

## Decisions of West of England Combined Authority Committee on 14 December 2023

Decision notice issued on: 14.12.2023

The call-in procedure set out in Standing Order A31.4 applies to the decisions set out below unless stated

Deadline for requests for call-in: 5pm 21.12.2023

Earliest date for implementation of decisions: 22.12.2023

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
4.	UNLAWFUL EXPENDITURE REPORT	<p>The Committee expressed the view that the expenditure was clearly unlawful for the reasons set out in the report. However, it was not content to pass a formal resolution to that effect because it felt very strongly that a representative from Bristol City Council should have attended the meeting to contribute to the debate and vote. It therefore</p> <p>Resolved:-</p> <p>To make no formal finding on unlawfulness and directed the Head of Paid Service to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="891 903 2069 1002">i) Invite the Authority's external auditors to carefully consider the way in which this matter has proceeded, with particular reference to the existing statutory recommendations.</li><li data-bbox="891 1038 2069 1106">ii) Implement a code of practice or protocol to be followed in all mayoral marketing and communications activity.</li><li data-bbox="891 1142 2069 1209">iii) Carry on with the implementation of the corrective measures set out in the report and report progress on the same back to the Audit Committee.</li><li data-bbox="891 1246 2069 1374">iv) Take a line by line report to the Audit Committee on spend against the mayoral budget in the 22/23 and 23/24 financial years in order to assist and inform the code of practice/protocol referred to in paragraph (ii) above and to inform organisational learning for the future.</li></ul>