combined Authority revised budget / forecast for 2018/19 and the proposed budget for 2019/20 be approved.</p> <p>(b) That the indicative capital programme for 2018/19 – 2021/22 be approved.</p> <p>(c) That the 2019/20 business plan be approved.</p> <p>(d) That the Transport Committee be delegated to approve individual schemes within the integrated transport block of the 2019/20 capital programme up to a maximum cost of £3m.</p> <p>(e) 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 £104m be determined for the year ended 31 March 2020.</p> <p>(f) That the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to issue the levy letter in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 2020 to the five District Councils in West Yorkshire.</p> <p>(g) That a payment of £5.09 million and of £2 million be made to the District Councils in accordance with Table 3 of the report.</p>

		<p>(h) That authorisation be given to the Director of Corporate Services to arrange appropriate funding for all expenditure in 2018/19 and 2019/20 subject to statutory limitation, including the most appropriate application of capital funding as set out in the report.</p> <p>(i) That approval be made to the expenditure of highways maintenance funding of £28.442 million and the pothole action fund of £1.594 million, to be paid quarterly to the West Yorkshire local authorities in accordance with the DfT formula, and for Director of Corporate Services to vary these amounts should DfT revise the payments from those provisionally indicated.</p> <p>(j) That approval be given to the continuing of the policy, effective from 2017/18, for recovering the Combined Authority costs of managing the capital programme against the capital programme spend being mainly Growth Deal, Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme and Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport. For 2019/20 the estimated total value is £7.8 million (2% - 3%).</p> <p>(k) That the adoption of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services be reaffirmed.</p> <p>(l) That the treasury management policy as set out in Appendix 4 of the report be approved.</p> <p>(m) That the prudential limits for the next three years as set out in Appendix 4 of the report be adopted.</p>
11	Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships	Resolved: That the Combined Authority agrees in principle to act as the accountable body for the new Local Enterprise Partnership.
12	Local Assurance Framework Update	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>(i) That the substantive form of the draft</p>

		<p>Assurance Framework be approved.</p> <p>(ii) That the Combined Authority's Managing Director be authorised to finalise the content of the Assurance Framework in consultation with the Chair of the Combined Authority and the Chair of the LEP Board, and to submit the document to Government by 31 March 2019.</p>
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