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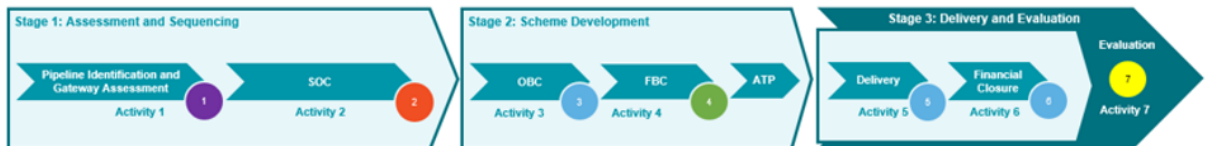
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## 1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To report on proposals for the progression of, and funding for projects under Investment Priority 3 – Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure, within the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy (WYIS), that have been considered at stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Combined Authority's assurance process.



- 1.2 The recommendations can be found in Section 12 of this report.

## 2 Report

- 2.1 This report presents proposals for the progression of schemes through the Combined Authority's assurance process in line with the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework. Further details on the schemes summarised below can be found as part of this report.
- 2.2 For more detail on the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework through which each of the schemes outlined in this report are being approved is provided in **Appendix 1**.

## 3 Investment Priority 3 (IP3) - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure

- 3.1 The West Yorkshire Investment Strategy (WYIS) sets out the Investment Priorities for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2024 across six areas. In

each, a number of priority project / programme areas have been identified that are the focus for intervention.

3.2 Investment Priority 3 will focus on place-making, housing, regeneration, flood risk and digital infrastructure, by delivering programmes and schemes which will:

- Accelerate the transformation of towns and cities into successful, resilient, sustainable places
- Increase flood resilience and enhance property level flood resilience for businesses
- Create healthier, positive and greener places
- Strengthen existing places
- Create new, future-proofed, well-designed developments
- Increase access to gigabit-capable broadband in hard to reach and/or rural areas
- Reduce fuel poverty.

### **Langthwaite Enterprise Zone / CoSTAR Update**

3.3 At the February 2023 meeting, the Combined Authority considered an update on the Langthwaite Enterprise Zone (EZ) and approved participation as a party in a bid to UK Research and Innovation to fund (a) a national centre for the Convergent Screen Technologies and performance in Realtime (CoSTAR) and (b) production technologies, linked to the Langthwaite site. The outcome of the bidding round is expected to be finalised in August 2023 following a period of due diligence by Government.

3.4 Langthwaite EZ is one of ten sites within the Combined Authority's designated Enterprise Zones. The purpose of the EZ programme is to maximise development of new commercial space within the region to support attraction of new business, expansion of existing businesses and the creation of new jobs.

3.5 The Combined Authority acquired the majority freehold (approximately 23 acres) of the Langthwaite EZ site in August 2020 utilising Local Growth Fund monies. To date only minimal infrastructure works have been undertaken on the site, including diversion of overhead powerlines funded through the Getting Building Fund. A hybrid planning permission has been progressed and awaits consent and detailed designs for highways access and remediation works based on a 2020 masterplan have been completed.

3.6 Enabling works (access road and remediation) are required to bring forward the Langthwaite EZ site for commercial development and creative space regardless of whether or not the CoSTAR bid is successful. It is therefore deemed prudent to move forward with these works at pace – subject to all land, statutory consents and internal approvals being in place - including progression of the project through the Assurance Framework. The enabling works will be classed as Phase 1 activity in respect of future development of the Langthwaite site and are anticipated to cost in the region of £7,000,000.

- 3.7 At the February 2023 meeting, the Combined Authority noted an indicative funding package for the Langthwaite project which includes (but is not limited to) potential use of residual capital funding from the Growing Places Fund (GPF) and income related to other Enterprise Zone sites (i.e. income which is anticipated from commercial agreements, including overage agreements). In addition there is potential to utilise future capital receipts from GPF loans once these are repaid as these are unencumbered. The full funding package will be finalised once the phase 1 project has progressed further through the Assurance Framework.
- 3.8 An approval was also granted in February 2023 for £250,000 in initial resourcing capacity to enter into the CoSTAR bidding process and to enable development of the Langthwaite site, funded through residual Growing Places Fund monies and work has been initiated against this budget. A delegation to the Chief Executive for approval at the full business case stage of assurance is currently in place, as the Phase 1 project has previously secured outline business case approval aligned to the Getting Building Fund, funding for which has since expired.

