

Decisions of West of England Combined Authority Committee on 30 October 2017

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
1.	WECA and Mayoral Budget Outturn	<p>WECA noted the Mayoral Fund and WECA revenue and capital budget outturn budget forecasts as set out in Appendices 1,2 and 3 and agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A one-off virement of up to £306k from the WECA Supplies and Services Budget to the WECA Staffing Budget be approved to cover short term interim resources as set out in para 3.3.1. b. An on-going Budget variation of £353K (full year effect) from the WECA Income Budget to the WECA Staffing Budget be approved to meet the costs of the proposed WECA Staffing Structure as set out in Appendix 4.
2.	Treasury Management Report	<p>WECA noted the Treasury Management Report to 30th September 2017, prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Treasury Code of Practice and the Treasury Management Indicators to 30th September 2017.</p>
3.	Business Case Funding for Infrastructure Projects	<p><i>Feasibility & Business Case Approval</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. WECA approved a sum of up to £0.75m capital and £0.675m resource in 2017/18, £1.615m capital and £2.375m resource in 2018/19 and £0.43m capital and £0.1m resource in 2019/20 to support the costs for the development of feasibility studies and business cases for priority infrastructure schemes within the Combined Authority area. b. WECA agreed that the Mayoral Budget be amended to include provision of up to £3.15m of resource and £2.795m of capital to provide grant funding of costs to deliver the feasibility studies as business cases for the schemes as set out in Appendices A and B. c. WECA agreed that the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor be delegated responsibility for making appropriate arrangements for grant funding the constituent council(s) for the delivery of this work as set out in Appendix D.

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		<p><i>Real Time Information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. WECA agreed that, subject to available budget, following a competitive price and quality based procurement process, appoint the preferred contractor to provide an expanded and upgraded RTI system. b. WECA approved a sum of up to £0.6m capital in 2017/18 to be allocated to support the capital costs for the delivery of RTI enhancement as per the Full Business Case set out in Appendix E. c. WECA agreed that the Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor be delegated responsibility to sign off the resolution of any issues arising from the review of this Full Business Case. d. WECA noted that from 2019/20 there will be a revised operating cost which is expected to impact on the transport levy at that time.
4.	WECA Transport Report	WECA noted the overview of the planned programme of work and timetable for the key aspects of WECA's transport functions.
5.	AEB Update and Delegation Option	WECA endorsed the influencing option from the two proposals tabled by DfE.
6.	Employment Support Innovation Pilot Funding	<p>Revised Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WECA approved a sum of £4m resource to be allocated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Within the WECA Budget to fund WECA project costs (£347,000) b. to the Mayoral Budget to enable to allocation of grant funding to councils to meet the costs of delivery (£3,653,000) subject to the full grant of £4m being paid to the Combined Authority by DWP. 2. WECA agreed that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and

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		Section 151 Officers, be delegated responsibility for making appropriate arrangements for grant funding the constituent councils for the delivery of this project including agreeing the profile and amounts of funding between the financial years.
7.	Operational Policies	WECA noted the operational policies being developed for the West of England Combined Authority.
8.	Governance Update	WECA confirmed the amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report and gave delegated authority to the Interim Monitoring Officer to make all consequential amendments to the Constitution to give effect to 1 above.