

Part 3

Section 2.3 - Terms of Reference

Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee

The Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee is authorised:

1. To carry out any Non-Mayoral Function¹ of the Combined Authority which relates to **finance, resources² or a corporate issue³**, including:
 - a) progressing any element of the Mayor's pledges,
 - b) approving, amending or revoking any policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan⁴,
 - c) delivering, monitoring and reviewing the outcomes and impact of any policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan,
 - d) submitting bids for devolved and other funding,
 - e) oversight of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Assurance Framework, and
 - f) delivering and overseeing any project or programme in accordance with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Assurance Framework⁵, including the following where authorised by a bespoke approval pathway and approval route for a scheme⁶ (after decision-point 2 only):

¹ Functions in this context are to be construed in a broad and inclusive fashion, and as including the exercise of the ancillary powers under Section 113A of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

² Including asset management, human resources, information and communications technology.

³ Including equality, diversity and inclusion, knowledge and information management, procurement and purchasing, strategic risk management and business continuity, and health and safety, and any other issue which does not fall within the terms of reference of another committee.

⁴ With the exception of any major policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan reserved to the Combined Authority - see further Section 2.2 of Part 3 of the Constitution - and subject to any direction by the Mayor that any decision on a policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan be referred to the Combined Authority for determination.

⁵ Or otherwise, where the project or programme does not fall to be considered under the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Assurance Framework.

⁶ The Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee is authorised to make any decision within a bespoke approval pathway and approval route which was previously delegated to the West Yorkshire and York Investment Committee. It is also authorised to amend any bespoke approval pathway and approval route which was approved by the Combined Authority before the municipal year 21-22, to provide for decisions to be taken by any thematic committee.

- making a decision to progress the scheme,^{7 8} or
- making any recommendation to the Combined Authority⁹ or the Mayor¹⁰ about progressing the scheme, and
- reviewing the scheme's impact,

with the **exception** of

- any function which requires a Statutory Consent¹¹ where that consent has yet to be given¹²,
 - any matter related to a Non-Mayoral Function conferred by the 2021 Order, which the Mayor has directed should be referred to the Combined Authority for determination¹³, or
 - any function which is reserved to the Combined Authority¹⁴.
2. To advise the Combined Authority in respect of any Non-Mayoral Function which relates to **finance, resources or a corporate issue**, including:
- a) any budget proposed for the Combined Authority to approve,¹⁵
 - b) the setting of any levy,
 - c) any function of the Combined Authority relating to its role as accountable body for funding received for the Leeds City Region,
 - d) any recommendation in respect of any decision to be taken by the Combined Authority at decision-point 2 of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Assurance Framework,
 - e) any proposal to amend the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Assurance Framework,
 - f) any proposal to amend a major policy or investment priorities, strategy or plan which is to be determined by the Combined Authority, and
 - g) any proposal to amend the Constitution.

⁷ including determining change requests.

⁸ with the exception of any decision which would result in a revised financial approval which exceeds the cumulative total of the financial approval and tolerance threshold agreed by the Combined Authority at decision point 2 (or decision point 3) by more than 25%, in which case the decision must be referred to the Combined Authority.

⁹ or to any other committee or relevant officer with delegated authority to make the decision.

¹⁰ The Mayor will determine any aspect of a scheme which is a Mayoral Function.

¹¹ These are specified functions conferred by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Election of Mayor and Functions) Order 2021 - see further the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

¹² In relation to any function in respect of which a Statutory Consent has been given, the Committee must exercise their authority in accordance with the terms of any Statutory Consent.

¹³ The 2021 Order provides that these matters require the support of the Mayor.

¹⁴ The functions reserved to the Combined Authority are set out in Section 2.2 of Part 3 of the Constitution, and include the approval of any major policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan.

¹⁵ Including the Mayor's budget.

3. To advise the Mayor in respect of any Mayoral General Function¹⁶ which relates to **finance, resources or a corporate issue**.
4. To promote, in collaboration with other committees,
 - equality and diversity,
 - inclusive growth,
 - tackling the climate emergency, and
 - the strategic alignment of the Combined Authority's policies, investment priorities, strategies and plans.
5. To respond to any report or recommendation from an overview and scrutiny committee¹⁷.

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¹⁶ The functions reserved to the Combined Authority are set out in Section 2.2 of Part 3 of the Constitution, and include the approval of any major policy, investment priorities, strategy or plan.

¹⁷ That is, any overview and scrutiny committee of the Combined Authority (in accordance with Scrutiny Standing Orders in Part 4 of the Constitution) or of any Constituent Council.