## Scheme Summaries

<p><b>Investment Priority 3 - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure Portfolio</b></p> <p>West Yorkshire</p>	<p><b><u>Scheme description</u></b></p> <p>The Investment Priority 3 (IP3) - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure portfolio aligns with the priorities outlined in the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy, by delivering resilient infrastructure. The portfolio proposes programmes and projects under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Housing and Regeneration</b> – supporting the development of good quality and truly affordable homes.</li> <li>• <b>Employment Land and Development</b> – connecting communities to work and training and accelerating transformational change.</li> <li>• <b>Spatial Priority Areas (SPAs)</b> – developing a spatially focused approach to delivery, using tools such as grants and direct investment.</li> <li>• <b>Flood Risk Management</b> - building flood resilience as part of a catchment level approach to managing flood risk.</li> <li>• <b>Digital Infrastructure</b> – unlocking commercial investment in broadband delivery in areas of market failure.</li> <li>• <b>Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure</b> – creating appealing places that are safe, sustainable and connected.</li> <li>• <b>Safer and Stronger Communities (Safer Parks)</b> – piloting a Safer Parks Project to improve safety for women and girls.</li> </ul> <p>The total capital value of known projects and programmes in the IP3 portfolio pipeline is £72,044,680. The Combined Authority's contribution is £7,132,098 from the gainshare allocation for IP3, which will be used to add capacity and expertise to specific programmes and / or bridge the funding gap for projects and leverage commercial investment.</p> <p><b><u>Impact</u></b></p> <p>The portfolio, through its proposed project and programmes, will aim to increase the resilience of communities to deal with the impacts of climate change, accelerate and improve the quality of infrastructure delivered and drive inclusive and sustainable growth through investment aligned to development land and property, with a focus on providing good jobs and affordable homes.</p> <p><b><u>Decision sought</u></b></p> <p>Approval to proceed through decision point 1 (strategic assessment) and for work to commence on individual business cases.</p> <p>Total capital value of known projects and programmes in the IP3 portfolio - £72,044,680</p> <p>Total value of Combined Authority funding - £7,132,098</p> <p>Funding recommendation sought - £632,098</p> <p>A decision by the Combined Authority is sought as part of this report</p>
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### **Additional approvals**

- 3.9 Since the Combined Authority's meeting on 2 February 2023, no decision points or change requests have been assessed in line with the Combined Authority's assurance process and approved through the agreed delegation to the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee.

### **UK Shared Prosperity Fund sub delegation of approval of schemes to Chief Executive due to gap in Committee**

- 3.10 The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is complex and delivering at pace and given Government have allocated the funding against annual profiles there is increasing pressure to spend and deliver at speed or there is a risk that funding will be lost to the region. There is a gap in Committees after this Committee and therefore a delay in opportunities for UKSPF schemes to be approved, affecting delivery timescales and a risk that funding could be lost. The next Combined Authority is not until 22 June 2023 and further ones have not yet been diarised.
- 3.11 Therefore, in addition to the full scheme approval in this report, in order to maintain programme delivery and spend targets, the Combined Authority approval is sought to delegate full approval to the Combined Authority's Chief Executive for a number of potential schemes summarised below:

<p><b>Safety of Women &amp; Girls – Pillar 1</b> West Yorkshire</p>	<p><b><u>Scheme description</u></b></p> <p>The scheme will provide funding (<b>£972,762</b>) to be used by West Yorkshire partner councils to deliver safety of women and girls schemes in response to the Mayor's Safety of Women and Girls Strategy launched November 2022. Partner councils will be critical in delivery of the scheme to ensure the fund meets local need and addresses local challenges.</p> <p>This will be funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)</p> <p><b><u>Impact</u></b></p> <p>The scheme will support the delivery of the Mayor's Safety of Women and Girls Strategy. This scheme dovetails with the strategy by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creating prevention and early intervention programmes that support the safety of women and girls</li><li>• Focusing on driving behaviour change through improved education and attitudes of young men and boys towards women and girls</li><li>• Delivering capital spend opportunities to regenerate areas with a high fear of crime or incidents of crime.</li></ul> <p>The West Yorkshire UKSPF Local Partnership group reviewed the individual LA proposals at its meeting on 6 March 2023 provided feedback and were supportive.</p>
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<p><b>Rural England Prosperity Fund</b></p> <p>West Yorkshire</p>	<p><b><u>Scheme description</u></b></p> <p>As part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) the Rural England Prosperity Fund was launched in September 2022 by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). It is a top up to the core UKSPF worth £2,567,501 for 2023/24 and 2024/25.</p> <p>The scheme will act as a capital grants programme run by the Combined Authority on behalf of partners supporting small and micro rural businesses in the areas of business development, food processing and support for the tourism/visitor economy</p> <p>This will be funded by the UK Rural England Prosperity Fund (a top up to the main core UKSPF).</p> <p><b><u>Impact</u></b></p> <p>The scheme will look to support the rural economy of West Yorkshire (rural as defined by Defra).</p> <p>The West Yorkshire UKSPF Local Partnership group reviewed the proposed operating model and selection criteria at its meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, provided feedback and were supportive.</p>
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3.12 The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) Where scheme approval is required before 30 June 2023, the schemes outlined in paragraph 3.11 are delegated for approval to the Chief Executive, due to expediency of delivery.

