

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PLACE, REGENERATION AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2022 AT WELLINGTON HOUSE,
LEEDS LS1 2DE**

Present:

Amir Hussain (Chair)	LEP
Councillor Helen Hayden	Leeds City Council
Councillor Alex Ross-Shaw	Bradford Council
Councillor Jane Scullion	Calderdale Council
Ben Aspinall	Private Sector Member
Lisa Littlefair	Private Sector Member
Stephen Moore	Private Sector Member
Helen Lennon (Advisory Representative)	Advisory Representative

In attendance:

Daniel Klemm	Guest
Melanie Corcoran	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Patricia Davey	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Judith Furlonger	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Alison Gillespie	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Liz Hunter	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Thomas Newton	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Kate Thompson	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Janette Woodcock	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

17. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Denise Jeffrey (Chair) Cllr Darren Byford, Cllr Cathy Scott, Cllr Denise Craghill, Sam Keighley and Tamsin Hart-Jones

The meeting was chaired by Amir Hussain, Deputy Chair.

18. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

A Declaration of Pecuniary Disclosable Interest was declared by Amir Hussain as his company are involved in a bid related to City Park.

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

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

20. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2022

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September be approved subject to the addition of the following amendment under Project Approvals.

A private sector member asked what information had been considered as

1. Who are the Parties (which is also relevant for identifying potential conflicts of interest).
2. Scheme location and layout plans
3. Cost Plan
4. Land Value
5. Procurement route
6. Planning risks
7. Funding

It was confirmed to the Committee that the officers do consider this information prior to bring projects forward for consideration.

21. Economic Update

The Committee considered an update and presentation to report on the performance of relevant economic indicators to support the work of the Committee. The report included:

- State of the Region
- Cost of Living and Doing Business
- Leeds City Region Business Survey
- Footfall Data

Members discussed the data provided in the report and commented that it was good to hear the data clearly presented as this agenda item at the last meeting was really shocking and felt equally shocking this time.

The depth of feeling, discussion, and proposals on what can be done in terms of the Cost-of-Living Crisis prompted the Chair to ask that the concerns of the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee be taken to the Combined Authority meeting.

The Director of Delivery updated the Committee with outcomes.

The Combined Authority did approve the Mayor's cost of living emergency fund. Money has been allocated and the Combined Authority will be working with local authorities and the voluntary and community networks to target households that are non-working households or where there is work but there is already poverty looking at debt counselling to offer advice and support.

Other schemes focussing on fuel poverty, retrofit and social housing decarbonisation fund will include more premises that can be supported immediately in terms of retrofits working with registered providers.

The third scheme approved was the business voucher scheme looking at energy and fuel costs

Members discussed further the outcome of the proposals presented to the Combined Authority and said it is a drop in the ocean in terms of what is required, and the intensive levels of intervention needed.

To update further members had asked good questions and that this is an interim measure and not sustainable. £5 million has been allocated to the retrofit boost, £3 million allocated to the emergency fund and over £1 million to the Business Fund so significant amounts of funding from the Combined Authority.

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Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the evidence presented within the report to be considered as part of the decision-making process for the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee be noted.

22. Housing Pledge and Policy

The Committee considered a report to provide an update on progress towards delivery of the Mayoral pledge to deliver 5000 affordable and sustainable homes in West Yorkshire.

As a key partner in delivery of the pledge, the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership provided the Committee with a presentation, which was attached at appendix 1 of the report on their collective contribution towards delivering the Mayoral pledge

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That feedback from the Committee regarding progress towards pledge delivery be noted.
- (iii) That the contents of the presentation provided by the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership be noted.

23. Project Approvals

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

The Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee has delegated decision making authority approved by the Combined Authority on 24 June 2021

Resolved:

The Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee, subject to the conditions set by the Programme Appraisal Team, approves that:

- (i) The Kirkstall Road Residential Development scheme proceeds 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 £7,159,715, which will be funded from the Brownfield Housing Fund is given. The total scheme value is £141,078,196.
- (iii) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined within this report. This will be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in this report.

The Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee approves that

- (i) The change request to the West Yorkshire and York Superfast Broadband Contract 3 project to reduce the total project cost from £9,110,000 (£7,570,000 Combined Authority funding) to £4,539,304 (£3,841,558 Combined Authority funding), reduce the publicly funded outputs of the project to 3,530 premises and 746 businesses receiving the broadband service and increase the delivery timeframes for the remaining 2041 premises from July 2022 to June 2023
- (ii) 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.

24. Strategic Partnership with Homes England

The Committee considered a report to provide an update on the development of the Strategic Place Partnership (SPP) with Homes England.

The Committee was asked to consider and provide comments and endorse the strategic project objectives

Resolved:

- (i) That progress made to date and the proposed timeline for a working draft and finalised SPP to be produced be noted.
- (ii) That the proposed strategic objectives of the Strategic Place Partnership be endorsed.

25. Investment Zones

The Committee considered a report and verbal update on expression of interest submission for Investment Zones and was asked to note the contents of the report and provide feedback regarding the Investment Zones.

Members thanked Officers for pulling the report together.

Resolved

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.