Terms of Reference

Climate, Energy and Environment Committee

The Climate, Energy and Environment Committee is authorised:

1. To carry out any Non-Mayoral Function[1] of the Combined Authority relating to the **climate, energy and the environment[2]** including: [3]

    a) progressing the elements of the Strategic Economic Framework that fall within the remit of this committee, by:
    - approving, amending or revoking any policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan[4], and
    - delivering, monitoring and reviewing the outcomes and impact of any policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan,

    b) progressing those elements of the Mayor's pledges that fall within the remit of this committee, ensuring alignment with the Strategic Economic Framework where appropriate,

    c) submitting bids for devolved and other funding,

    d) working with key partners to develop and promote a shared understanding, approach and coherent strategies and policies, and

    e) delivering and overseeing any project or programme[5] in accordance with the Leeds City Region Assurance Framework[6],

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[1] Functions in this context are to be construed in a broad and inclusive fashion, and as including the exercise of the ancillary powers under Section 113A of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

[2] Including functions relating to green and blue infrastructure, local nature recovery, climate resilience, tackling fuel poverty, White Rose Forest, emission reduction, energy efficiency, energy supply, flood risk management and flood resilience.

[3] Including any regional flood resilience plan.

[4] With the exception of any major policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan reserved to the Combined Authority - see further Section 2.2 of Part 3 of the Constitution - and subject to any direction by the Mayor that any decision on a policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan be referred to the Combined Authority for determination.

[5] Including any flood risk management programme

[6] Or otherwise, where the project or programme does not fall to be considered under the Assurance Framework

including the following where authorised by a bespoke approval pathway and approval route for a scheme (after decision-point 2 only):

- making a decision to progress the scheme[7],[8] or
- making any recommendation to the Combined Authority[9] or the Mayor[10] about progressing the scheme, and
- reviewing the scheme's impact.

with the **exception** of

- any function which requires a Statutory Consent[11] where that consent has yet to be given[12],
- any matter related to a Non-Mayoral Function conferred by the 2021 Order, which the Mayor has directed should be referred to the Combined Authority for determination[13], or
- any function which is reserved to the Combined Authority[14].

2. To advise the Combined Authority in respect of any Non-Mayoral Function which relates to, or impacts on, the climate, energy and the environment.

3. To advise the Mayor in respect of any Mayoral General Function[15] which relates to, or impacts on, the climate, energy and the environment.

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[7] including determining change requests

[8] with the exception of any decision which would result in a revised financial approval which exceeds the cumulative total of the financial approval and tolerance threshold agreed by the Combined Authority at decision point 2 (or decision point 3) by more than 25%, in which case the decision must be referred to the Combined Authority

[9] or to any other committee or relevant officer with delegated authority to make the decision.

[10] The Mayor will determine any aspect of a scheme which is a Mayoral Function.

[11] These are specified functions conferred by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Election of Mayor and Functions) Order 2021 - see further the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution

[12] In relation to any function in respect of which a Statutory Consent has been given, the Committee must exercise their authority in accordance with the terms of any Statutory Consent.

[13] The 2021 Order provides that these matters require the support of the Mayor.

[14] The functions reserved to the Combined Authority are set out in Section 2.2 of Part 3 of the Constitution.

[15] Mayoral General Functions are the functions of the Combined Authority which are exercisable only by the Mayor, other than PCC Functions. These are conferred by the 2021 Order (see further Table D in Section 3.1.1 of Part 3 of the Constitution), or other legislation.

4. To liaise with the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee and the Transport Committee to secure the decarbonisation of infrastructure including planning for sustainable development and flood risk management.

5. To promote, in collaboration with other committees,
   - equality and diversity,
   - inclusive growth,
   - tackling the climate emergency, and
   - the strategic alignment of the Combined Authority's policies, investment priorities, strategies and plans.

7. To respond to any report or recommendation from an overview and scrutiny committee[16].

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[16] That is, any overview and scrutiny committee of the Combined Authority (in accordance with Scrutiny Standing Orders in Part 4 of the Constitution) or of any Constituent Council