

ITEM 15

REPORT TO: WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY

DATE: 9 October 2020

REPORT TITLE: INVESTMENT FUND

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Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval for feasibility, development and delivery funding, and for change requests for schemes within the current approved programme.

Impact of Covid-19 pandemic

The Combined Authority has actively reviewed its key activities and work programme to reflect changing priorities as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Specific issues relating to the Covid-19 situation that impact on or are addressed through this report are as follows:

- Paragraph 25 of the report sets out the proposed use of the £5m funding allocated to drive Covid-19 economic recovery, and a proposal to increase this total.
- More generally supporting clean and inclusive economic growth is a key driver for the Investment Fund and all the projects within the programme will make a positive contribution to assisting the economic recovery.
- WECA will continue to review the deliverability, and priority, of its investment programme in response to Covid-19. Further updates will be provided through each committee cycle.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to:

1. **Note the identification of £32.2m of headroom in the programme to 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 5-7.**
2. **To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for the Access for All – Step Free Stations Feasibility Study and award of £100k.**
3. **To approve the Outline Business Case for the Yate A432 Park & Ride and delegate approval of the Full Business Case to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.**
4. **To allocate a further £4.395m to the regional recovery fund from the Business and Skills allocation, with individual project business case approvals falling within the existing delegation to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.**

5. **To approve the Full Business Case for the South Bristol Workspace and the award of £2.7m subject to securing the ERDF funding, obtaining planning consent, resolution of land issues and finalising the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan**
6. **To approve the Reboot West Full Business Case and award of £720k subject to securing the match funding, finalising the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and provision of a detailed programme.**
7. **Approve the change requests for schemes within the current programme as set out in Appendix 2.**
8. **To amend the approved capital programme for individual project approvals agreed at the June Committee and within this report.**

Background

2. In July the Committee considered a £350m investment programme to March 2023 spanning the Investment Fund/Transforming Cities Fund. This sits within the frame of the Capital Strategy report, approved in February 2019, which set out the planned approach for establishing a thematic 20-year programme aligned with regional priority outcomes and objectives as detailed within the published WECA Operating Framework.
3. The funding available through the Investment Fund and Transforming Cities Fund over the period to 22/23 totals £350m which includes a level of structured over programming. For each allocation and award, an allowance needs to be accounted for in terms of the subsequent costs for final delivery of the full scheme, referred to as the 'tail' which is based upon the current opinion of the most likely level of spend that will be incurred over the next four years.
4. A summary of all the approved and allocated funding across the Investment Fund and Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) is shown in Appendix 1 and is summarised in Figure 1. An update on the projects seeking funding is set out by theme in the sections below.

Review of Investment Fund Headroom

5. When the £350m programme was approved in July 2019 it was recognised that this would need to be kept under review to see if changes within the programme provided headroom for the inclusion of new projects or the upscaling of existing project allocations. In June headroom of £9.8m was identified in the period to 22/23 which was used to support Covid-19 economic recovery, work on the Spatial Development Strategy/Local Transport Plan Evidence Base and funding to develop Green Infrastructure proposals (see paragraph 17).
6. A further and more detailed review of the deliverability of the schemes within the programme has now been undertaken. This has highlighted a further **£32.2m** of funding largely within the project 'tails' which is available for reallocation. In some cases, such as the Bristol to Bath A4 Strategic Corridor, this headroom has arisen from spend being carried forward into the 23/24 financial year which will need to be taken into consideration when prioritising the next medium-term financial planning period. This equates to £29.9m against the current funding allocation of £60m in extending the programme by a further 2 years (to 2024/25).

Figure 1: Summary of Investment Programme to 2023 by Priority Theme

	Funding Awards and Allocations £000s	
	Jun 2020	Oct 2020
<i>Transport Infrastructure</i>		
Approved Awards and Allocations	73,940	71,443
Associated 'tail' required to deliver all projects up to March 2023	68,877	50,233
Headroom	-	20,400
Total Investment in Transport Infrastructure	142,817	142,075
<i>Housing, High Streets and Green Infrastructure</i>		
Approved Awards and Allocations	62,620	50,820
Associated 'tail' required to deliver all projects up to March 2023	26,000	26,000
Headroom	-	11,800
Total Investment in Housing Infrastructure	88,620	88,620
<i>Business and Skills</i>		
Approved Awards and Allocations	77,192	79,891
Associated 'tail' required to deliver all projects up to March 2023	21,554	18,854
Total Investment in Business and Skills Infrastructure	98,746	98,746
<i>Opportunities and Challenges / Other</i>		
Funding put aside to respond to opportunities and challenges	12,000	12,741
Approved WECA set up, operating costs and elections up to 2023	7,818	7,818
Total Investment Programme up to March 2023	350,000	350,000

7. It is planned that detailed proposals for the reallocation of funding from the headroom, and where appropriate business case approvals, are presented to the Committee in December. It is intended that part of this funding, perhaps £20-£25m, is used to create a Development Infrastructure Fund. This would build upon the model for the Land Acquisition Fund and could support both housing and economic development infrastructure with the aim that funds are repaid in whole or part depending upon the specifics of the application. It is also planned to increase the allocation for the Land Acquisition Fund itself given this appears a valuable funding model (see paragraph 22). Work is in progress to identify suitable candidate proposals with Hengrove Park, Bath Upper Town (Milsom Street) Renewal, Yate Town Centre Regeneration and the Bottleyard Studios showing good fit with these funds.

