

Decisions of West of England Combined Authority Committee on 27 January 2023

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
9.	Mayoral and Combined Authority Budget 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the combined authority budget for 2023/24 as summarised in figure 6 and the relevant related supporting appendices, with the exception of the £8m staffing increase, of which 10% will be withheld to enable further work to be undertaken to assess the relevant need against pressures on services. The remaining funds will be released following the unanimous approval of the Combined Authority Chief Executive and Chief Executives of the Constituent Councils. Should a decision not receive unanimous approval the matter will be returned to the next Combined Authority Committee. 2. That the acting Chief Executive works with UA Chief Executives on a programme of effectiveness and efficiency reviews to be agreed at the March 2023 committee, including the delivery timescales for such reviews, which will include appropriate value for money testing with external validation where appropriate, this will include the development of a risk-based reserve policy as referred in para 4. 3. Approve the West of England Combined Authority budget for 2023/24 as summarised in figure 6 and relevant related supporting appendices. 4. Review and comment on the West of England Combined Authority projected revenue forecast for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 2. 5. Approve the Mayoral Budget for 2023/24 together with the funding contribution from the West of England Combined Authority, (Investment Fund), budget of £675k as set out in Appendix 7.
10.	Investment Fund Programme	The Committee RESOLVED :

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		<p>(1) Approve the revised Local Growth Assurance Framework as set out in paragraph 7.</p> <p>(2) Approve the Waterspace Connected Phase 1 Outline Business Case and the award of £296k to develop the Full Business Case by November 2024, as set out on paragraph 11.</p> <p>(3) To approve the Scholars Way Outline Business Case and the award of £580k (£72k TCF and £508k CRSTS) to develop the Full Business Case by July 2023, as set out in paragraph 11.</p> <p>(4) To allocate £4.8m to the West of England Business Support Programme as set out in paragraph 12 and delegate the approval of the Full Business Case to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils, as set out in paragraph 12.</p> <p>(5) Delegate the approval of the Full Business Case for the Arena Infrastructure Package and the award of up to £10.081m to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils following a report to the Programme Review Board (PRB) and subject to the PRB's unanimous recommendation to CEO's.</p>
11.	Investment Fund Delivery Assurance	The Committee resolved to approve the change requests for schemes within the current programme as set out in Appendix 1.
12.	Transport Paper	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) MetroWest Phase 2 –to approve funding to cover stage 1 and remaining elements of the scheme. As set out elsewhere on this agenda a Full Business Case (FBC) has been produced seeking the award of £13.663m of funding (£2.6m beyond that previously awarded) for stage 1 of the project which will include the construction and opening of Ashley Down Station, secure planning approval for North Filton and Henbury stations and tender detailed design and construction works. An allocation of £6.245m from the Investment Fund (IF) is proposed for the delivery of the remaining elements of the scheme.</p>

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		<p>(2) Cycle Hangars - to approve the FBC and funding from the Transforming Cities Fund of a total of £360,661 (£289k already awarded for development) to enable the installation of at least 28 cycle hangars on Bristol City Council social housing sites.</p> <p>(3) Integrated Micromobility Service Contract - that a new Integrated Micromobility Service contract be tendered and awarded to cover on-street Micromobility rental services. Recommendation that the authority to issue the tender and award the contract is delegated to the Interim Director of Infrastructure in consultation with Unitary Authority Directors. Recommendation that the authority to sign/seal the contract be delegated to the Monitoring Officer.</p>
13.	Transforming Cities Fund	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the recommended use of TCF as set out in paragraph 7.</p> <p>(2) To approve the delegation of urgent change requests relating to the fund to the Infrastructure Directors meeting in consultation with the Programme Review Board, to ensure that the fund is fully utilised by March 2023. Where agreement is not reached decisions will be escalated to the CEO's meeting.</p> <p>(3) That, subject to decision by the CA Section 73 Officer regarding eligible capital spend, to delegate to the Combined Authority Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the Unitary Authority Directors the approval of change requests within overall funding envelopes for schemes in the City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement programme to utilise any potential underspend in the TCF.</p>
14.	Capital Strategy Including Treasury Management & Investment Strategies	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the Capital Budget as detailed in Appendix 1;</p>

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		<p>(2) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24 detailed in Appendix 2.</p> <p>(3) To agree the specific Highways and Transport Capital Grant allocations totalling £25M to the constituent councils for 2023/24 as set out in Figure 3.</p>