

## Decisions of West of England Combined Authority Committee on 8 April 2022

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
9.	Latest Combined Authority & Mayoral budget outturn report	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note the Mayoral Fund forecasted revenue outturn as detailed in Appendix 1;</li> <li>2) Note the Combined Authority forecasted revenue outturn as detailed in Appendix 2;</li> <li>3) Requests officers to undertake a risk-based assessment of reserves requirements as part of closing down the accounts for 2021/22;</li> <li>4) Produce a paper for the next committee that reviews and forecasts the business rates position for 2022/23.</li> </ol>
10.	Investment Fund report	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to <b>REFUSE</b> officers' recommendation to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Return the £4.1m balance of the previous allocations for the Land Acquisition and Development Infrastructure Funds and Love Our High Streets to create further headroom.</li> </ol> <p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) To approve the Full Business Case for the Bath Local Centres High Street Improvement scheme and the award of £295k subject to confirmation of the match funding.</li> <li>3) To approve the Full Business Case for Bath River Line Phase 1 and the award of £1.048m subject to securing necessary planning consent and the value for money assessment for both phases presenting high value for money</li> <li>4) To allocate £79k to the Mini-Holland Pilot Scheme and delegate the approval of a Feasibility and Development Funding Application to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.</li> <li>5) To approve a further allocation of £10m for the development of an Outline Business Case for new public transport from the Investment Fund headroom.</li> <li>6) To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for the B&amp;NES Strategic Masterplanning and award of £1.345m.</li> <li>7) To approve the South Gloucestershire Council Feasibility and Development Funding Application for the Evidence to support Transition from Spatial Development Strategy to Local Plan Making programme and the award of £900k.</li> <li>8) To allocate a further £750k for Strategic Masterplanning subject to this being drawn down at the next Committee and delivery being completed by 2023/24.</li> </ol>

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		9) To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for the Bristol Avon Flood Strategy – Active Travel & Green Infrastructure Greenway and the award of £482k.
11.	Investment Fund report - change requests	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve the funding increase of £1.875m for the South Bristol Light Industrial Workspace.</li> <li>2) Approve a further drawdown of £600k for the Bristol to Bath Strategic Corridor.</li> <li>3) Approve the funding increase of £126,500 for the Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail (Northern Section)</li> <li>4) Approve the funding increase of £278k for the East Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood project.</li> <li>5) Approve the change requests for schemes within the current programme as set out in Appendix 1.</li> </ol>
12.	Delivery assurance and management of capital projects	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To approve the proposed reporting and delivery assurance process subject to excluding the “budget exchange use it or lose it principles” contained within the report.</li> <li>2) That WoE CA officers be tasked with working with Directors of Infrastructure and S151 officers in the UAs to develop a set of budgetary principles to drive the delivery of projects and good practice to be reported back at June Committee.</li> </ol>
13.	Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan	The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve a new Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan.
14.	Green Recovery Fund	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve the Gateway criteria for the Green Recovery Fund</li> <li>2) Approve the outline business cases for retrofit accelerator programme and should there be urgency to delegate approval of the full business case to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executive of</li> </ol>

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		<p>the constituent Councils.</p> <p>3) Approve the full business case for the Community Pollinator Fund and the award of £1.45m from the Green Recovery Fund</p> <p>4) Approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application and the award of £100k from the Green Recovery Fund to finalise the business case for investment in EV charging infrastructure, helping to accelerate the uptake of electric vehicles.</p> <p>5) Agree delegated authority to the West of England Combined Authority Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Chief Executive of the constituent Councils, to agree the final scope and work required to finalise the Combined Authority's EV charging proposals.</p>
15.	Regional Recovery & Adaptation Fund	The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to allocate a further £5m to the Regional Recovery and Adaptions Fund and delegate the approval of business cases to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.
16.	Business Case - "The Courts"	No decision was taken by the Combined Authority Committee on the recommendation included in the report.
17.	Business Case - "West of England Careers Hub"	The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree the Full Business Case for the West of England Careers Hub and award £810,000 to match Careers Enterprise Company funding and continue the service for another three years.
18.	Bus services - Transport Levy	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Transport Levy is increased by up to 10% from the 2023/24 financial year to cover additional contract costs for supported bus services,</li> <li>2. That delegated authority is given to the CEOs to agree the final increase by the</li> </ol>

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		<p>end of April 2022 for bus service contracts to be awarded, for subsequent confirmation during the budget making process for 2023/24. That the principle be agreed that any growth in transport levy for 2023/24 arising from this decision be met with a contribution from WECA and offset through efficiencies driven by the pooling of contractual management and operation. That evidence of WECA efficiencies and contribution will be presented as part of the final levy being set in January 2023 and consulted upon with s151 officers.</p>
19.	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to <b>AGREE</b> with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approval of full business case and funding of £922,216 to deliver the expansion of Portway P&amp;R</li> <li>2) Approval of full business case and funding of £1,827,973 to deliver metrobus Consolidation</li> <li>3) Approval of Strategic Outline Case and confirm funding of £500k to deliver the next stage of an Outline Business Case for the Somer Valley to Bristol and Bath Corridor Scheme</li> <li>4) Allocation of £100k to commence an Outline Business Case for the A38 South Bristol Sustainable Transport Corridor plus commence Full Business Case for the Bedminster Green section. Delegation for the approval of a Feasibility and Development Funding application to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.</li> <li>5) To ensure appropriate capacity building to carry out the intelligent client function to deliver the CRSTS, including the effective delivery of relevant statutory functions. It is recommended to allocate £450k for financial year 22/3 from the CRSTS funding for capacity building within the UAs, and a further £450k cash flow from CRSTS project allocations for the initial year of the programme. It is recommended that approval of a Feasibility and Development Funding Application for Mobilisation to delegated to the West of England CEOs in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.</li> </ol>
20.	Future arrangements for Local Enterprise Partnership	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the recommendation from the LEP that a working group, comprising representatives from the Combined Authority, the LEP, North Somerset and a representative from the three other Unitary Authorities to consider options and proposals to bring before the respective bodies in the early summer.</p>

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21.	Special Urgency - Appointment Of Interim Director Of Infrastructure	The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to endorse the appointment of Alistair Kirk as Interim Director of Infrastructure.
22.	Special Urgency - Delegation Of Decision On Future Office Accommodation	<p>The Combined Authority Committee <b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="842 421 2074 517">1) To delegate the decision on the Combined Authority's future accommodation to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Local Authority Chief Executives.</li> <li data-bbox="842 555 2074 683">2) To agree that if majority agreement of the Combined Authority Chief Executive and Local Authority Chief Executives cannot be reached, the decision is taken at a special meeting of the Combined Authority Committee, at an urgent date to be confirmed should the necessity arise.</li> </ol>