

**Report to:** Transport Committee

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**Subject:** **Summary of Transport Schemes**

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## 1 Purpose of this report

1.1 To inform the Transport Committee of the transport related Combined Authority meeting project approvals from the following:

- 09 September 2021 Combined Authority Meeting
- 22 October 2021 Combined Authority Meeting

## 2 Information

### **The following projects were presented at the Combined Authority meeting on 09 September 2021 - Capital Spend and Project Approvals**

2.1 The full agenda and papers for the Combined Authority meeting on 09 September 2021 can be found on the Combined Authority [website](#).

### **Future Approvals**

2.2 The Combined Authority approved new Committee arrangements at its meeting on 24 June 2021. Part of those proposals is to disband the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee (the Investment Committee) and introduce new decision-making thematic committees. Currently, the Investment Committee has delegated decision making authority to approve

schemes after decision point 2 (Strategic Outline Case) of the Assurance Framework. This delegated decision-making authority is now included in the terms of reference for the thematic committees, with the exception of the Transport Committee, which is limited to any scheme within the Integrated Transport Block of the Capital Programme, for which the cumulative total of the financial approval and tolerance threshold is £3,000,000 or under

2.3 Schemes now need to be allocated a thematic committee and therefore it is recommended that: The Combined Authority approves that the schemes in the following funding programmes are allocated to the indicated thematic committee:

- Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee:
  - Corporate Projects.
- Transport Committee (no proposed changes to current delegations due to ongoing review of Transport Committee):
  - Integrated Transport Block, for which the cumulative total of the financial approval and tolerance threshold is £3,000,000 or under.
- Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee:
  - Local Growth Fund: Priority 2 - Skilled People and Better Jobs, Priority 4a - Housing and Regeneration, Priority 4d - Enterprise Zone Development.
  - Brownfield Housing Fund.
  - Land Release Fund & One Public Estate.
  - Getting Building Fund, excluding Business Growth Programme, Holbeck Phase 2 Victorian Terrace Retrofit, Wakefield Warm Homes Fund and Beech Hill Phase 2.
  - Broadband.

Plus the transport programmes below – until the outcome of the Transport Committee Review is known, when a further review / reallocation will take place:

- West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund.
- Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme.
- Transforming Cities Fund (Tranche 1 and Tranche 2).
- Integrated Transport Block, for which the cumulative total of the financial approval and tolerance threshold is over £3,000,000.
- City Connect.
- Active travel.
- Ultra-Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) Taxi Scheme.
- Clean Bus Technology Fund.
- Ultra-Low Emissions Bus Scheme.
- Business, Economy and Innovation Committee:

- Local Growth Fund: Priority 1 – Growing Business.
- Getting Building Fund - Business Growth Programme.
- Climate, Energy and Environment Committee:
  - Local Growth Fund: Priority 3 - Clean Energy and Economic Resilience, Priority 4c - Economic Resilience Programme.
  - Getting Building Fund - Holbeck Phase 2 Victorian Terrace Retrofit, Wakefield Warm Homes Fund and Beech Hill Phase 2.
- Employment and Skills Committee:
  - Employment and Skills related programmes.
  - The governance and assurance arrangements for administering the adult education and skills functions of the Adult Education Budget. But please note that the AEB is not subject to the assurance process as set out in the Assurance Framework as it has its own governance arrangements.
- Culture, Arts and Creative Industries Committee:
  - British Library North.

### **York Northern Outer Ring Road**

- 2.4 The scheme will improve five roundabouts on the York Northern Outer Ring Road (YNORR) and bring 7.5 kilometres of the route up to dual carriageway standard. It will also provide an orbital walking and cycling route and improved crossings at intersecting radial routes.
- 2.5 The scheme is to be funded from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF).
- 2.6 The change request for the York Northern Outer Ring Road was to bring together the roundabout junction upgrade scheme, the dualling scheme and their associated funding allocations into one combined scheme and for development costs to progress the combined scheme to full business case. The change request was approved at the Combined Authority meeting on 09 September 2021.

### **Department for Transport Capability Fund (Revenue)**

- 2.7 The Department for Transport's Capability Fund (Revenue) allocated to the Combined Authority will promote and enable more people to walk and cycle across West Yorkshire.
- 2.8 The scheme also includes funding to support the development of the region's Local Cycle and Walking Implementation Plans (LCWIPs) which will set out the programme of future cycling and walking schemes.
- 2.9 The scheme gained approval to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery) at the Combined Authority meeting on 09 September 2021.

**The following projects were presented at the Combined Authority meeting on 22 October 2021 - Capital Spend and Project Approvals**

- 2.10 The full agenda and papers for the Combined Authority meeting on 22 October 2021 can be found on the Combined Authority [website](#).

**Active Travel Fund: Local Authority Capital Funding 2021/22**

- 2.11 The Active Travel Fund: Local Authority Capital Funding for 2021/22 programme was developed in partnership with partner councils and the fund will improve walking and cycling infrastructure to better support safe walking and cycling in line with district, regional and national strategies.
- 2.12 The Active Travel Fund 21/22 will fund a programme of permanent walking and cycling infrastructure delivery across West Yorkshire to enable more people to feel safe and comfortable to walk and cycle more of their journeys.
- 2.13 The scheme gained approval to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery), subject to a successful funding bid to the Department for Transport at the at the Combined Authority meeting on 22 October 2021.

**3 Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications**

- 3.1 Clean growth implications, including climate change, are included in Capital Spending and Project Approvals' reports and are considered at the relevant Combined Authority meeting

**4 Inclusive Growth Implications**

- 4.1 Inclusive growth implications are included in Capital Spending and Project Approvals' reports and are considered at the relevant Combined Authority meeting.

**5 Equality and Diversity Implications**

- 5.1 Equality Impact Assessments (EQIA) have been undertaken on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

**6 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

**7 Legal Implications**

- 7.1 The payment of funding to any recipient will be subject to a funding agreement being in place between the Combined Authority and the organisation in question.

**8 Staffing Implications**

8.1 A combination of Combined Authority and local Partner Council project, programme and portfolio management resources are or are in the process of being identified and costed for within the schemes in this report.

## **9 External Consultees**

9.1 Where applicable scheme promoters have been consulted on the content of this report.

## **10 Recommendations**

10.1 That the report be noted.

## **11 Background Documents**

None

## **12. Appendices**

None.