#### **Delegation of Capital Flood schemes to Climate Committee**

3.13 At the Combined Authority meeting of 2 February 2023 any change requests for the Capital Flood Risk Management Programme were delegated to the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee. Following consultation with the Chair of Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee, it is recommended that this delegation is allocated to the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee instead.

3.14 The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) Any change requests for the Capital Flood Risk Management Programme are delegated to Climate, Energy and Environment Committee.

## **4 Information**

4.1 The Combined Authority's Assurance Framework requires that formal approval is given to the following elements of a scheme as part of its development:

- The progression of a scheme through a decision point to the next activity.
- Indicative or full approval to the total value of the scheme funding requested.
- The Combined Authority's entry into a funding agreement with the scheme's promoter.
- The assurance pathway and approval route for future decision points.
- The scheme's approval tolerances.

4.2 This report provides information required to enable the Combined Authority to approve each of the above elements.

## Projects in Stage 1: Assessment and Sequencing

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Investment Priority 3 - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure Portfolio</b>
<b>Stage</b>	1 (assessment and sequencing)
<b>Decision Point</b>	1 (strategic assessment)

Is this a key decision?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information or appendices?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, state paragraph number of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, Part 1:		
Are there implications for equality and diversity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

### Background

- 4.3 The Investment Priority 3 (IP3) - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure portfolio aligns with the priorities outlined in the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy, by delivering resilient infrastructure.
- 4.4 Parts of the region have a thriving economy but not all communities feel the benefits of that growth. Action is needed, from the Combined Authority and its partners, across all parts of the economy and infrastructure delivery to address this challenge.
- 4.5 The portfolio's proposed pipeline of programme / project development activity and investments in place making and infrastructure aim to:
- Increase the resilience of communities, with a focus on ensuring that interventions support the most excluded and deprived groups and communities.
  - Accelerate and improve the quality of infrastructure delivered driving investment to locations and communities most in need.
  - Drive inclusive and sustainable growth through investment aligned to development land and property (with a focus on providing good jobs and affordable homes in the region and reducing national economic disparities).
  - Enabling good quality housing and employment growth through providing resource and capacity at a local level to accelerate delivery in strategic locations.



4.6 The proposed themes and programmes for the portfolio are shown below, with many specifically providing support and enabling capacity to the commercial sector where there is evidence of market failure. This can be due to a lack of commercial appetite and / or return, or in areas which cannot be delivered commercially for example, a public good, such as green infrastructure including open spaces, parks or woodlands. Other themes support public sector partners to deliver shared objectives.

- **Housing and Regeneration** – This theme includes improving places and neighbourhoods through unlocking development and regeneration potential. It will support the development of good quality and truly affordable homes, providing safe and sustainable places where people choose to live.

It is proposed the existing Housing Revenue Fund (HRF) which has supported 59 projects, is extended. An extension would enable a similar number of projects to progress towards delivery. A future capital funding programme would assist with unlocking stalled and unviable sites where public funding is required.

- **Employment Land and Development** – This theme includes improving places and neighbourhoods, connecting communities to work and training and accelerating transformational change into successful, sustainable places.

The proposal is for funding to be provided to support project / business case development and feasibility work, to enable sites to progress towards delivery. This will result in schemes being better able to attract further funding, if and when opportunities arise.

- **Spatial Priority Areas** – Spatial Priority Areas (SPAs) are priority locations for large scale growth and regeneration. Rising inflation and interest rates, alongside uncertainty in power supply, has led to falling investor confidence and the availability of development finance, which is impacting on delivery including across the SPAs.

