

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PLACE, REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2022 IN MEETING ROOM 1,  
WELLINGTON HOUSE, WELLINGTON STREET LEEDS LS1 2DE**

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**Present:**

Amir Hussain (Deputy Chair)	Architect / Professional services
Councillor Darren Byford	Wakefield Council
Councillor Helen Hayden (Agenda item 7)	Leeds City Council
Councillor Jane Scullion (Agenda item 6)	Calderdale Council
Helen Lennon (Advisory Representative)	LCR Housing Partnership
Duncan Inglis	Homes England

**In attendance:**

Helen Forman	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Judith Furlonger	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Alison Gillespie	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Peter Glover	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Dave Haskins	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ben Marchant	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Mark Ramsden	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

**39. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Denise Jeffrey, Cllr Peter McBride, Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw, Cllr Denise Craghill, Tamsin Hart-Jones and Sam Keighley.

The meeting was chaired by Amir Hussain (Deputy Chair)

**40. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

**41. Exempt Information possible exclusion of the press and public**

There was no information requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

#### **42. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022**

The meeting was not quorate for this item and the minutes will be taken to the next meeting of the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee for approval.

The meeting became quorate at Agenda item 6.

#### **43. Design Quality**

The Committee considered a report and verbal update on the urban design support programme being delivered by the Combined Authority and was asked to note and comment on the content of the report. The report set out what has been achieved to date and the proposals for developing the programme. The views and experience of Committee members on any of the themes in the report were welcomed as part of the discussion.

Improving design quality of the public realm and of housing has wide-ranging impacts: by creating pleasant outdoor spaces with green infrastructure, we encourage active travel and socialising in those spaces, building stronger communities where everyone feels welcome, and improving physical and mental health as well as reducing carbon emissions and flooding. The urban design support programme was set up in 2019 to address a gap in the Combined Authority's and the wider region's capacity on design.

Members felt this was a good important and interesting piece of work. Questions were asked about process, ownership and stakeholder involvement and about the selection and scope of each intervention.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the views and comments of the Committee be noted.

#### **44. Monitoring Indicators**

The Committee considered a report and verbal update to set out the plans for future monitoring indicators and reporting arrangements to support the work of the Committee and was asked for approval for these arrangements subject to any comments from members.

Under proposals submitted to the Combined Authority in December 2021 it was agreed that a new approach to reporting would be adopted. A key part of this involves the development of a set of socio-economic indicators for each of the seven portfolio committees of the Combined Authority, including the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee. Each committee will be consulted on a set of indicators relevant to its remit and receive regular reporting against these indicators, with this topic becoming a standard item on the Committee's agenda.

Members felt this was a good piece of work mapping against metrics for Local Authority visions and aims but felt some could be dropped to include more

relevance to West Yorkshire.

In response it was up to Committee which indicators they would wish to consider but would like to maintain continuity and that the information informs decision making.

High level strategic indicators show how West Yorkshire is progressing and provides context to programmes of work, Partners and the Combined Authority but could be made more specific. Each Committee will receive a timely update on the latest data.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the plans for future monitoring indicators and reporting arrangements to support the work of the Committee was discussed and approved.

**45. Capital Approvals**

The Committee considered a report and a verbal overview on proposals for the progression of, and funding of West Yorkshire Combined Authority supported projects that have been considered at stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Combined Authority's assurance process.

The Committee was asked to approve the A62 to Cooper Bridge Corridor Improvement Scheme and The York Central Access Scheme.

Members said the A62 to Cooper Bridge Corridor Improvement Scheme is on the boundary of Kirklees and Calderdale and is strongly supported. It was also linked to Housing Development in the area. The York Central Access Scheme was complex and exciting, and it was pleasing to see this coming through and would strongly support.

**Resolved:**

That the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approves that:

- (i) The A62 to Cooper Bridge Corridor Improvement Scheme proceed through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commences on activity 4 (full business case).
- (ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £69,300,000 is given. The total scheme value is £75,100,000.
- (iii) Approval to development costs of £3,958,000 is given in order to progress the scheme and commence the final business case, taking the total scheme approval to £4,923,000, including the existing development funding approval of £965,000.
- (iv) Approval to further development costs of £6,045,000 in order to

progress the scheme to decision point 4 (full business case), to be released in three tranches on achievement of development milestones, set by the Programme Appraisal Team as designs and land assembly are progressed.

- (v) Delegation to the Combined Authority's Managing Director is approved to release the further development costs of £6,045,000.
- (vi) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with Kirklees Council for expenditure of up to £4,923,000.
- (vii) 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.

### **Resolved:**

That the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approves that:

- (i) The York Central Access scheme proceeds through decision point 5 (full business case with finalised costs) and work commences on activity 5 (Delivery).
- (ii) Approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £21,090,985 is given towards York Central Access. Of this amount, £20,269,110 is to provide funding to Homes England. The total scheme value is £155,737,000. Approval is subject to the conditions below, to be discharged via a report to the PAT and the Director of Development.
- (iii) Indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £3,356,015 is given towards the Compliant Western Station Entrance scheme. Of this amount, £3,230,890 is to provide funding to Homes England.
- (iv) The Combined Authority enters into a Funding Agreement with Homes England for expenditure of up to £20,269,110 from the West Yorkshire Transport Fund, to be entered into once conditions are discharged.
- (v) The York Partnership agreement is reviewed and amended to ensure the funding to be paid to Homes England is treated as part of the £85,000,000 that was agreed for York.
- (vi) 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**

- (i) That the promoter, Homes England, provide a report to the Combined Authority's PAT by 31 May 2022 to include evidence of cost certainty for the full scheme

- (ii) confirmation and evidence of the City of York Council contribution and funding has been approved and is available
- (iii) a benefits realisation plan and confirmation of the budget allocation
- (iv) evidence of licences and consents to carry out works from the National Railways Museum, Network Rail and the Millennium Green Trust
- (v) evidence of an approved tender for all Infrastructure Package 2 zones
- (vi) market analysis and demand evidence in relation to the scheme