

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
WEST YORKSHIRE AND YORK INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2019 AT COMMITTEE ROOM  
A, WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS**

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**Present:**

Councillor Denise Jeffery  
Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw  
Councillor Jane Scullion  
Councillor Andrew Waller  
Councillor Peter McBride

Wakefield Council  
Bradford Council  
Calderdale Council  
City of York Council  
Kirklees Council

**In attendance:**

Melanie Corcoran  
Angela Taylor  
James Bennett  
Lisa Childs  
Elizabeth Courtney  
Vicky Dumbrell  
Helen Ellerton  
Nick Fairchild  
Vincent McCabe  
Seamus McDonnell  
Heather Waddington  
Leanne Walsh  
Justin Wilson  
Ben Kearns

West Yorkshire Combined Authority  
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**31. Chair of the Meeting**

As the position of Chair was vacant and the Deputy Chair had given apologies members were asked to elect a chair for the meeting. Councillor Jeffery was nominated, and this was agreed by the members present.

**Resolved:** That Councillor Jeffery take the Chair for the meeting of the Investment Committee.

**32. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Roger Marsh and Councillor Jonathan Pryor.

### **33. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

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

### **34. 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 Appendix 1 to Agenda Item 7, Appendix 1 to Agenda Item 8 and Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Agenda Item 9 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 that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **35. Minutes of the Meeting of the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee held on 7 November**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee held on the 7 November be approved.

### **36. Capital Programme Update**

Members considered a report which provided an update on the progress made on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's capital programme.

Members noted the positive outcome from the independent evaluation of the growth deal undertaken by SQW as well as the next steps.

**Resolved:** That the progress report on the Growth Deal and the update on the Independent Evaluation of the Growth Deal Programme be noted.

### **37. Capital Spending and 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:

- Bradford Interchange Carriage Works
- Connecting Innovation

- Leeds Bus Station Gateway
- A58 Beckett Street & York Street
- Bradford Shipley Route Improvement
- Infirmary Street Gateway
- Wakefield South East Gateway – Rutland Mill
- A660 Holt Lane
- Leeds PIPES District Heating Network

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

- Headrow City Centre Gateway

**Resolved:**

- (i) That in respect of the Bradford Interchange Carriageway Works the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
  - (a) That the Bradford Interchange Carriageway Works proceeds through decision point 2 and work commences on Activity 4 (full business case)
  - (b) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £2 million is given from the Local Transport Plan - Integrated Transport Block with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the Assurance Process to Decision Point 5.
  - (c) That development costs of £461,400 are approved in order to progress the scheme to Decision Point 5.
  - (d) That the Combined Authority enter into a Funding Agreement with City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council for expenditure up to £300,000.
  - (e) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report including at decision point 6 through a delegation to the 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.
- (ii) That in respect of the ERDF Connecting Innovation project the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
  - (a) That the ERDF Connecting Innovation project proceeds through decision point 2 and work commences on Activity 5 (full business case plus)
  - (b) That an indicative approval of £2,779,846 is given, comprised of £750,961 from the Access to Capital Grants element of the Local

Growth Fund and £2,028,885 from the European Regional Development Fund, with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the Assurance Process to Decision Point 5. The total project costs are £4,057,771 million, with Small Medium Enterprise match funding of £1,277,925 million

- (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 scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.
- (iii) That in respect of the Leeds Public Transport Improvement Programme Leeds Bus Station Gateway project the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority that:
- (a) That the Leeds Public Transport Improvement Programme Leeds Bus Station Gateway project proceeds through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 5 (full business case with finalised costs)
  - (b) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £4.984 million is given from the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme 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 £350,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to Decision Point 5.
  - (d) That the Combined Authority enters into a variation to the Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for release of expenditure of £350,000 from the LPTIP Fund for further project development.
  - (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.
- (iv) That in respect of the A58 Beckett Street and York Street the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
- (a) That the A58 Beckett Street and York Street 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 £14.536 million is given from the Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme fund with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to decision

point 5 (FBC with finalised costs).

