

Decisions of West of England Combined Authority Committee on 28 September 2018

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
10.	Business Plan - Progress Report	The committee agreed that the update on the business plan be noted.
11.	Supporting the Visitor Economy	<p>The following was approved:</p> <p>Unanimous decision of Constituent Authorities Excluding Mayor</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allocate a total of up to £80K from the WECA investment fund to support the regional tourism promotional exercise identified in paragraph 2.8 of this report. 2. To allocate a total of up to £20K from the WECA investment fund to support the regional visitor economy study identified in paragraph 2.9.1 of this report. <p>Majority decision of Constituent authorities and the Combined Authority Mayor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To delegate to the West of England Combined Authority Chief Executive, in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives, authority to make all necessary arrangements for the allocation and application of this funding in accordance with the objectives set out in this report. 4. To request the WECA Chief Executive bring a report back to WECA upon completion of the projects setting out the outcomes and options available as appropriate. 5. To delegate to the Section 151 Officer to make all necessary amendments to the WECA and Mayoral Budgets as appropriate to reflect the approved allocation of investment funding.
12.	Transport Update	<p>The following was approved:</p> <p>Recommendations 1 & 3 - No vote for noting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the ongoing work and provide views on the Bus Strategy, Key Route Network and ITA functions.

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		<p>3. To note that work continues in developing the Terms of Reference and draft prospectus for the informal Regional Transport Grouping, also known as the “Western Gateway”.</p> <p>Recommendations 2, 4, & 5 - simple majority of constituent authorities to include Mayor</p> <p>2. To approve West of England Combined Authorities’ participation in the informal regional transport grouping, also known as the “Western Gateway”.</p> <p>4. To appoint the Mayor to represent the Authority on the regional transport grouping Partnership Board and the Deputy Mayor as his nominated deputy.</p> <p>5. To authorise the Director of Infrastructure to represent the Authority on the regional transport grouping Senior Officer Group.</p>
13.	Investment Fund	<p>The following was approved:</p> <p>Recommendations 1 & 5 – Majority Vote of the constituent authorities including the Mayor</p> <p>1. The change request for the JSP Mitigation Outline Business Cases set out in paragraph 4.</p> <p>Recommendations 2-3 – unanimous decision of the 3 constituent authorities, excluding Mayor</p> <p>2. The allocation of £100K from the Investment Fund revenue to support the development of a feasibility study to progress the Talent Institutes in consultation with the Chief Executives of the local authorities.</p> <p>3. The provisional allocation of £4.5M from the Investment Fund to support a bid to the European Social Fund to establish a skills innovation fund, and subject to a future Full Business Case proposal should the bid be successful.</p>

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		<p>Recommendation 4 – Unanimous Decision of the 3 constituent authorities excluding the Mayor</p> <p>4. The continued allocation of up to £6M to support a funding solution for the MetroWest Phase 1(b) funding gap, subject to a revised gateway decision for the project in November 2018.</p> <p>Recommendations 1 & 5 – Majority Vote of the constituent authorities including the Mayor</p> <p>5. The WECA Chief Executive, in consultation with the WECA Mayor, be delegated authority to finalise the detailed allocation of the Talent Institutes feasibility funding and the sign-off for the final Skills Innovation Fund Bid.</p>
14.	Adult Education Budget - Interim Resources and Indicative Budget	<p>The following was approved:</p> <p>Recommendation 1 was for noting and required no decision</p> <p>The Committee was asked to:</p> <p>1. Note the required AEB implementation resource.</p> <p>Recommendation 2 required a unanimous decision of the 3 constituent Authorities excluding the Mayor</p> <p>The Committee was asked to:</p> <p>2. Approve the indicative budget for the 2019/20 academic year.</p>
15.	Any Other Item the Chair Decides is Urgent	There were no urgent items and the meeting was closed at 11:16am.