

West of England Combined Authority Committee

19 July 2019

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AGENDA ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
10	Combined Authority governance and constitution	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To adopt the new proposed governance arrangements as shown in the flowchart in Appendix 1. 2. To agree the changes proposed to the Authority's constitution as summarised in the report and shown more fully in the highlighted version of the Constitution at Appendix 2. 3. To note the position regarding nominations from constituent councils to WECA committees. 4. To approve the Pay Policy Statement at Appendix 3. 5. To note that the Deputy Mayor will support the Combined Authority Mayor in ensuring that the governance arrangements for the Combined Authority ensure effective and efficient delivery of the Combined Authority's strategies and priorities for the region.
11	Combined Authority & Mayoral budget outturn report – April-May 2019	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To note the Mayoral Fund and WECA revenue and capital budget outturn forecasts as set out in Appendices 1,2 and 3. b. To approve the creation of an earmarked reserve of £250k, funded through surplus interest on balances, to fund the appointment of three Programme Management Office staff.

		<p>c. To approve the transfer of additional Pothole Action Funding of £662k to the three constituent authorities.</p> <p>d. To delegate authority to the WECA S151 Officer to make all necessary adjustments to Mayoral and WECA Budgets, resulting from this report, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Carrying forward relevant reserves or grants to account for slippage against various projects from 2018/19; * The addition of the recently received HIF preparation grant of £141k; * The reduction in the BANES Transport Levy of £155k, to be funded from earmarked reserve.
12	Treasury Management outturn report 2018/19	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the Treasury Management Report to 31st March 2019, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice. 2. To note the Treasury Management Indicators to 31st March 2019.
13	Integrated ticketing – future work	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To endorse the outline programme and approve the formation of a programme/projects board. 2. To note the proposed initial draw down of £300k to progress with the phase 1 officer support / potential external consultancy support and delegate approval of the detail of the award through a Feasibility and Development funding application to the West of England Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives. 3. To give authority for the Combined Authority's Section 73 officer to lease equipment to small bus operators at less than market rate as set out in the contactless upgrade Full Business Case subject to state aid regulation compliance.

14	Bus infrastructure delivery update	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To endorse the approach to progress the bus infrastructure proposals. 2. To approve the recruitment of a senior project manager to co-ordinate the delivery of the bus infrastructure proposals in the short to medium term. 3. To note the proposed draw down of £200k to resource the bus programme, bus deal principles and progress the further development of the bus strategy in advance of public consultation; and delegate approval of the detail of the award through a Feasibility and Development Funding Application to the West of England Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives.
15	Investment Fund	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To endorse the submission of the Western Gateway Major Road Network (MRN) bids in South Gloucestershire. 2. To approve the outline business case for MetroWest Phase 1 subject to the supply of a detailed cost breakdown and an updated programme. 3. To award an additional £1.3m to progress Mass Transit development as set out in the Feasibility and Development Funding Application. 4. To award £212,500 to the Winterbourne/Frampton Cotterell bypass and Coalpit Heath/Westerleigh bypass study as set out in the Feasibility and Development Funding Application. 5. To award £100,000 to develop a Full Business Case for Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure as set out in the Feasibility and Development Funding Application. 6. To award £300,000 to develop an Outline Business Case for Yate Park and Ride and £500,000 to develop Outline Business Cases for other sites as set out in the Feasibility and Development Funding Applications.

		<p>7. To approve the change request for the Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension project and the award of an additional £300,000.</p> <p>8. To approve the Full Business Case for the On Bus Contactless Bank Card Payment project and award of £418,000.</p> <p>9. To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application and the award of £150,000 for Modern Methods of Construction Pilots/Trials.</p> <p>10. To approve the allocation of £2.275m for Strategic Masterplanning and the award of £275,000 of this funding to WECA to support the development of business cases, and £500,000 for the Yate Urban Living Opportunity Area, as set out in the Feasibility and Development Funding Applications.</p> <p>11. To reserve £34.3m of the £50m approved Land Acquisition Fund to risk manage financial commitments within the overall funding available up to March 2023.</p> <p>12. To make an indicative allocation of £23m as match funding in support of the Housing Infrastructure Fund bid subject to successfully obtaining government funding, confirmation of local contributions and submission of business case.</p> <p>13. To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for Energy Strategy Action Planning / Climate Change Planning and the award of £250,000 to produce an Option Assessment Report.</p> <p>14. To approve the Full Business Case for the Research and Innovation Challenge Fund and award of £242,000 subject to securing ERDF funding.</p> <p>15. To approve the Full Business Case for Workforce for the Future and award £4m of Investment Fund subject to securing ESF and finalising the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.</p> <p>16. To set aside £20m within the £350m Investment Programme, (up to March 2023), to respond to future opportunities and challenges.</p>
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16	Employment & Skills Plan	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>- To approve the Employment & Skills Plan.</p>
17.	Business Plan 2019/20 – quarter 1 progress report	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>- To note the first quarterly update on delivery of the 2019/20 Business Plan.</p>
Motion	Motion on Climate Emergency (note: committee resolutions on motions are not subject to call-in)	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Combined Authority recognises:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The challenge and threat of the current climate emergency. 2. The huge significance of climate change and its impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of our residents, and the very real concerns of residents on these issues. 3. The foresight and leadership shown on this issue and positive actions being taken by the West of England authorities; and welcomes the respective motions

		<p>agreed recently by these councils on the climate emergency and actively taking up the challenge of achieving carbon neutrality.</p> <p>4. That a huge amount of work is taking place across the region and that the West of England has already made a strong commitment to clean and inclusive economic growth.</p> <p>In recognition of the seriousness of the global climate emergency, the Combined Authority resolves:</p> <p>To declare a climate emergency and continue to work with West of England authorities and The West of England Local Enterprise Partnership to agree an action plan to underpin the West of England Energy Strategy, recognising this will be a key tool in seeking the additional government investment necessary to enable us to deliver the ambitious target of carbon neutrality by 2030; progress reports will be brought to the West of England Combined Authority Committee, the West of England Joint Committee and the Combined Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee on a 6 monthly basis.</p>
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The call-in deadline in respect of these decisions is the end of 26 July 2019.