Thematic Update

Transport

Feasibility Studies

Access for All – Step Free Stations

8. Improved passenger facilities and levels of accessibility at railway stations, and making them step free to enable all passengers to travel by train, is an objective within the Joint Local Transport Plan. A feasibility study is required to develop an understanding of the scope and cost of works needed to make all stations step free. This would leave WECA well placed to make applications for potential new funding opportunities, such as through the Department for Transport's Access for All programme, as these become available. Funding of £100k is sought through a [Feasibility and Development Funding Application](#) to identify the requirements at all West of England stations. The potential for contributions from Network Rail, Great Western Railway and North Somerset Council is being pursued. This complements work being undertaken on the £1.1m package of smaller scale improvements planned for stations across the region, which are funded by Access for All and the Investment Fund (subject to Full Business Case). These improvements include wayfinding, shelters & seating. The £100k can be accommodated within the 'tail' allocated to the rail programme.

Recommendation to approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for the Access for All – Step Free Stations Feasibility Study and award of £100k.

Schemes in Development

Yate A432 Park & Ride

9. Following the award of £300k in July 2019 to develop the proposal, an Outline Business Case has been submitted by South Gloucestershire Council for the Yate A432 Park & Ride project. This seeks £3.559m to construct a car park with the capacity for up to 195 vehicles including 20 electric vehicle (EV) charge points, a Car Club bay and car share bays. The scheme will also provide cycle parking including 10 secure individual bike lockers and secure cycle storage for up to 30 bicycles. The facility aims to serve a range of users including those interchanging with local bus services, providing extra parking capacity for Yate station, serving nearby business premises and the scheme will also include up to 50 Click & Collect parcel lockers. The funding can be accommodated from the 'tail'. The Scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 4 and the Outline Business case is published on the WECA [website](#)
10. In order to maintain momentum on the project, a planning application has already been submitted by the Council with a view to starting construction in January 2021. On this basis it is recommended the approval of the Full Business Case is delegated to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils should there be urgency.

Recommendation to approve the Outline Business Case for the Yate A432 Park & Ride and delegate approval of the Full Business Case to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.

Schemes in Delivery

Future Transport Zones

11. At the WECA Committee in October 2019 an allocation of up to £3.9m, subject to business case, was approved to provide match funding for a [Future Transport Zones bid](#) to DfT. The bid was successful and £24.37m was awarded by DfT requiring match of £3.65m from the Investment Fund. A report on the FTZ is planned for December which will include finalising the drawdown of the Investment Fund match funding.

Emergency Active Travel Fund

12. As part of the £2 billion package announced to support walking, cycling and public transport, the Government allocated £250m to an Emergency Active Travel Fund focused on measures which could be implemented swiftly and would help ease the pressure on public transport. To enable work on these walking and cycling schemes to progress at pace, at the WECA Committee in June £3m was underwritten by the Investment Fund Opportunities and Challenges allocation to be repaid by the DfT grant when this is received.
13. An initial award of £741k from DfT was confirmed in June reducing the Investment Fund cash flowing to £2.259m. If this is fully committed and in the unlikely event that the expected funding is not received from DfT or subject to conditions that cannot be met, some measures would need to be considered under the wider Investment Fund criteria. Provided that the temporary measures being developed have the potential to become permanent and be extended to become integrated parts of the public realm and transport network, then they would lend themselves to this funding stream.

Housing, High Streets and Green Infrastructure

Scheme in Development

Bristol Temple Meads Eastern Entrance

14. Following approval of the Outline Business Case in June 2019, Network Rail are continuing to progress delivery of the Bristol Temple Meads Eastern Entrance project. GRIP1-3 (option election) are now completed and GRIP 4 (single option development) has commenced. The legal agreement (Implementation Agreement) for GRIP 5-8 (Detailed Design, Construction, Scheme handover, Project Closure) is being drafted. The programme is on target to award a contract to the chosen contractor in December 2020 and works will start in site in February 2021.
15. To meet the programme for this project it is essential for it to be delivered alongside a possession (rail closure) booked for summer 2021. Construction on site must start in February 2021 to utilise this possession. On this basis, in June 2020 the WECA Committee delegated the approval of the Full Business Case to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils to a maximum value of £26.645m (which includes the £2.5m already awarded).
16. Work on the preparation of the Full Business Case has commenced with a view of seeking approval through the granted delegation in early November 2020.

Strategic Green Infrastructure

17. Following the endorsement of the [Joint Green Infrastructure Strategy](#) (JGIS), at the WECA Committee in June £300,000 was allocated to support the development of Full Business

Cases for Strategic Green Infrastructure (GI) projects. The [Feasibility and Development Funding Application Form](#) to release this funding was approved through the delegation to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils in September.

18. The West of England Green Infrastructure Working Group (made up of officers from WECA, the West of England Unitary Authorities, Natural England, the Environment Agency, the West of England Nature Partnership and the Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership), have been working with key partners to develop the overall pipeline of GI programmes/projects within the West of England (JGIS Pipeline), and have initially identified 3 programme areas, upon which the £300,000 will be utilised to develop business cases for projects expected later this year. These are:
 - **WaterSpace/Avon Corridor:** A programme of work to the green spaces and rights of way along the River Avon and Bristol Harbour corridor between Bitton and Avon Gorge. Works include the Summerdale footbridge at Hanham Lock, upgrading paths and improving access links.
 - **AONB Link:** This landscape programme is to deliver on the benefits and options of achieving links between the Cotswolds and Mendip Hills AONBs (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty) for wildlife and people. As the approach is developed it will deliver increased public access, wildlife connectivity, community engagement, sustainable water management and support land-use planning and land management decisions.
 - **Common Connections:** This will deliver a rich GI landscape that protects key natural heritage in the east fringe in South Gloucestershire and provide better quality, better connected and better accessed GI for people and wildlife.
19. Partners are exploring the best way to further develop business cases for these programmes and options for funding both the development and capital costs. The overall aim is to diversify the funding base as much as possible to support the provision of GI of regional significance and value, aligned to that of the JGIS vision and outcomes.
20. The JGIS Pipeline will identify strategic GI programmes of work, however, there are also opportunities within existing programmes to embed GI across wider infrastructure projects. In addition, to the three programmes identified, a number of funded projects within the Investment Fund programme, such as MetroWest and Bath Riverline, will also deliver significant GI benefits. It is planned to provide a more detailed update to the December Committee.

