

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FINANCE, RESOURCES, AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 6 JANUARY 2022 AT REMOTE MEETING - TO
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Present:

Mayor Tracy Brabin (Chair)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Councillor James Lewis	Leeds City Council
Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe	Bradford Council
Mark Roberts (Substitute)	Beer Hawk Ltd
Councillor Matthew Morley (Substitute)	Wakefield Council
Councillor Shabir Pandor	Kirklees Council

In attendance:

Ben Still	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Melanie Corcoran	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Angela Taylor	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

25. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Jeffery and Sir Roger Marsh

26. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests at the meeting

27. Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items that required the exclusion of the press and public

28. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 December

Resolved: That the minutes be noted and approved at the next meeting.

29. Capital Spending and Project Approvals

The Committee considered a report which set out proposals for the

progression of, and funding for, several West Yorkshire Combined Authority supported projects, Members discussed the proposals for the progression of the following schemes which were detailed in the submitted report:

- Bus Franchising Assessment
- York Castle Gateway
- Armley Gyratory
- Harrogate Road and New Line

Bus Franchising Needs Assessment

(i) That the Finance, Resource and Corporate Committee recommended to the Managing Director that:

- (a) The Bus Franchising Needs Assessment project proceeds through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
- (b) An indicative approval to the total project value of £7,000,000 is given with full approval to spend being granted once the scheme has progressed through the assurance process to Decision Point 5.
- (c) Development costs of £1,000,000 are approved in order to progress the scheme to Decision Point 5, taking the total project approval to £1,000,000.
- (d) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

York Castle Gateway

(ii) That the Finance, Resource and Corporate Committee recommended to the Managing Director that:

- (a) The York Castle Gateway scheme proceeds through decision point 3 and work commences on activity 4 (Full business case)
- (b) An indicative approval to the total value of £4,600,000 is given from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund with full approval to spend once the package has progressed through the assurance process to decision point 5.
- (c) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

Leeds City Centre Package: Armley Gyratory

(iii) That the Finance, Resource and Corporate Committee recommended

to the Managing Director that:

- (a) Phase 1 of the Leeds City Centre Package Armley Gyratory scheme proceeds through decision point 4 and work commences on activity 5 (Delivery).
- (b) Approval of £27,930,000 for Phase 1 of the Leeds City Centre Package Armley Gyratory scheme is given from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund, bringing the total approved to £31,510,000.
- (c) Phase 2 of the Leeds City Centre Package Armley Gyratory scheme continues to develop its Final Business Case.
- (d) Indicative Approval of £10,460,000 for Phase 2 of the Leeds City Centre Package Armley Gyratory scheme is given from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund.
- (e) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

Conditions

The following conditions have been set by PAT to gain Approval to Proceed to Delivery for Phase 1:

- (a) Complete detailed design to inform a Target Cost (price) affordable to the scheme.
- (b) Conclude land acquisition and secure required licenses.
- (c) Evidence pre-scheme (Autumn 2021) Monitoring & Evaluation data capture.

Harrogate Road and New Line

(iv) That the Finance, Resource and Corporate Committee recommended to the Managing Director that:

- (a) The change request to the Harrogate Road – New Line is approved to increase the total value of Combined Authority funding from the current approval of £7,665,000 to £8,812,000 (increase of £1,147,000) due to exceptional circumstances. CBMDC match funding has been increased from £2,736,000 to £3,016,000 (increase of £280,000). The total project value is £13,754,000.
- (b) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing Funding Agreement with Bradford Council for expenditure of up to £8,812,000 from the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund.
- (c) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance

pathway and approval route outlined in this report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

- (a) **Bus Franchising Assessment Scheme**
- (b) **York Castle Gateway**
- (c) **Leeds City Centre Network and Interchange Package - Armley Gyratory**
- (d) **Harrogate Road – New Line**

30. Financial Reporting

Members considered a report which provided an update on the 2021/22 revenue budget financial position.

Members noted that summary of the 2021/22 current revenue spend to original budget as at October 2021 was attached at Appendix 1. An update on the 2021/22 capital expenditure budgets would be brought to a future meeting.

The overall forecast was at £2.5m savings. This position would continue to be monitored throughout the year.

Resolved: That the financial position be noted.

31. Office Accommodation

Members considered a report that set out the office accommodation provision for the combined authority.

Members noted that the refurbishment on Wellington House was substantially complete and that the leases on its offices at City Exchange and Ploughland House would both be terminated in 2022.

Members were pleased that the refurbishment of Wellington House was near completion and that the building would have a smaller carbon footprint.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

32. Business Planning and Budget 2022/23

Members considered a report that provided an update on the 2022/23 business planning process and the budget proposal.

It was noted that a public engagement process would begin on the 2022/23 draft budget.

Resolved: That the work underway on business planning and budget be

noted.