It is proposed that funding is used to develop a spatially focused approach to delivery, across themes and tailoring development models, utilising a suite of tools such as grants, direct investment, Compulsory Purchase Orders and the potential use of Mayoral Development Corporations, to suit the specific requirements of individual SPAs.

- **Flood Risk Management** - this theme will build flood resilience as part of a catchment level approach to managing flood risk.

In West Yorkshire approximately 39,000 residential properties and 13,000 commercial properties in fall within a flood zone. Flooding is likely to become a more frequent occurrence as a result of climate change.

24 schemes have been identified to address this risk, but many need additional investment unlock government contributions and start delivery.

The portfolio's Capital Flood Risk Management Programme already gained decision point 1 (strategic assessment) from the Combined Authority in February 2023, and is progressing independently through the Combined Authority's assurance process.

- **Digital Infrastructure** – This theme will unlock commercial investment in broadband delivery in areas of market failure. It will unlock economic growth and offer opportunities to reduce the need to travel, specifically in rural areas.

Digital technology and innovation are developing quickly offer a range of opportunities for efficiency, carbon and financial savings. Currently there isn't a cohesive approach to digital infrastructure, so programmes within this theme will aim to stimulate commercial investment in broadband in areas of market failure. Proposals currently under consideration include a local Gigabit Voucher Programme and Flexible Gigabit Grant Programme. These proposals will be explored further as part of the development of the programme business case.

- **Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure** – This theme, along with Safer Parks, shown below, includes improving neighbourhoods so that people and nature can flourish, creating appealing places that are safe, sustainable and connected, enhancing biodiversity and restoring habitats, improving fair access to the natural environment, improving health and wellbeing and increasing the resilience of communities.

The natural environment has a critical role to play in underpinning a healthy and resilient population helping to reduce emissions and providing climate ready services and solutions. A high-quality and accessible natural environment is vital for humans, biodiversity and sustainable places.

Potential programmes to be developed / supported currently, which are expected to be explored further as part of the development of the programme business case include:

- Nature recovery tools (including Local Nature Recovery Strategy)
- White Rose Forest
- Green Infrastructure and Access to Health
- Regenerative Nature Recovery Schemes
- Farmer and Landowner Information and Support Service

- **Safer and Stronger Communities (Safer Parks)** - There is a significant disparity between male and female victims of sexual offences and violent crimes in West Yorkshire and nationally. Improving safety for women and girls is a priority reflected in the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan and in her Safety of Women and Girls Strategy, published in 2022.

The Combined Authority's Parks for Women and Girls research report with the University of Leeds was published in December 2022 and has given an insight into women and girls' perceptions of safety in parks.

This theme proposes to pilot a Safer Parks Project, using the design principles identified by the research.

- 4.7 The total capital value of known projects and programmes in the IP3 portfolio pipeline is £72,044,680. The Combined Authority's contribution is £7,132,098 from the gainshare allocation for IP3. The funding will be used to add capacity and expertise to specific programmes and / or bridge the funding gap for projects and leverage commercial investment.

- 4.8 Business cases for the above-mentioned proposed programmes will explore further funding opportunities, where needed, as part of their development and will progress through the Combined Authority's assurance process individually.
- 4.9 Please note that the development of the Capital Flood Risk Management Programme is more advanced. The programme has already gained decision point 1 (strategic assessment) approval at Combined Authority in February 2023, to expedite delivery and consideration of funding opportunities, but remains part of this portfolio. Further information is included in the costs section of this report.
- 4.10 As other funding opportunities could present themselves in the future, programmes that are at a very early stage of development, which are not able to use the funding currently available, have been included as part of the portfolio seeking decision point 1 approval, so that the Combined Authority is in the best possible position to respond quickly to future funding opportunities when they arise. Other sources of potential funding are shown in the costs section of this report.

### **Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications**

- 4.11 The portfolio's objectives will contribute to the Mayor's pledge of tackling the climate emergency and protecting the environment.
- 4.12 The portfolio's flood risk management, nature recovery, and green infrastructure programmes will support achievement of the objective to increase the resilience of communities to deal with the impacts of climate change. The objective of accelerating and improving the quality of infrastructure, recognises that infrastructure delivery needs to be delivered in an environmentally sustainable way and needs to be climate resilient for future changes in climate.

