

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WEST YORKSHIRE AND YORK INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2019 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A,
WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS**

Present:

Councillor Peter Box CBE (Chair)	Wakefield Council
Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw	Bradford Council
Councillor Jonathan Pryor	Leeds City Council
Councillor Jane Scullion	Calderdale Council
Councillor Peter McBride	Kirklees Council

In attendance:

Marc Cole	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Angela Taylor	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Craig Taylor	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Jane Green	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Peter Coello	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ambrose White	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ben Kearns	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

23. Apologies for Absence

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

24. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

25. 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 Appendices 1 and 2 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.

26. Minutes of the Meeting of the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee held on 4 October

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting be approved.

27. Capital Programme Update

As it was Councillor Box's final meeting Investment Committee members wished to thank him for his time as Chair over the last few years. Members thanked him for his expertise and help in overseeing more than £350 million in investment for the region. Councillor Box thanked members for their kind words.

Members considered a report which provided an update on the progress made on the implementation of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's capital programme, the Growth Deal programme and the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

28. Capital Spending & Project Approvals

The Committee considered a report which set out 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 Local Growth Fund, for consideration by the Investment Committee at stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Combined Authority's assurance process.

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

- Leeds City Region Skills for Growth
- White Rose station
- LTP – Integrated Transport Block – Districts' Programmes

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

- Kirklees Transport Model Update
- Outwood Rail Station Park and Ride

Resolved:

- (i) That in respect of the Leeds City Region Skills for Growth Programme the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
 - (a) That the Leeds City Region Skills for Growth programme proceeds through decision point 2 and work commences on activity 5 (full

business case with finalised costs).

- (b) That an indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £2.429 million (which will be funded through £1.464 million from the ESIF fund and £964,925 from the Local Skills Fund be given with full approval to spend being granted once the outcome of the ESIF bid is known and the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5. The total project value is £2.929 million with the remaining £500,000 to be raised from business sponsorship.
 - (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this 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 remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report
- (ii) That in respect of the White Rose Station project the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
- (a) That the White Rose Station 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 £5 million is given from the LPTIP 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 development costs of £2.611 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 £3.111 million.
 - (d) That the Combined Authority enters in to a Funding Agreement with the developer for expenditure of up to £1.9 million from the LPTIP Fund.
 - (e) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this 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 this report.
- (iii) That in respect of the Integrated Transport Block – 2019-2022 – West Yorkshire Districts - programme the Investment Committee approved:
- (a) That the Integrated Transport Block – 2019-2022 – West Yorkshire Districts - programme project proceeds through decision point 2 and 5 and work commences on activity 6 (delivery).
 - (b) That an approval to the total project value of £26.9 million is given from

the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Block fund.

- (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the approval pathway and approval route outlined in this report including at decision point 6 and 7 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 this report.

29. ESIF SUD

The Committee considered a report on one full application for Sustainable Urban Development (SUD), part of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and provided advice regarding the applications to the Combined Authority in its role as the Intermediate Body.

Resolved: That the Investment Committee recommend to the Combined Authority the full application for SUD, part of the ESIF Programme.

30. Minutes of the meeting of the Business Investment Panel held on 5 September 2019

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