

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WEST YORKSHIRE AND YORK INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY, 12 APRIL 2019 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A -
WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS**

Present:

Councillor Ian Gillies	City of York Council
Councillor Barry Collins	Calderdale Council
Councillor Denise Jeffery	Wakefield Council
Councillor Richard Lewis	Leeds City Council
Councillor Peter McBride	Kirklees Council
Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw	Bradford Council

In attendance:

Richard Thorpe	Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (minute 68)
Melanie Corcoran	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Angela Taylor	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
James Bennett	West Yorkshire Combined Authority (minute 67)
Heather Waddington	West Yorkshire Combined Authority (minute 68)
Patrick Bowes	West Yorkshire Combined Authority (minute 68)
Seamus McDonnell	West Yorkshire Combined Authority (minute 68)
Ruth Chaplin	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ben Kearns	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

63. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Box and Roger Marsh and it was agreed that Councillor Ian Gillies take the chair.

64. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

65. 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 1072, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendices 1 and 2 to Agenda Item 6 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.

66. Minutes of the Meeting of the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee held on 13 March 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee held on 13 March 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair.

67. 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 two corridor improvement schemes which were detailed in the submitted report:

- A6177 Great Horton Road/Horton Grange Road
- A6177 Thornton Road/Toller Lane

Copies of the business case summaries for the schemes were attached at Appendices 2 and 3 of the submitted report.

The Committee was also advised of the following three decisions made through delegations to the Combined Authority's Managing Director since the last meeting:

- Halifax Town Centre – Northgate House
- A650 Bradford to Keighley Corridor (Hard Ings Road)
- Leeds Enterprise Zone Power Solution

Details of the schemes were outlined in the submitted report.

Resolved:

- (i) That in respect of the A6177 Great Horton Road/Horton Grange Road, the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
 - (a) That the A6177 Great Horton Road / Horton Grange Road scheme proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
 - (b) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £4.205 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).

- (c) That additional development costs of £584,007 are approved in order to progress the scheme to full business case with finalised costs (decision point 5), taking the total project approval to £809,007.
 - (d) That the Combined Authority enters in to a funding agreement with Bradford Council for expenditure of up to £809,007 from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund.
 - (e) That future approvals are made in accordance with the approval pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report, including at decision points 4 and 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 the A6177 Thornton Road/Toller Lane Corridor Improvement Scheme, the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
- (a) That the A6177 Thornton Road/Toller Lane scheme proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
 - (b) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £9.662 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).
 - (c) That additional development costs of £721,670 are approved in order to progress the scheme to decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs) taking the total project approval to £946,670.
 - (d) That the Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Bradford Council for additional expenditure of up to £721,670 from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund, taking total value of the funding agreements to £946,670.
 - (e) That future approvals are made in accordance with the approval pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report including at decision points 4 and 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.

68. Councillors Gillies and Collins

The Committee noted that it was Councillors Collins and Gillies' last meeting as they were standing down as elected members in May. Members thanked them for their hard work and contributions to the Combined Authority and its Committees.

69. European Structural and Investment Funds - Sustainable Urban Development (ESIF SUD)

The Committee considered a report on an outline application for Sustainable Urban Development (SUD), part of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Programme and to provide advice to the Combined Authority, in its role as the Intermediate Body (IB).

It was reported that a Call for SUD outline applications was published on 10 January 2019 and closed on 22 February 2019 and one outline application had been received.

Members considered the outline assessment which was attached at exempt Appendix 2 together with a covering note at exempt Appendix 1. They agreed the advice and the respective conditions which would be considered by the Combined Authority at its next meeting to be held on 25 April 2019.

Resolved: That the Investment Committee recommend to the Combined Authority the advice contained within the outline application for the Sustainable Urban Development, part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Programme, as set out in the exempt Appendix 2.

70. Draft Minutes of the Business Investment Panel held on 7 March 2019

Resolved: That the draft minutes of the Business Investment Panel held on 7 March 2019 be noted.