### **Outputs and Benefits**

- 4.13 The overall portfolio outputs and benefits are expected to include:
- Completion of up to 24 capital flooding schemes
  - Increased number of homes and businesses with enhanced flood protection leading to a reduction in premises at risk of flooding
  - Digital infrastructure schemes delivered including Flexible Gigabit Grant Programme and Urban Gigabit Voucher Programme increasing gigabit capable broadband coverage
  - Increased number of homes and businesses with enhanced digital connectivity
  - A safer parks pilot and evaluation report leading to improved safety and perception of safety for women and girls.
  - Creation of a pipeline of strategic nature recovery and restoration schemes, strategic housing sites and strategic employment sites and longer term, delivery of strategic housing and employment land opportunities identified in the pipeline.

- Local nature recovery tools (such as Local Nature Recovery Strategy)
- Incremental habitat restoration and biodiversity net gain
- Increased access to green infrastructure, for example open spaces and parks
- Strong market knowledge and understanding of investment opportunities – capable of anticipating and reacting quickly business investment opportunities leading to increased market and private sector investment in delivery across West Yorkshire
- Detailed understanding of Spatial Priority Areas their development potential and investment required.
- Delivery of sustainable places where access to housing and employment opportunities are aligned to investment in renewable energy, green and blue infrastructure (for example rivers, streams and other bodies of water) and sustainable travel
- Increased local resource and capacity in housing and planning teams
- Reduction in fuel poverty
- CO2 emission reductions
- Improved health outcomes for individuals, particularly those from the most disadvantaged communities.

4.14 Outputs and benefits will be further refined through the development of individual programme business cases.

### **Inclusive Growth Implications**

4.15 The portfolio has an objective to drive inclusive and sustainable growth and will consider how growth delivered by this portfolio is inclusive, increasing access to economic growth in sustainable locations, tied to housing and infrastructure investment and recognising that some community groups may be disproportionately impacted by future changes in climate.

4.16 The portfolio inclusive growth implications identified so far include:

- Improved health outcomes for individuals, particularly those from the most disadvantaged communities.
- Providing flood protection to vulnerable and deprived areas, including those defined as the top 10-20% most deprived.

4.17 Inclusive growth implications will be explored further as part of the development of individual programme business cases.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

4.18 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been undertaken for the portfolio and equality and diversity impacts taken account of as part of the development of the strategic assessment report. Further EDI implications will be explored as part of the development of individual programme business cases.

## Risks

4.19 The scheme risks include:

- Funding and an inability to access the required level of investment is the key risk to delivery of the portfolio. This will be mitigated by having robust cost profiling and contingencies in place. Further mitigation will be explored as part of individual programme business case development.
- Economic downturn – Given the current economic context, recessions poses a risk to delivery nationally and exacerbates existing viability challenges already prevalent across the region. Mitigation will be explored as part of individual programme business case development.
- Competing or miss aligned priorities of key stakeholders, leading to challenges aligning the portfolio’s objectives with market drivers, for example delivery becomes reliant on private sector partners being aligned to the Combined Authority’s priorities particularly within housing, employment and regeneration programmes. This is mitigated by continued and open stakeholder engagement to manage expectations and seek to agree cross area benefits.
- Inflationary and cost increases, mitigated by robust cost profiling and contingencies.
- Weather conditions impact on delivery timeframes, mitigated by allowances for seasonal delays and contingencies within project delivery and funding deadlines.
- High demand for labour and materials, leading to low availability and the risk of not delivering programmes to budget and / or within delivery timeframes, mitigated by robust cost profiling and contingencies. Further mitigation will be explored as part of individual programme business case development.
- Partners capacity to deliver, due to budget constraints and / or recruitment challenges, leading to delays in business case development and programme delivery, mitigated by increasing capacity through programme funding.

## Costs

4.20 The total capital value of known projects and programmes in the IP3 portfolio pipeline is £72,044,680. The Combined Authority’s contribution is £7,132,098 from the gainshare allocation for IP3:

Housing Accelerator Fund	£3,332,098
Employment Land and Development	£2,000,000
Flexible Fund on Delivery Models for SPAs	£1,500,000

Portfolio Evaluation	£300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,132,098</b>

4.21 Programmes within the IP3 portfolio which are currently known to require further funding where pipelines are established, are outlined below. Additional funding may be required for other programmes as they are developed:

- Capital Flood Infrastructure Programme – £48,412,000
- Flexible Gigabit Grant Programme & Urban Gigabit Vouchers - £4,000,000
- Safer and Stronger Communities - Safer Parks - £1,000,000
- Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure – £1,500,000

4.22 The remaining funding required, will be explored as part of the development of individual programme business cases but may include:

