

Forward Plan of Key Decisions from 1 March 2025

Title	Description	Decision Maker	Decision Due Date	Officer Contact
West Yorkshire Combined Authority				
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
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
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
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	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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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
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
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
Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) - A64 Bus - Cycle - Walking Improvements	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case). The scheme will provide improvements along the A64 corridor in Leeds to facilitate improvements for bus, cycle, and pedestrian.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	27 Feb 2025	Mark Ramsden, Head of Transforming Cities Fund mark.ramsden@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Adult Skills Fund (ASF) –	The Combined Authority will take	West Yorkshire	3 Apr 2025	Lindsey Daniels, Inclusive

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2025-26 Provider Allocations	decisions on the strategic plans and affordability of 2025/26 ASF allocations, in light of the ASF 3.3% budget cut applied by the Department for Education.	Combined Authority		Economy Lead - Adult Skills lindsey.daniels@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Bradford City Village	Approval for the scheme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) to assist with the delivery of new homes	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Kate Thompson, Head of Regeneration kate.thompson@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Biodiversity Net Gain Responsible Body Service	Approval for the Combined Authority to act as a Biodiversity Net Gain Responsible Body for Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield and approval of the Responsible Body Service.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Alison Gillespie, Head of Place and Environment Policy alison.gillespie@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 programme is maintaining and renewing road network assets.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	3 Apr 2025	Mark Ramsden, Head of Transforming Cities Fund mark.ramsden@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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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 - 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. To delegate finalisation of the consultation documents to the Executive Director Transport.	Mayor of West Yorkshire	3 Apr 2025	Helen Ellerton, Head of Transport Policy helen.ellerton@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
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	Approval to the change request to	West Yorkshire	3 Apr 2025	Jess McNeill, Head of Home

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Fund Wave 3	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.	Combined Authority		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
Bus Franchising Update	Requesting approval of the Bus Franchising Fleet Strategy. Requesting the approval of a new name for the transport network across West Yorkshire.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	8 May 2025	Simon Warburton, Executive Director, Transport simon.warburton@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	8 May 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@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	8 May 2025	Caroline Farnham-Crossland, Head of Transport Implementation caroline.farnham-crossland@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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Work, Health, and Skills Programme	Approval of a programme business case for a programme that aims to support people with health-related barriers towards work and to build capacity of employment support services in West Yorkshire.	West Yorkshire Combined Authority	8 May 2025	Michelle Burton, Head of Employment and Skills michelle.burton@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
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	19 Jun 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	19 Jun 2025	Kate Thompson, Head of Regeneration kate.thompson@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				
West Yorkshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy	To adopt the West Yorkshire Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy and daughter documents as regional policy.	Transport Committee	16 Apr 2025	Helen Ellerton, Head of Transport Policy helen.ellerton@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Officer Delegated Decisions				
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
Mass Transit and Bus Reform Funding and Finance Partner	To approve the award of a contract to a partner to support on Funding and	Chief Executive	28 Feb 2025	Jayne Close, Head of Finance (Transport)

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	Finance for Mass Transit and Bus Reform.			jayne.close@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
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	21 Mar 2025	Michelle Burton, Head of Employment and Skills michelle.burton@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 broadband to many areas across West Yorkshire; and funding for future	Chief Executive	21 Mar 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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	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
Contract Awards - Batch 751 School Bus Services	Approval of contract awards for school bus services commencing on 1 September 2025.	Chief Executive	Between 14 Apr 2025 and 25 Apr 2025	Steve Wainwright, Education Transport Manager steve.wainwright@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Community Growth and Development Fund Programme	Approval for the change request to extend the UK Shared Prosperity funded programme, formerly known as the Local Authority Hyper Local Programme, to support local delivery, primarily focussed around community and place, across West Yorkshire, for a	Chief Executive	14 Apr 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

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	further year with £11,180,687 additional funding.			
UK Shared Prosperity Fund Pillar 2 Schemes	Approval for the change request to extend the UK Shared Prosperity funded Pillar 2 schemes, to support local delivery across West Yorkshire, for a further year.	Chief Executive	16 Apr 2025	Sarah Bowes, Head of Business Support sarah.bowes@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Adult Skills Fund (ASF) – 2025-26 Provider Allocations	Approval is sought to issue final allocations to providers for 2025-26, in line with the CA’s strategic decision. Provider allocation values will support their curriculum and delivery plans, which will be confirmed in June 2025.	Chief Executive	22 Apr 2025	Lindsey Daniels, Inclusive Economy Lead - Adult Skills lindsey.daniels@westyorks-ca.gov.uk
Digital Skills, Green Skills, and Skills Support for Business - Further Education Development Fund	Approval for the Further Education Development Fund element of the Digital Skills, Green Skills, and Employer Support programme to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and for work to commence on activity 5 (delivery). The scheme will enable educational institutions to enhance their recruitment and retention of tutors to increase the availability of skilled workers for large scale infrastructure projects.	Chief Executive	7 May 2025	Michelle Burton, Head of Employment and Skills michelle.burton@westyorks-ca.gov.uk