Bristol Temple Quarter Joint Delivery Team

21. To support the development of the Temple Quarter Enterprise Area, including the redevelopment of Temple Meads Station, it is intended to establish a Joint Delivery Team (JDT) bringing together staff and resources from key delivery partners. The creation of this team will be pivotal to the delivery of the planned growth and redevelopment of the Enterprise Zone and to leveraging project funding from Homes England and others. It is planned that the Joint Delivery Team will be cash flowed through the Investment Fund, alongside contributions from the City Council's EDF and other partner contributions, in anticipation of the award of other major funding and the ability to recharge staff to capital projects as these come on stream. The final details of the JDT and the funding mix will be presented to the December Committee.

Schemes in Delivery

Land Acquisition Fund

22. A Land Acquisition Fund (LAF) was approved by the WECA Committee in November 2018 aimed at accelerating and influencing housing development with an added intention of attracting further external funding and investment into the region. Following the award of £8.3m to B&NES for the acquisition of Bath Riverside, a balance of £7.88m remains in the Land Acquisition Fund in the current programme to 22/23.
23. It was previously agreed that B&NES would have first call on these funds this year, and the Council are progressing the acquisition of two separate sites. Options include WECA co-promoting one of these acquisitions and working alongside B&NES to bring forward the site and the delivery of homes, sharing the risk and any uplift in value secured
24. The WECA Committee in February 2019 agreed that where there was urgency, to delegate the approval of the business case and award of funding to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the constituent Council Chief Executives. Should approval be required outside of the Committee cycle this delegation will be utilised and a report be brought back to the next Committee.

Business and Skills

Regional Recovery Taskforce - £5m recovery fund

25. At the WECA Committee in June it was agreed to allocate £5m to support West of England businesses during the 2020 early phase of economic recovery advised by the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Taskforce and, where there is urgency, to delegate the approval of the business case(s) to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils. It was agreed that the Regional Recovery Taskforce would provide the evidence base for the design and delivery of such interventions, and the following overarching criteria have been identified which any investment must be able to meet:

- Directly address a **regional economic issue or opportunity** identified and prioritised by the Taskforce
- Be a genuinely **additional** business and/or skills activity, not covered by existing national, regional and local measures
- Be able to mobilise quickly generating **immediate, tangible and sustainable impact**

A number of proposals are in development to drawdown support from the £5m fund with business cases for each of these to be considered by West of England CEOs. These are:

- **Digital Skills Investment Programme (£2m):** To design and commission a programme of skills support packages including:
 - Basic digital skills and access' – to build capacity to increase access and take-up, and support the most vulnerable groups (aligning with devolved Adult Education Budget).
 - 'Medium to higher level digital skills' – to build on skills interventions in existing projects (such as DETI and iSTART) and assets (such as the Institute of Technology and Institute of Coding) to create a multi-partner approach to delivering short courses, teaching core digital and professional skills to groups of unemployed.

- **Low Carbon Challenge Fund - Phase 2 (£1.895m):** Extension of scheme to include greater grant intervention rates for Green Business Grants (GBG); a new round of the Local Energy Scheme (LES) to support new micro-generation from renewable sources; and expand energy survey service to enable more companies to review their current energy use and identify savings. Further opportunities for complementary skills support will be explored based on outcomes of the regional Green Skills/Retrofit analysis.
- **Small Business Resilience Grant Programme (£1.5m):** Develop an additional fund, focussed on sectors affected by C-19 to support resilience and adaptation, for example, through investment in capital. Match funding requirements to be considered as part of Business Case.

It is proposed that £0.5m of the fund will be 'ringfenced' for cultural and creative businesses to provide working capital support e.g. to procure expert advice, guidance and modest capital investment.

- **Culture & Creative Industry Business Support Programme (£0.5m):** To safeguard employment and the cultural ecology of the region, intervention to support the sector to develop resilience now while Government support through targeted intervention to support management teams to reformulate operating and financial models and business plans.

Programme will need to align with wider support programme delivered via the Growth Hub and complement existing sector-based support like the Creative Scale-up programme.

- **C-19 Community Recovery Fund (£1.5m):** to support partnerships of disadvantaged communities and groups to find innovative solutions to improving access to employment, enterprise and skills provision, building capacity for recovery and resilience (adapted from Employment and Skills Plan).
- **Talent Retention Scheme (£300K):** Develop in the short term a bespoke regional 'business 2 business' talent retention platform to enable individuals who have been made redundant to identify vacancies through job matching/brokerage service. This will be developed as part of the wider ambition for a regional all age access hub for skills for regional vacancies, careers advice and coaching, retraining and upskilling opportunities.
- **High Streets renewal - catalyst fund (£1.5m):** To support the development of a new strategic vision for the role of high streets, town and city centres in a 'post pandemic' world. May include catalyst funding for public realm improvements, business case development and other support, aligned to Love our High Streets and other infrastructure funding. Will also include support for adaptation and innovation in reopening and encouraging new ways of working e.g. by introductions to local supply chains as well as sharing examples of approaches that support the adoption of a greener practices which are C-19 compliant.

Evidence, criteria and need to be worked up by WECA and UA leads.

- **Future skills forecasting and planning (£200K):** To undertake a comprehensive analysis of the WofE Post-16 Education and Skills Estate to determine capacity, relevance and quality (i.e. condition). This will help WECA and its partners deliver the most effective investment of public funds, to benefit West of England residents, communities and employers. Additional feasibility into sectoral opportunities identified by the Taskforce e.g. logistics, green skills/retrofit.