- Housing – Commercial investment, Homes England
- Employment Land and Spatial Priority Area Delivery Models – commercial investment, Homes England, Investment Zones
- Capital Flood Infrastructure Programme – government, Environment Agency, local levy
- Digital Infrastructure – government, commercial investment, Building Digital UK, broadband gainshare
- Natural Environment and Green Infrastructure – government, commercial investment, Section 106 agreements and Sport England

4.23 Approval for development costs of £632,098 are sought through this report as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Housing Accelerator Fund</b> Release of funding to appoint a programme manager to accelerate business case development and delivery of Housing Accelerator Fund Programme	£132,098
<b>SPA Delivery Model Programme</b> Procurement of a partner with expertise in housing and commercial markets, to provide consultancy support in developing bespoke delivery models for Spatial Priority Areas to support the next stage of business case development.	£500,000
<b>Development costs</b>	<b>£632,098</b>

4.24 Approval of £632,098 will take the total portfolio approval to £745,833, following approval of £113,735 development costs for the Capital Flood Risk

Management Programme, as part of the decision point 1 (strategic assessment) approval at Combined Authority in February 2023.

### Assurance Pathway and Approval Route

Assurance pathway	Approval route	Forecast approval date
1 (strategic assessment)	Recommendation: Strategic Assessment Priority (SAP) Group Decision: Combined Authority's Chief Executive	16/03/2023
2 (strategic outline case)	Recommendation: Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team Decision: Combined Authority	Will vary for each business case.

- 4.25 Work will now commence on the development of individual business cases within the portfolio. Timescales and assurance pathways and approval routes will be confirmed in individual project / programme business cases.

### Other Key Timescales

- 4.26 Other key timescales will be confirmed at the next business case stage.

### Assurance Tolerances

Assurance tolerances
Assurance tolerances will be set for individual programmes at the next business case stage

### Appraisal Summary

- 4.27 The portfolio was submitted as a Strategic Assessment and was recommended for approval due to its strategic importance and benefits.
- 4.28 The content of the portfolio has already been through an options review workshop involving the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee, designed to identify priorities for action based on strategic fit and deliverability.
- 4.29 Full appraisal of individual programmes / projects will take place at the next business case stage and conditions have been set that will need to be discharged at the next stage.

### Recommendations

- 4.30 The Combined Authority, approves that:
- (i) The Investment Priority 3 - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure portfolio proceeds through decision point 1 (strategic assessment) and work commences on the development of individual business cases.

- (ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £7,132,098. The total capital value of known projects and programmes in the IP3 portfolio is £72,044,680.
- (iii) Development costs of £632,098 are approved in order to progress the individual business cases, taking the total approval to £745,833.
- (iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report.

### **Projects in Stage 2: Scheme development**

- 4.31 There are no schemes to review at this stage or enter scheme details.

### **Projects in Stage 3: Delivery and Evaluation**

- 4.32 There are no schemes to review at this stage or enter scheme details.

## **5 Tackling the Climate Emergency implications**

- 5.1 The Climate Emergency implications have been considered on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

## **6 Inclusive Growth implications**

- 6.1 The inclusive growth implications have been considered on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

## **7 Equality and Diversity implications**

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

## **8 Financial implications**

- 8.1 The report seeks endorsement to expenditure from the available Combined Authority funding as set out in this report.

## **9 Legal implications**

- 9.1 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.

## **10 Staffing implications**

- 10.1 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.

## **11 External consultees**

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



## **12 Recommendations (Summary)**

### **Scheme**

12.1 The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) The Investment Priority 3 - Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure portfolio proceeds through decision point 1 (strategic assessment) and work commences on the development of individual business cases.
- (ii) An indicative approval to the Combined Authority's contribution of £7,132,098. The total capital value of known projects and programmes in the IP3 portfolio is £72,044,680.
- (iii) Development costs of £632,098 are approved in order to progress the individual business cases, taking the total approval to £745,833.
- (iv) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in this report.

### **Additional Recommendations**

#### **Delegation of Schemes**

12.2 The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) Where scheme approval is required before 30 June 2023, the schemes outlined in paragraph 3.11 are delegated for approval to the Chief Executive, due to expediency of delivery.

12.3 The Combined Authority approves that:

- (i) Any change requests for the Capital Flood Risk Management Programme are delegated to Climate, Energy and Environment Committee.

12.4 The Combined Authority notes the update on the Langthwaite Enterprise Zone Phase 1 project.

## **13 Background Documents**

13.1 None as part of this report.

## **14 Appendices**

**Appendix 1** - Background to the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework