

**Joint meeting –
West of England Combined Authority Committee and
West of England Joint Committee**

20 March 2020

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AGENDA ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
11	Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) & Invest Bristol & Bath (IBB) revenue budget outturn report, April 2019 – January 2020	<p>The West of England Joint Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To note the LEP budget as set out in Appendix 1. b. To note the IBB Budget as set out in Appendix 2.
12	Local Enterprise Partnership One Front Door funding programme	<p>The West of England Joint Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the submission of the Healthy Ageing Challenge Fund Expression of Interest, and, should the outcome be successful, to delegate the use of funds received and the submission of the Stage 1 business case to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives. 2. To delegate grant giving for Workforce for the Future to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives. 3. To approve the change requests for schemes within the Local Growth Fund programme as set out in Appendix 2. 4. To approve the Watershed development phase 1 and award of £500k subject to Bristol City Council confirming arrangements for repayment, securing all match funding and finalising the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. 5. To approve the change requests for schemes within the Economic Development Fund (EDF) and Revolving Infrastructure Fund programmes as set out in Appendix 3.

13	Joint Local Transport Plan 4	<p>The West of England Joint Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the final version of the Joint Local Transport Plan (JLTP4) be adopted subject to minor amendments as set out in the addendum (see appendix 1). 2. That delegation is given to the WECA Director of Infrastructure and WECA Director of Investment and Corporate Services to identify the resources required, through re-prioritisation of investment funding, to sufficiently progress the JLTP5 process; the anticipated breakdown of spend to be reported to the June WECA committee, prior to which all spend will be agreed by the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with constituent authority Chief Executives.
14	Combined Authority & Mayoral budget outturn report, April 2019 – January 2020	<p>The West of England Combined Authority Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To note the Mayoral Fund and WECA revenue forecasts as set out in Appendices 1 and 2. b. To delegate the award of grants to Community Transport providers for 2020/21 to the WECA Director of Infrastructure. c. To approve a drawdown of £57k against the WECA General Reserve to fund the No.17 bus route between Southmead Hospital and Keynsham from April 2020 to February 2021; the reserve to be replenished upon the receipt of new revenue bus funding from government.
15	Investment Fund	<p>The West of England Combined Authority Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Full Business Case for Wraxall Road Roundabout Signal Scheme and award of £5.199m subject to finalising the economic case and Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. 2. To note the award of £548k of funding for the West of England Station Enhancements Project through DfT's Access for All programme and the allocation of up to £552k match funding through the Investment Fund, subject to business case.

		<p>3. To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for the Bus Strategy Infrastructure Programme and award of £1.5m to progress a Full Business Case.</p> <p>4. To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Applications set out in Appendix 2 and award of £1m.</p> <p>5. To delegate approval of the detailed scoping of the Strategic Rail Investment and Bus Strategy Infrastructure Programme development work to the WECA Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the Directors of the constituent councils.</p> <p>6. To approve the change request and award of £585k of Love Our High Streets funding for the Keynsham Town Centre project subject to confirmation that all funding is in place and the Monitoring and Evaluation plan is extended to cover the additional outputs/outcomes.</p> <p>7. To delegate grant giving for Workforce for the Future to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives.</p> <p>8. To decline the request for a further £300k of development funding for the Bath College Digital and Creative Innovation Centre.</p> <p>9. To approve the change requests for schemes within the current programme as set out in Appendix 3.</p>
16	Adult Education Budget (AEB) – approach and draft allocations for the 2020/21 academic year	<p>The West of England Combined Authority Committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. To approve the proposed approach for the management and administration of devolved AEB for the 2020/21 academic year.</p> <p>2. To approve the proposed draft provider AEB allocations for the 2020/21 academic year.</p>

		<p>3. To approve the request to provide delegated authority to the WECA Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officers of WECA's constituent authorities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Confirm final provider allocations once agreed provider curriculum delivery plans are in place. b. Make in-year exceptions funding decisions. c. Make in-year growth funding decisions. d. Make decisions on provider re-allocations at mid-year and end-of-year points. e. Make decisions relating to distribution of funding for continuing learners. f. Make decisions relating to procurement of WECA's devolved provision.
17	Appointment of Independent Member of WECA Audit Committee	<p>The West of England Combined Authority Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Mr Mark Hatcliffe be formally appointed as an Independent Member of the WECA Audit Committee. 2. That the remuneration for the independent member be 1% of the Mayor's salary and be set at £650 per annum as previously recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel and endorsed by the WECA Committee at its meeting on 31 January 2020.

The call-in deadline in respect of these decisions is 5.00 pm, 27 March 2020.

APPENDIX 1

Addendum to the Joint Local Transport Plan 4, 20 March 2020

Proposed changes to the final version of the Joint Local Transport Plan 4 (JLTP4) following its publication on 13 March 2020 are set out below.

In respect of minor amendments relating to the Paris Agreement:

Amendment 1: The first minor amendment is to add a new paragraph on page 6 of the document into the opening section detailing 'Climate Change and the Challenge Ahead', this would be titled:

JLTP4 and the Paris Agreement

And read:

In line with and taking account of the Paris Agreement the JLTP4 is fully committed to reducing carbon. The JLTP4 has a significantly positive role to play in meeting the UK's international obligations through providing a well-connected and sustainable transport network which accelerates the shift towards low carbon trips, supporting sustainable development and the take up of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles to decarbonise transport. In many respects with the commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030 the JLTP4 goes beyond the Paris Agreement. Looking ahead the next JLTP as outlined above will serve to strengthen this role. As described in the following section Central Government will be expected to play its role.

Amendment 2: The second minor amendment relates to the JLTP's Strategic Environmental Assessment (the SEA). This is covered in **Section 13: Environmental, equalities and health impact assessments of the JLTP4**. A new paragraph would be added to the introduction section on page 147. This would read:

The SEA takes into account the requirements of the Paris Agreement through including climatic factors as one of the environmental baseline topic areas. Alongside this are the two SEA objectives to 'Reduce transport related carbon emissions in line with national targets' (SEA03) and 'Adapt transport network to effects of climate change and minimise the vulnerability of transport network to flood risk' (SEA04). For SEA03 the SEA noted that numerous policies within the JLTP4 will have a minor or potential major positive effect whilst for SEA04 strategic and major transport infrastructure schemes will have to be designed to take into account the effects of climate change in line with national policy and best practice design.

In respect of minor amendments that were considered as part of the West of England Authorities governance processes:

Amendment 3: The third minor amendment relates to the **South East Bristol Low Carbon Orbital Corridor case study**. The following wording on p75 of the document would be deleted:

An orbital corridor to the South East of Bristol, which could connect the A4 to the A37 and further into South Bristol forms part of the JTS.

Amendment 4: The fourth minor amendment relates to Section 8: Local Connectivity

The current paragraph on page p87 of the document which reads:

We will work with key housing developers, employers, education providers and leisure sites from an early stage of planning to ensure that funding for walking and cycling infrastructure is considered from the outset. This will ensure that new developments prioritise walking and cycling.

Will be amended to:

We will work with key housing developers, employers, education providers and leisure sites from an early stage of planning to ensure that funding for walking and cycling infrastructure forms part of the design from the outset. This will ensure that new developments prioritise walking and cycling.