The total value of proposals at **£9.395m** is in excess of the £5m agreed allocation. It is recommended that the WECA Committee allocates a further **£4.395m** to the regional recovery fund from the Business and Skills allocation, with individual project business case

approvals falling within the existing delegation to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils. As part of Business Case development, costs will be scrutinised and tested further to ensure Value for Money, and overcommitment against the original allocation is fully justified.

To allocate a further £4.395m to the regional recovery fund from the Business and Skills allocation, with individual project business case approvals falling within the existing delegation to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.

Business and Skills Allocation

26. A number of 'pipeline' interventions continue to be developed as part of the implementation of the region's Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) and Employment and Skills Plan which could draw on the Business and Skills allocation which stands at some £13.6m to 22/23 (assuming approval of the £4.395m above). These are also being revised/reframed as appropriate to take account of the impact of Covid-19 and to align with the priorities coming out of the Regional Recovery Taskforce. The following provides a summary of the major pipeline schemes, currently being worked up:

iSTART (£10.75m)

A ground-breaking digital skills initiative which will see the creation of an innovation centre on Bath College's City Centre campus with 'learning space' co-located with innovative start-up businesses, small and medium-sized enterprises (via the SETsquared University of Bath Innovation Centre), the Institute of Coding and research & knowledge exchange – spanning the digital and creative economy, robotics, social science and the arts. iSTART will form a core part of the manifestation of the LIS's Global Centre of Innovation Excellence. The Business Case is currently under development.

LIS Cross Sector Innovation Programme: phase 1 (£5m)

Cross-sectoral innovation is one of four priorities of the LIS. In collaboration with a range of stakeholders, WECA is leading the development of an Innovation Framework (aligned with government's R&S roadmap) including a range of interventions to increase productivity through innovation and sector development. The sectors identified in the LIS as the region's strength factors continue to provide competitive advantage where the West of England, for the UK, can lead in key industries, technologies and ideas. While the Covid-19 crisis presents significant challenges for example to the aerospace sector, the region's leadership in cross-sectoral innovation programmes, including low carbon and digital transformation, is coming to the fore in the recovery phase. A Full Business Case is under development and will be presented to WECA committee in early 2021.

LIS Productivity Challenge: phase 2 (£7.5m)

Building on the initial investment agreed at WECA committee in January 2020, a second phase is being developed to further drive forward the ambitions of the LIS and priorities identified by the Regional Recovery Taskforce. Areas of focus will include:

- to build further capacity and specialist support through the West of England Growth Hub to help businesses adapt and thrive
- ensure regional business support provision is accessible and inclusive, working collaboratively with a range of networks, sectors and community 'champions'
- Design and deliver additional support to nurture business start-ups and scale-ups in areas of growth potential

- Build on existing export support provision, to target SMEs not currently engaged in international markets to increase resilience and productivity
- Develop new Business Advisory Board programme aimed at building leadership capacity and diversity in businesses, to drive resilience and recovery

Employment and Skills Plan implementation (£2m) - including Community Grant Scheme and Careers Hub expansion/All age skills 'access hub'

Set out in the region's Employment and Skills Plan, the Community Grant Scheme will be designed to help disadvantaged communities and groups better access employment and skills support, at the same time building capacity for recovery and resilience. The all age access hub for skills is a key ambition of the Regional Recovery Taskforce to help unemployed residents find new jobs, careers support and advice, and training opportunities. This will include a 'one front' door approach to skills development with diagnostic and signposting support. Some aspects of these proposals may be accelerated through the regional recovery fund.

Schemes in Delivery

South Bristol Light Industrial Workspace

27. A Full Business Case has been submitted by Bristol City Council for the South Bristol Workspace project. This comprises the demolition of existing buildings on an industrial site owned by Bristol City Council and located adjacent to Hengrove Park and The Bottle Yard Film Studios, in South Bristol, and the development of up to 2610m² of light industrial workspace. The project seeks £2.7m from the Investment Fund match funded by £1.2m of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The funding can be accommodated within the 'tail' for this project. It is proposed that the operating surplus, estimated to be £1.68m, is repaid to the Investment Fund. The Scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 5 and the Full Business case is published on the WECA [website](#)

Recommendation to approve the Full Business Case for the South Bristol Workspace and the award of £2.7m subject to securing the ERDF funding, obtaining planning consent, resolution of land issues and finalising the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.

Reboot West

28. A Full Business Case has been submitted by Bristol City Council seeking £720k to extend the Reboot West programme to provide long term support of at least 2 years to enable young care leavers to secure sustained employment, education or training. The programme aims to support up to 170 care leavers across the West of England through coaches co-located in the local authorities care teams. The project is seeking match funding of £480k from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The funding can be accommodated within the Business and Skills allocation. The Scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 6 and the Full Business case is published on the WECA [website](#)

Recommendation to approve the Reboot West Full Business Case and award of £720k subject to securing the match funding, finalising the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and provision of a detailed programme.

Changes to Schemes within the Current Programme

29. The WECA Committee agreed to delegate approval of changes within stated tolerances for schemes within the approved Investment Fund programme to the WECA Chief Executive in

consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils. The changes which fall outside of these tolerances and require a Committee decision are set out in Appendix 2.

Recommendation to approve the change requests for schemes within the current programme set out in Appendix 2.

Adult Education Budget (AEB)

30. As reported to the March 2020 WECA Committee, as part of the 2020/21 AEB budget allocation WECA was given £102,600 to fund activity which supports the National Retraining Scheme (NRS). WECA officers have liaised with, and agreed, the usage of this funding with officers from the Department for Education to ensure the funding is utilised for the intended purpose.

Capital Monitor

31. The budget forecast for the WECA and Mayoral capital programme is summarised in Appendix 3.

Recommendation to amend the approved capital programme for individual project approvals agreed at the June Committee and within this report.

Consultation

32. Engagement has taken place with officers in the West of England Combined Authority Constituent Unitary Authorities. Section 151 Officers across the region have been fully engaged as have the Chief Executive Officers in helping to inform the prioritised projects for investment.

Other Options Considered

33. All Business Case and Change Requests are required to set out in detail the full range of options considered and the reason the preferred option has been identified.

Risk Management/Assessment

34. Specific risk assessments will be carried out as part of any feasibility studies for projects in development and business cases are required to set out the way that risks will be managed and a risk register. All projects underway will maintain a specific risk register as part of the project management and monitoring arrangements.
35. Financial risks are managed through the process for considering cost increases set out in the WECA Investment Strategy and the overall Investment Fund and Transforming Cities Fund programme will be regularly reviewed.

Public Sector Equality Duties

36. The public sector equality duty created under the Equality Act 2010 means that public authorities must have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimization and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
37. The Act explains that having due regard for advancing equality involves:
- Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics.
 - Taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people.
 - Encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.
38. The general equality duty therefore requires organisations to consider how they could positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations. It requires equality considerations to be reflected in the design of policies and the delivery of services, including policies, and for these issues to be kept under review.
39. For projects seeking funding through the Investment Fund scheme promoters are required to include as part of their Full Business Case, an equality and diversity assessment and plan. These assessments are published as part of the Business Case on the WECA website.

Finance Implications, including economic impact assessment where appropriate

40. The financial implications for each proposal are set out in the body of the report. The Investment Fund allocations and awards are accommodated within the overall spending limit of £350m available up to March 2023.
41. The WECA statutory finance officer will determine the appropriate use and apportionment of funding between the Transforming Cities Fund and Investment Fund within the overall funding available.
42. Supporting economic growth is central to this funding stream, and promoters are required to include an economic case within the FBC for each scheme which sets out how the project will create jobs and GVA growth as well as delivering wider benefits. In line with agreed processes these FBCs are published on the WECA website at the point of decision making.

Advice given by: Malcolm Coe, Director of Investment and Corporate Resources

Legal Implications

43. There are no additional legal implications arising from this report. Legality will be verified for individual projects through relevant due diligence prior to approving formal allocations.

Advice given by: Shahzia Daya, Monitoring Officer, WECA

Climate Change Implications

44. On 19 July 2019, the West of England Combined Authority declared a climate emergency, recognising the huge significance of climate change and its impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of the region's residents. The Combined Authority is committed to taking climate change considerations fully into account as an integral part of its governance and decision making process.

Each report/proposal submitted for Combined Authority / Joint Committee approval is assessed in terms of the following:

Will the proposal impact positively or negatively on:

- * The emission of climate changing gases?
- * The region's resilience to the effects of climate change?
- * Consumption of non-renewable resources?
- * Pollution to land, water or air?

Particular projects will also be subject to more detailed environmental assessment/ consideration as necessary as part of their detailed project-specific management arrangements.

45. Each business case coming forward for decision on inclusion in the Investment Fund programme includes consideration of environmental sustainability which sets out how sustainability is being considered in the development of the project as well as during its operational stage.

Land /Property Implications

46. All land and property implications are set out within the specific business cases and dealt with by scheme promoters.

Advice given by: Malcolm Coe, Director of Investment and Corporate Resources

Human Resources Implications

47. There are no direct human resource implications arising from this report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Investment Fund Programme
- Appendix 2: Change Requests for Schemes within the Current Programme
- Appendix 3: Capital budget Forecast for 2020/21
- Appendix 4: Yate A432 Park and Ride Assessment Summary Table
- Appendix 5: South Bristol Workspace Assessment Summary Table
- Appendix 6: Reboot West Assessment Summary Table

West of England Combined Authority Contact:

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Appendix 1**Transport Infrastructure Projects – Awards and Allocations (£000s)**

	Jun 2020	Oct 2020
Feasibility Studies		
Southern Orbital	155	155
Mass Transit Options	276	276
East of Bath Strategic Link	50	50
A420 to Bath Highway Improvements	200	200
Bristol Temple Meads Masterplan	2,000	2,000
Greater Bristol Area Rail Feasibility Study	100	100
Winterbourne/Frampton Cotterell Bypass and Coalpit Heath/Westerleigh Bypass Study	413	413
Regional Operations Capability – Phase 1	75	75
Strategic Rail Investment	250	250
Improving Access to Bath from the East	200	200
Access for All – Step Free Access Study	-	100
Business Case Development		
WECA Housing Growth Mitigation Outline Business Cases	1,600	1,600
Hicks Gate Roundabout	460	460
MetroWest Phase 2	9,252#	7,415#
Charfield Station	1,200	1,200
Yate A432 Park and Ride	300	300
Strategic Park & Ride	500	500
MetroWest Phase 1	5,860	5,860
Mass Transit	1,500	1,500
Integrated Smart Ticketing	300	300
Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure	1,100	1,100
Future Transport Zone	3,900	3,655
Metrobus Consolidation	300	300
Manvers Street Regeneration	250	250
Bus Strategy Infrastructure Programme	1,700	1,700
West of England Station Enhancements Project	552	552
Schemes in Delivery		
Real Time Information System Upgrade	559	559
Cribbs Patchway Cycle Links	3,325	3,325
Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension	22,151	22,151
Integrated Transport Authority Functions	1,000	1,000
Short term Bus Enhancements – 2018/19 only	1,200	1,200
On-Bus Contactless Bank Card Payment	416	416

Great Stoke Roundabout Improvements	2,909	2,909
Wraxall Road Roundabout Improvements	6,887	6,887
Emergency Active Travel Fund	3,000	2,259
Total of all Awards and Allocations:	73,940	71,442
Associated 'Tail' for Approved Schemes in Development	68,877	50,233
Headroom	-	20,400
Total	142,817	142,075

