

## Decisions of West of England Combined Authority Committee on 6 October 2023

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
10.	Investment Fund Programme	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That it be agreed that provision be made within the programme based upon repayment of awards through the Land Acquisition and Development Infrastructure Fund in line with the contractual long stop dates as set out in paragraph 2.10 – 2.13 for Bath Riverside, plus the Thornbury Hospital site and the Hawkfield Business Park – Bottle Yard Studios;</li> <li>(2) That the submission of the Grovesend Road/Gillingstool Corridor Outline Business Case be noted and it be agreed to award an additional £50k to undertake further consultation and development, with the approval of the final Outline Business Case by September 2024, and to agree to the release of a further £700k to develop the Full Business Case delegated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the Directors of Infrastructure of the relevant Unitary Authorities. In the event of a consensus not being reached at Director level, decision making to be escalated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in consultation with the Unitary Authority CEOs;</li> <li>(3) That the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for the Regional Evidence Portal Pilot and the award of £50k to produce a Full Business Case by August 2025 as set out in paragraph 2.15 be agreed.</li> </ul>
11.	Delivery Assurance	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the change requests for schemes within the current programmes as set out in Appendix 1 be agreed;</p>
12.	Climate and Ecological Strategy and Action Plan Update	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the Climate and Ecological Strategy and Action Plan progress report provided as</li> </ul>

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		<p>part of the Authority’s commitment in its Climate Emergency declaration in 2019 be noted;</p> <p>(2) That it be noted that the increasing likelihood that the West of England’s ambitions for achieving carbon neutrality and nature in recovery by 2030 would be unachievable without substantial national and international changes in approach;</p> <p>(3) That the development of a West of England Mayoral Combined Authority framework for embedding climate and nature recovery considerations throughout its current and future decision making be endorsed.</p> <p>(4) That authority to approve business cases and funding applications within the Green Recovery Fund (approved by Committee in March 2023) be delegated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority’s Head of Environment in consultation with Unitary Authority Environment Directors. In the event of a consensus not being reached at Director level, decision making to be escalated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in consultation with the Unitary Authority CEOs.</p> <p>(5) That authority to approve change requests within the tolerances set out in Table 1 (as recommended by the Programme Review Board) be delegated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority’s Head of Environment in consultation with Unitary Authority Environment Directors. In the event of a consensus not being reached at Director level, decision making to be escalated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in consultation with the Unitary Authority CEOs.</p>
13.	Adult Education and Skills	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That authority be delegated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority’s Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with equivalent Directors from the Unitary Authorities, to administer funds and deliver initiatives under pursuant to the Adult Education Budget / Adult Skills Fund, Skills Bootcamps and Multiply as detailed in paragraphs 24 and 25. In the event of a consensus not being reached at Director level,</p>

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<p>14.</p>	<p>Transport Infrastructure Projects</p>	<p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="891 421 2051 485">(1) That the CRSTS programme scope amendment re-baseline proposal, as set out in sections 4.8 – 4.10 and Table 1 of the report be approved;</li> <li data-bbox="891 523 2051 655">(2) That the allocation of funding to projects in the CRSTS programme be endorsed as set out in Table 2 column 'Proposed CRSTS Budget Allocation' of this report, forming the CRSTS revised baseline required by the Department for Transport (DfT);</li> <li data-bbox="891 694 2069 991">(3) That authority be delegated to the Mayoral Combined Authority's Strategic Director of Infrastructure and S73 Officer, in consultation with their counterpart Unitary Authority Infrastructure Directors and Section 151 Officers, to decide how the Programme Contingency be used, in conjunction with the CRSTS over-programme project list, and to determine change requests for further draw-down of funds within existing budget allocations up to £1m, so that all projects be delivered and funds spent before 31st March 2027. In the event of a consensus not being reached at Director level, decision making to be escalated to the Mayoral Combined Authority's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in consultation with the Unitary Authority CEOs;</li> <li data-bbox="891 1029 2069 1262">(4) That delegated authority be granted to the Mayoral Combined Authority's Strategic Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the Unitary Authority Infrastructure Directors to spend the £686,089 of Active Travel Capability and Ambition Funding secured in January 2023 and any future funding which is secured under the scheme as outlined in sections 33 and 39 of this report. In the event of a consensus not being reached at Director level decision making to be escalated to the Mayoral Combined Authority's CEO in consultation with the Unitary Authority CEOs.</li> <li data-bbox="891 1300 2051 1398">(5) That authority be delegated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority's Strategic Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the Unitary Authority Infrastructure Directors to approve the MetroWest 2 stage 2 Full Business Case. In</li> </ol>

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15.	BSIP Prioritising	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) To note the contents of the report and the associated independent Prioritisation Framework, and the associated qualitative assessment, to use for delivery of the BSIP;</li> <li>(2) That it be noted that a Citizens' panel be set up to help to shape a formula to be applied to bus services that may not become commercially viable but are socially necessary to assess and prioritise current funding (LTF) and for similar future funding streams;</li> <li>(3) To note that BSIP is a joint fund with North Somerset Council so decisions on allocations are subject to negotiations with them and the Department for Transport; and agree in such negotiations officers will endeavour to allocate an additional £0.5m of the BSIP budget on new, innovative bus services where these services are likely to become commercially viable in the course of the BSIP period using an agreed transparent formula.</li> </ul>
16.	Transformation Programme update	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) That the progress across the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority transformation programme be noted;</li> <li>(2) That the areas of the Constitution where the Monitoring Officer has identified improvement opportunities and intends to work with the Unitary Authority Monitoring Officers to bring improvement proposals to a future meeting of the Mayoral Combined Authority Committee be noted;</li> </ul>
17.	Senior/Statutory Appointments	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the Committee endorses the appointment of Rachel Musson as Interim Director of Investment and Corporate Services (Section 73 Officer).</p>

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18.	West of England Combined Authority and Mayoral Budget Forecast 2023/24 Report	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>(1) That the Committee notes the forecast position for the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority Revenue Budget as set out in Figure 1; The forecast position for the Mayoral Revenue budget as set out in Figure 6;</p> <p>(2) That the Committee notes the changes to the Capital Forecast as set out in Appendix 2.</p>
19.	West of England Combined Authority Audit Committee Annual Report	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the Audit Committee Annual Report 2022/23 be noted.</p>