

Forward Plan of Key Decisions from 1 February 2025

Title	Description	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Officer Contact
West Yorkshire Combined Authority				
Active Travel Tranche 4 – Huddersfield Broad Canal Kirklees	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision points 2 to 4 (business justification) to upgrade 5.8 kilometres of towpath on the Huddersfield Broad Canal to a high-quality cycling and walking route.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	30 Jan 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Active Travel Fund 4 - Huddersfield Narrow Canal, Kirklees	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision points 2 to 4 (business justification) to upgrade 4.4 kilometres of towpath on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal to a high-quality cycling and walking route.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	30 Jan 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Bus Franchising Update	<p>The report will provide a general update on bus franchising since the decision was taken on 14 March 2024, and requests approval of the depot strategy.</p> <p>The report also requests approval to gradually retire the current brand 'Metro' and approve the recommendation to name the integrated transport network "West</p>	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	30 Jan 2025	Simon Warburton, Executive Director, Transport simon.warburton@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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	Yorkshire Transport”.			
Bus Franchising Update	Approval for the Bus Reform Depot scheme to progress through strategic outline case (decision point 2) and work continues on project assurance.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	30 Jan 2025	Simon Warburton, Executive Director, Transport simon.warburton@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Business Planning and Budget 2025/26	To approve the transport levy and revenue budget for 2025/26 for the Combined Authority.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	30 Jan 2025	Damon Lawrenson, Interim Director, Finance and Commercial Services damon.lawrenson@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Calderdale Bus Hotspot	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 2-4 (business justification case) and into delivery subject to conditions. This scheme will look to introduce camera to enforce existing bus lanes.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	30 Jan 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Rail Accessibility Package: Step-free Access (Guiselay Station)	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case). This scheme will deliver a single, large-scale accessibility intervention, including a new footbridge, lifts, and platform ramps, to address step-free access at one West Yorkshire rail station.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	30 Jan 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
West Yorkshire and York	Approval to proceed through decision	West Yorkshire	30 Jan 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of

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Broadband Gainshare – Delegation of Approval	point 4 (Full business case). The project aims to establish an accelerator programme of support for health innovation/health tech start-ups, with a parallel provision for established businesses in the sector.	Combined Authority		Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Active Travel Programme	Approval of a change request to the Active Travel Programme, which aims to deliver improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure, to increase programme costs	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) – Flax Place	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case). The scheme will remediate 0.5 hectares of brownfield land and create 300 new apartment homes in Leeds.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Kate Thompson, Head of Regeneration kate.thompson@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Gainshare Capacity Funding	Approval to the change request seeking additional capacity funding for partner councils to provide continued support to new and existing teams to progress economic development work.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Heather Waddington, Head of Funding Strategy heather.waddington@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Shared Priorities	To agree joint Government and Combined Authority Local Growth Plan priorities as detailed within the report.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Sarah Eaton, Director Strategy, Communications & Intelligence Sarah.Eaton@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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Mass Transit Update	Approval of the change request to accept Bus Service Improvement Plan Programme Phase 4 funding.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Alexander Clarke, Head of Bus Reform
Fair Work Charter	Approval for the change request to extend the scheme which supports employers to adopt fair work practices through self-assessment, learning and development, and peer networking.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Investment Zones Revenue - Regional Accelerator	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) to deliver a programme of intensive, cohort-based business support activity that is tailored to start-up and scale-up companies in the health innovation and digital health sectors.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Investment Zones Revenue - Place-based Incubators - Kirklees	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision points 2 to 4 (business justification case). The scheme aims to strengthen connections between innovative start-ups, small and medium-sized enterprises, University research and the NHS, by building on investments already made in the sector, and through key inputs and outputs, to deliver socio-economic benefits.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) - A64 Bus - Cycle -	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Mark Ramsden, Head of Transforming Cities Fund