Schemes where awards and allocations run into 23/24 not shown on this table

**Housing, High Streets and Green Infrastructure Projects – Awards and Allocations
(£000s)**

	Jun 20	Oct 20
Feasibility Studies		
B&NES Pilot High Streets Programme	280	280
Bedminster High Street Improvement	275	275
Kingswood High Street Improvements	268	268
Modern Methods of Construction Pilots/Trials	150	150
Strategic Planning Shared Evidence Base	2,250	2,250
Business Case Development		
HIF OBC – Bristol Temple Meads to Keynsham	2,700	2,700
Bristol Temple Meads Eastern Entrance	2,500	2,500
Hengrove - Housing Enabling Infrastructure	800	800
Masterplanning: Yate Urban Living Opportunity Area	500	500
Masterplanning: business case development	275	275
Masterplanning: North Fringe of Bristol	500	500
Masterplanning: South West Bristol	500	500
Masterplanning: Brislington and North Keynsham	250	250
Green Infrastructure	300	300
Schemes in Delivery		
Bath Riverside	8,297	8,297
Lockleaze Sustainable Transport Improvements	3,915	3,915
Whitfield Tabernacle Stabilisation Works	682	682
Keynsham Town Centre Improvement	425	425
Allocations		
Love Our High Streets	8,070	8,070
Land Acquisition Fund	7,883	7,883
Bristol to Bath A4 Strategic Corridor	21,800	10,000
Total of all Awards and Allocations:	62,620	50,820
Associated 'Tail' for Approved Schemes in Development	26,000	26,000
Headroom	-	11,800
Total	88,620	88,620

Business and Skills Projects – Awards and Allocations (£000s)

	Jun 20	Oct 20
Feasibility Studies		
Talent Institutes	100	100
Visitor Economy/Regional Tourism	100	100
Cultural Strategy	50	50
CEIAG Research and Improvement Project	50	50
Building Employment and Enterprise Skills	20	20
Local CEIAG Action Research Activities	20	20
Apprenticeship Levy Maximisation	100	100
Business Case Development		
Hospitality & Catering Education Centre	195	195
Digital & Creative Innovation Centre	401	212
STEAM Centre SGS WISE	590	590
Somer Valley Enterprise Zone and Infrastructure	1,026	1,026
Bath Riverline	150	150
Quantum Technologies Innovation Centre+	33,974 [#]	33,974 [#]
Energy Strategy Action Planning / Climate Change Planning	250	250
I-START	350	350
Driving the Covid-19 Economic Recovery	5,000	9,395
Schemes in Delivery		
Realising Talent	500	500
South West Institute of Future Technology	500	500
Research & Innovation Challenge Fund	226 [#]	226 [#]
Workforce for the Future	3,600 [#]	3,600 [#]
WE Work for Everyone	1,300	1,300
Future Bright Plus	2,700 [#]	2,700 [#]
South Bristol Enterprise Support	483	483
Centre for Digital Engineering Technology & Innovation	5,000	5,000
LIS Productivity Challenge Delivery Programme	2,737	2,737
Careers Hub and Enterprise Adviser Network	174	174
South Bristol Workspace	-	2,064 [#]
Reboot West	-	451 [#]
Allocations		
Business and Skills allocation to be programmed up to 2023	17,784	13,575

Total of all Awards and Allocations:	77,192	79,891
Associated Tail for Schemes in Development	21,554	18,854
Total	98,746	98,746

Schemes where awards and allocations run into 23/24 not shown on this table

Appendix 2

Change Requests for Schemes within the Current Programme

- **Bristol to Bath Strategic Corridor**
Milestones: 3 month delay for the commissioning of Option Assessment Reports (to Jan 21)
Cost: further drawdown of £320k from the allocation for this programme to progress Metrobus Phase 3 – Keynsham to Bath, the Strategic Outline Business Case for the Corridor, other transport elements for the corridor and the land strategy. [Revised profile £1.271m to 19/29, £1.429m 20/21 and £320k 21/22, total £3.02m]
- **South Bristol Enterprise Support**
Milestones: The change of effective project start date from Jan 2020 to April 2020 has shifted all stated delivery cost and milestones by one Quarter period.
Cost: Reprofile £47k from 21/22 to 20/21 and 22/23. [Revised profile £132k 20/21, £171k 21/22 and £186k 22/23 total £489k]
- **A420 to Bath Highway Improvements**
Milestones: Delay to Option Assessment Report (4 months), Outline Business Case (10 months) and Full Business Case (7 months) to April 2022 partly as a result of Covid-19 effects on resourcing and partly in relation to requirement for early public testing/consultation on options.
Cost: Reprofile £5k from 19/20 to 20/21 [Revised profile £10k 17/18, £76k 18/19, £18k 19/20 and £96k 20/21, total £200k]
- **Realising Talent** – due to Covid-19 the programme is to be delivered over 4 years instead of original 3 years.
- **Hicks Gate Roundabout**
Milestones: Given the recent decision to develop the wider A4 corridor, it is appropriate to pause the Hicks Gate junction/Metrobus work and codevelop the schemes for this area to bring them forward in a corridor approach. Project to be reprogrammed.
Cost: Reprofile of £43k from 19/20 to 20/21 [Revised profile £1.237m 17/18, £57k 18/19, £246k 19/20 and £156k 20/21 total £1.696km]
- **High Streets B&NES Pilot** - Programming back of all pilot and feasibility studies by up to 10 months to allow consideration of the impact of Covid-19 pandemic with completion now March 2021.
- **MetroWest Phase 2** - Reprofile of £2.662m IF [Revised IF profile £1.248m in 20/21, £6.02m in 21/22, £2.128m in 23/24 and £1.52m in 24/25].
- **Keynsham High Street** – Investment Fund profile confirmed as full £425k in 21/22.

