



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE, RESOURCES, AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 13 MARCH 2023 AT COMMITTEE ROOM 1, WELLINGTON HOUSE. 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET. LEEDS. LS1 2DE

Present:

Mayor Tracy Brabin (Chair)

Mark Roberts (Deputy Chair)

Councillor Shabir Pandor

Councillor James Lewis

Councillor Jane Scullion (Substitute)

Councillor Matthew Morley (Substitute)

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Private Sector (LEP Board)

Kirklees Council

Leeds City Council

Calderdale Council

Wakefield Council

In attendance:

Melanie Corcoran

Alan Reiss

Angela Taylor

James Nutter

Ben Kearns

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23. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Councillor Hinchcliffe, Cllr Swift and Cllr Jeffery.

24. Declarations of Disclosable of Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests at the meeting.

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

There were no items on the agenda that required the exemption of the press and public.

26. Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 November 2022

That the minutes of the last meeting be approved.

27. Financial Reporting

Members considered a report that provided an update on the 2022/23 financial performance for the period ending 31 January 2023.

Members noted the financial update on 2022/23 year and some movements within individual budget lines. The 2022/23 figures would be closed in April and May and the results for the year will be reported back to a future meeting of the committee.

Expenditure on bus tendered services remained in line with approved expenditure but members noted the volatility and potential risk for the 2023/24 budget.

Work is underway to understand the implications of the recent announcement of further bus recovery grant for both the current and next financial years. The Mayor had written to Government make the case for sustained bus funding rather than 3 month extension which hinder stability and financial planning.

Members noted the capital spend at quarter 3 and asked about the projected expenditure of the Brownfield Housing Fund. Some spend may roll across to the next financial year using the available freedoms and flexibilities.

Members noted the National Evaluation of Gainshare Funding and asked about the process for the review. Members noted that Government had appointed SQW as consultants and officers from the Combined Authority would be able to liaise with them regarding the gateway evaluation.

The Committee noted that as part of the evaluation there would be space to set out the context in which the Combined Authority was operating in, including challenges around Government's approach to funding.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

28. Corporate Planning and Performance

The Committee considered a report that set out the progress on 2022/23 quarter 3 Key Performance Indicators.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

29. Integrated Corporate Systems

Members considered a report that provided an update on the Integrated Corporate Systems project replacing life expired finance, HR and payroll systems with CIAnywhere.

Acceptance testing was underway and close to conclusion and the final go live approval had yet to be confirmed, but members noted that it was expected to be in April.

Resolved: That the progress on the implementation of CiAnywhere be noted.