- (c) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report including at decision point 4 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.
- (v) That in respect of the Bradford-Shipley Route Improvement Scheme the Investment Committee using the delegated authority from the Combined Authority Board approved:
  - (a) That the Bradford-Shipley Route Improvement 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 £47.9 million is given, to be funded 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 approval of further development costs of £2.382 million in order to progress the scheme to decision point 5, taking the total approval to £3.979 million.
  - (d) That the Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Bradford Council for additional expenditure of £2.382 million, taking the total approval to £3.979 million.
  - (e) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report including at decision point 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 this report.
- (vi) That in respect of the Infirmary Gateway scheme the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
  - (a) That the Infirmary Street Gateway scheme proceeds through decision point 4 and work commences on activity 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (b) That an indicative approval to the total project value of £8.90 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 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 Programme Appraisal Team. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.
- (vii) That in respect of the Wakefield City Centre, South East Gateway – Rutland Mill the Investment Committee using the delegated authority from the Combined Authority Board approved:
- (a) That the Wakefield City Centre, South East Gateway – Rutland Mill proceeds through decision point 4 and work commences on activity 5 (full business case with finalised costs).
  - (b) That an indicative approval to the Combined Authority's capped contribution of £2.89 million to the Rutland Mill scheme to be funded from the Local Growth Fund programme is given towards a total scheme cost of £20.57 million 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 decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs) is conditional upon the Wakefield Council providing a finalised development contract which demonstrates that if 100% of the floor space isn't developed by December 2022, Wakefield can step in to buy back at 70% market value.
  - (d) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report 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.
- (viii) That in respect of the A660 Holt Lane project the Investment Committee recommends to the Combined Authority:
- (a) That the A660 Holt Lane project proceeds through decision point 5 and work commences on activity 6 (Delivery).
  - (b) That the approval to the total project value of £1.150 million is given from the LPTIP fund.
  - (c) That the Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the Funding Agreement with Leeds City Council for expenditure of up to £1.150 million from the LPTIP Fund.
  - (d) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report 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.

- (ix) That in respect of the change request to the Leeds District Heating Network project the Investment Committee approved:
  - (a) The change request to the Leeds District Heating Network project to extend the time for the completion date be approved.
  - (b) The change request to remove Leeds College of Music contract condition be removed as the promoter has evidenced demand from other sources.
  - (c) The Funding Agreement for Leeds City Council is retrospectively extended from June 2019 to March 2020 and removes the requirement for a heat sales agreement with the Leeds College of Music.
  - (d) That future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report including at decision point 6 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.

### **38. Leeds City College, Quarry Hill - Project Update**

The Committee considered a report which provided an update on the status of the Leeds City College Quarry Hill Skills Capital Project. Exempt appendix 1 to the submitted report outlined a number of possible options for discussion.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the update on the current status of the Leeds City College Quarry Hill Skills Capital Project be noted.
- (ii) That Investment Committee agreed the recommendations as set out in 3.1 to 3.8 in exempt appendix 1 to the submitted report including recommending to the Combined Authority option 1 at 3.2, option 5 at 3.3, option 7 at 3.4 and option 9 at 3.6.

### **39. Future Funding Arrangements - Loans**

Members considered a report which provided an update on the proposed future approach to business finance and investment management. The draft investment strategy was attached at exempt appendix 1 to the submitted report.

Members noted that the finalised version would be brought back to the Committee for endorsement in early 2020.

**Resolved:** That the report and the draft investment strategy be noted.

**40. ESIF SUD**

Councillor Scullion wished to declare an interest regarding the application contained in Exempt Appendix 2 as she resided in the area which would potentially benefit from the proposals set out in the application.

The Committee considered a report on two outline applications 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 two outline applications for SUD, part of the ESIF Programme.

**41. Minutes of the Business Investment Panel held on 7 November 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Business Investment Panel held on the 7 November be noted.