Appendix 3

WECA and Mayoral Capital Programme

	20/21	21/22	22/23+
	Profile £'000	Profile £'000	Profile £'000
WECA Capital			
Scheme Prioritisation (Monitoring and Evaluation Framework)			
Transport Scheme Business Case Development (WECA Oct 17) *	6,351	2,571	3,810
Real Time Information (WECA Oct 2018)			
Housing Land Acquisition Fund (Bath Riverside)			
Metrowest phase 1			5,860
Cribbs Patchway Metrobus Extension	7,213		
CPNN Cycle Links (post FBC/ Delivery)	2,631		
On Bus Contactless Payment	97		
Great Stoke Roundabout Improvements	1,956	58	30
Wraxall Road	1,131	4,038	30
Quantum Technologies Innovation Centre+ (£33.97m, profile tbc)			
Centre for Digital Engineering Technology & Innovation (£4.65m revenue, £0.35m capital, profile tbc)			
Whitfield Tabernacle Kingswood (Love Our High Streets), £682k profile tbc			
Keynsham Town Centre (£425k, profile tbc)			
	19,379	6,667	9,730
WECA Capital – other			
5G Smart Tourism			
IT and Building Alterations			
	0	0	0
Mayoral Capital			
Highways and Transport Grants	17,572	17,572	17,572
Pothole Action Fund Grant	8,519		
	26,091	17,572	17,572
Grand Total	45,470	24,239	27,302

Appendix 4 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/ Conditions	
Project Name	Yate A432 Park & Ride	Strategic Case	<p>The Park & Ride will be located on a parcel of land north of the A432 corridor on the western edge of Yate. It is situated within walking distance of a large number of local employers on Beeches Industrial Estate, the Frome Valley Walkway and within an 8-minute walk of Yate Station.</p> <p>Yate has been identified as a key growth area for the region. This presents a range of opportunities, but also challenges in relation to growing demand for travel to, from and within the town. Plans for growth in Yate are outlined in a number of local and regional planning documents.</p> <p>The scheme aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate new housing and employment development sites within and around Yate. • Provide varied, convenient and attractive journey options within Yate and the A432 corridor to enable mode shift from private vehicles. • Reduce traffic flows along the A432 corridor. • Improve public health, air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increases in active modes. 	Funding Source(s)	Investment Fund
Scheme Promoter	South Gloucestershire Council	State Aid	The scheme will provide open access infrastructure.	Approval Requested	Outline Business Case

Date of Submission	31/7/20	Economic Case and Value for Money	A transport economic appraisal has been undertaken and the scheme presents a BCR of 2.3:1. The value for money statement is shown below.	Grant Award	-
Funding Requested	Subject to Full Business Case		It is considered that further refinement of the appraisal will be required for the Full Business Case, but at this time it can reasonably be expected that the scheme will present a BCR of at least 2 at this time. A letter has been provided by SGC's s151 officer confirming approval of the business case and the value for money statement.		
Total Scheme Cost	£3.559m ()	Risk	A QRA has been undertaken and a risk budget of £1.077m (30%) is included in the costs. The scheme is yet to secure planning consent, but a planning application has been submitted.	Grant Recipient	SGC
Match Funding %	0%	Delivery	The site of the Park & Ride is on land owned by SGC and works outside of this land are located within the highway. Therefore, no land acquisition is required. It is planned to start construction in January 2021 for completion by June 2021. It will be important to manage the usage of the site to ensure it is used as intended and the identified modal benefits are achieved.	Payment Basis	Quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure

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<i>Scheme Description</i>	<i>Recommendation to WECA Committee</i>	Approval of the Outline Business Case
<p>The proposed scheme involves the creation of a new Park & Ride on the A432 within Yate. As a multi-modal interchange facility, the Park & Ride will offer residents the opportunity to interchange with a range of different sustainable transport modes.</p> <p>In the short term the project will provide an initial Park & Ride service using the existing background bus network as well as overflow parking for Yate Station which is due to benefit from increased rail services as part of the MetroWest project. The facility will also provide opportunities for Park & Cycle for short trips in Yate, including opportunities to hire folding bicycles for use as part of longer trips by train. A range of complementary uses, including electric vehicle charging, Park & Share and Click & Collect aim to further add to the appeal of the scheme.</p>	<i>Conditions of Approval</i>	None

Record of Approval

<i>WECA S73 Officer</i>		<i>WECA Committee</i>	
<i>Name</i>	Malcolm Coe	<i>Date of Meeting</i>	9 October 2020
<i>Date</i>	25 September 2020	<i>Decision</i>	
<i>Signature</i>			

Value for Money Statement

Scheme Capex (including QRA) (2020 prices and values)	£3,559,481																								
Present (gross) value of costs (2010 prices and values)	£2,907,679																								
Quantified Benefits (2010 prices and values)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Park and Ride decongestion impact</td> <td>£1,610,099</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Park & Rail decongestion impact</td> <td>£595,101</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Park and Ride and Park and Rail vehicle operating cost reductions</td> <td>Not yet assessed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Park and Rail active mode impacts</td> <td>£235,656</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Park & Share decongestion benefits</td> <td>£549,906</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Park and Share vehicle operating cost reduction</td> <td>£217,636</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Park and Stride active mode impacts</td> <td>£880,710</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Click and collect decongestion benefits</td> <td>£209,027</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Click and collect vehicle operating cost reduction</td> <td>£593,728</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Active mode impacts for local commuters / non car park users</td> <td>£1,431,136</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bus facility impacts</td> <td>Not yet assessed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total PVB</td> <td>£6,322,999</td> </tr> </table>	Park and Ride decongestion impact	£1,610,099	Park & Rail decongestion impact	£595,101	Park and Ride and Park and Rail vehicle operating cost reductions	Not yet assessed	Park and Rail active mode impacts	£235,656	Park & Share decongestion benefits	£549,906	Park and Share vehicle operating cost reduction	£217,636	Park and Stride active mode impacts	£880,710	Click and collect decongestion benefits	£209,027	Click and collect vehicle operating cost reduction	£593,728	Active mode impacts for local commuters / non car park users	£1,431,136	Bus facility impacts	Not yet assessed	Total PVB	£6,322,999
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Benefit Cost Ratio (without operation surplus)	2.2																								
Present (net) value of costs (2010 prices and values) (net of operating surplus)	£2,718,898																								
Quantified Benefits (2010 prices and values) (net of operating surplus)	£6,134,218																								
Benefit Cost Ratio (with operating surplus)	2.3																								
Wider Benefits (quantitative)	<p><i>Wider economic benefits</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct and Indirect GVA of £1,164,634 (in 2010 prices and values) • Direct construction jobs: 25 • Indirect construction jobs: 25 																								