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Walking Improvements	case). The scheme will provide improvements along the A64 corridor in Leeds to facilitate improvements for bus, cycle, and pedestrian.			mark.ramsden@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Better Places - Leeds City Links	Approval for the change request to increase the Combined Authority funding, to deliver a scheme that will help complete a circular cycle route around Leeds city centre.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Castleford Growth Corridor Scheme - Wheldon Road Bridge	Approval for the scheme to progress through decision point 4 (full business case) and work starts on delivery of improved road infrastructure.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement - Highways Asset Management & Off-Road Walking and Cycling	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) to approve funding for year four and year five. This programme is maintaining and renewing vital highway infrastructure across West Yorkshire.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Mark Ramsden, Head of Transforming Cities Fund mark.ramsden@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement - Network Management and Enhancement Programme	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) to approve funding for year four and year five. This	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Mark Ramsden, Head of Transforming Cities Fund mark.ramsden@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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	programme is maintaining and renewing road network assets.			
City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement - Safe Roads	Approval for the Safe Roads scheme to proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) to approve funding for year four and year five. This scheme is working to improve overall road safety and to reduce the number of road collisions that are categorised as Killed and Serious Injuries.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Mark Ramsden, Head of Transforming Cities Fund mark.ramsden@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Leeds City Centre Network and Interchange Package - Armley Gyratory	Approval of the change request seeking additional funding to enable improvements at Armley Gyratory, Leeds, to be completed.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Leeds City Centre Network and Interchange Package - City Square Plus	Approval to the change request to seek funding to deliver further improvements around City Square in Leeds City Centre.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
The Mayor's West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan – Statutory Consultation 2025	To approve a twelve week public and stakeholder consultation, starting in June 2025 on the new Mayor's West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan.	Mayor of West Yorkshire	3 Apr 2025	Helen Ellerton, Head of Transport Policy helen.ellerton@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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	To delegate finalisation of the consultation documents to the Executive Director Transport.			
Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) - White Rose Station	This change request seeks funding to contribute towards the delivery of the new White Rose Rail Station, on the Transpennine route.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Mark Ramsden, Head of Transforming Cities Fund mark.ramsden@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund Wave 3	Approval to the change request to accept Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund Wave 3 funding to improve the energy performance of social housing and for additional funding to support delivery of the programme.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Jess McNeill, Head of Home Energy West Yorkshire jessica.mcneill@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
West Yorkshire Climate and Environment Plan 2025 – 2038	To approve the West Yorkshire Climate and Environment Plan.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Kevin Unwin, Policy Officer Kevin.Unwin@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
West Halifax Improved Streets for People	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) which will deliver a reduction to the general traffic dominance between West Halifax and the town centre, increase space for walking and cycling, and improve accessibility to rail and bus services.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	8 May 2025	Mark Ramsden, Head of Transforming Cities Fund mark.ramsden@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Business, Economy & Innovation Committee				

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Culture, Heritage & Sport Committee				
Climate, Energy and Environment Committee				
Employment and Skills Committee				
Finance, Resources & Corporate Committee				
Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee				
Transport Committee				
Officer Delegated Decisions				
Bradford Interchange Resurfacing Works	Change request for additional funding to enable resurfacing works at Bradford Interchange to be completed.	Chief Executive	22 Jan 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Hard Facilities Management Contract - Building Fabric	To award and let award a contract for hard facilities management, repair, maintenance and project works across the CA's portfolio of properties and estate.	Director, Transport Operations & Passenger Experience (Facilities & Passenger Experience)	27 Feb 2025	Carl Peacock, Head of Assets Carl.Peacock@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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Mass Transit and Bus Reform Funding and Finance Partner	To approve the award of a contract to a partner to support on Funding and Finance for Mass Transit and Bus Reform.	Chief Executive	4 Mar 2025	Jayne Close, Head of Finance (Transport) jayne.close@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Employment West Yorkshire	Approval of a change request to extend the programme and increase the funding approval. The programme supports people in accessing support and advice to move them closer to or return to the labour market.	Chief Executive	17 Mar 2025	Michelle Burton, Head of Employment and Skills michelle.burton@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Active Travel Fund 4 - Armley Town Street, Leeds	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case). The scheme aims to regenerate the high street in Armley, Leeds, and delivers improvements for walking and cycling.	Chief Executive	21 Mar 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure - Phase 2	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case). The scheme will provide electronic vehicle infrastructure throughout West Yorkshire to facilitate the transition to electric cars.	Chief Executive	21 Mar 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
West Yorkshire and York Broadband Gainshare	Repayment to West Yorkshire Local Authorities of original matched funding contributions made to initiate contracts to deliver superfast	Chief Executive	21 Mar 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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	broadband to many areas across West Yorkshire; and funding for future regional connectivity schemes from the remaining accrued funds.			
Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) – Wellington Square	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) The scheme will remediate 0.78 acres of brownfield land and create 464 new apartments homes in Leeds City Centre.	Chief Executive	28 Mar 2025	Kate Thompson, Head of Regeneration kate.thompson@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Home Energy West Yorkshire One Stop Shop Managing Agent - Contract Award Recommendation	To award a contract for the Home Energy West Yorkshire One Stop Shop Managing Agent, responsible for management and delivery of the service. This will be a category E procurement as per West Yorkshire Combined Authority's Contracts Standing Orders due to the value of the contract.	Director of Policing, Environment and Place	1 Apr 2025	Jess McNeill, Head of Home Energy West Yorkshire jessica.mcneill@westyorks-ca.gov.uk