Appendix 5 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/ Conditions	
Project Name	South Bristol Workspace	Strategic Case	<p>The strategic case strongly aligns with the South Bristol Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) strategy and there are links with the LIS.</p> <p>The workspace is primarily aimed at the needs of start-up, early stage and growing micro and small businesses, where the entrepreneurs and businesses are already based in South Bristol and ready to 'grow on'.</p> <p>The building will achieve a BREEAM sustainability assessment rating of 'Very Good'.</p> <p>It is forecast that repayment of operating surplus to the Investment Fund will commence in the second year of operation and will total £1.68m over 14 years.</p> <p>Local start up and early stage businesses will be signposted to investigate take up of the workspace by the recently approved South Bristol Enterprise Support project.</p>	Funding Source(s)	Investment Fund
Scheme Promoter	Bristol City Council	State Aid	<p>It is presented that the project does not represent State Aid owing to it only having local impact. WECA accepts this, noting that the risk of challenge sits with the City Council, and that a similar rationale is to be presented for the ERDF application.</p>	Approval Requested	Full Business Case
Date of Submission	31/7/20	Economic Case and	<p>A five year appraisal has been undertaken which presents the net direct and indirect job impact (92 jobs) and converts this to a GVA equivalent based on an average GVA per job of £50k. This yields net GVA of £16.3m which is compared</p>	Grant Award	£2.7m

Funding Requested	£2.7m (profiled £131k 20/21, £266k 21/22, £1.667m 22/23 and £636k 23/24)	Value for Money	to the capital and net operating cost over the same five year period to provide benefits of £4.10 per £1 of cost. It is expected that 50% of the direct/indirect jobs or apprenticeships will come from the South Bristol SUD target areas by Dec 2023 and an increasing share (70%) by 2028 onwards. A letter has been provided by BCC's s151 officer confirming approval of the business case and that the project represents value for money.		
Total Scheme Cost	£3.9m (Fees £363k; Works £2.637m; Utilities, fit out and inflation £439k; Risk £462k)	Risk	Match funding of £1.2m is being sought through the European Regional Development Fund (EDRF) for which the outcome is expected in November. A risk budget of £462k (12% of overall cost) is included. A risk register has been provided which identifies 14 key risks. It would be expected this would be developed to embrace the specifics related to the implementation of the project as it progresses.	Grant Recipient	Bristol City Council
Match Funding %	31%	Delivery	The existing 601 Whitchurch Lane warehouse buildings are currently let by The Bottle Yard Film Studios on short term leases of 6 -12 months with vacant possession of the site in June 2021. The project requires planning consent for which a decision is expected in November 2020. All land required for the project is already within BCC ownership but there are several restrictions to be resolved.	Payment Basis	Quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure

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Scheme Description	Recommendation to WECA Committee	Conditional approval of the Full Business Case
<p>The project comprises the demolition of existing buildings on an industrial site owned by Bristol City Council and located adjacent to Hengrove Park and The Bottle Yard Film Studios, in South Bristol, and the development of up to 2610m² of light industrial workspace.</p> <p>It is proposed that 14 light industrial business units will be developed on the site developed to a shell-and-core specification with the tenant undertaking the fit-out, to provide maximum flexibility for different uses.</p>	Conditions of Approval	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Securing the ERDF funding 2) Obtaining planning consent 3) Resolution of land issues 4) Finalising the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

Record of Approval

WECA S73 Officer		WECA Committee	
Name	Malcolm Coe	Date of Meeting	9 October 2020
Date	25 September 2020	Decision	
Signature			

Appendix 6 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/ Conditions	
Project Name	Reboot West	Strategic Case	<p>There are 826 care leavers in the West of England area aged 21 and under of which 37% are NEET - Not on Education, Employment or Training (2019 National Care Leaver data).</p> <p>The WECA Employment and Skills plan identifies NEET levels in parts of the area and for Children in Care/Care Leavers as a weakness that needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Care leavers often report feeling isolated, excluded and poorly prepared for a life of work. Many are in need of intensive support to develop the resilience and confidence required to be able to access and sustain education, employment and training.</p> <p>The proposal will build on the current phase which is supporting 242 carer leavers across the West of England and extend this to another 170 young people.</p>	Funding Source(s)	Investment Fund
Scheme Promoter	Bristol City Council	State Aid	The project is non-economic activity.	Approval Requested	Full Business Case

Date of Submission	6/8/20	Economic Case and Value for Money	<p>The Audit Commission (2010) identified a potential £56k lifetime saving in public finance cost through removal from NEET.</p> <p>In addition, the National Audit Office (Care leavers' transitions to adulthood, 2015) estimated the lifetime cost of the current annual cohort of 19-year-old care leavers being NEET would be around £240 million.</p>	Grant Award	£740k
Funding Requested	£740k (profiled £121k 21/22, £330k 22/23, £233k 23/24 and £36k 24/25)		<p>The project aims to support 87 care leavers into employment. It is assumed that 10% would have moved into employment without the intervention and that employment persists for two thirds of those securing employment. Multiplying this net figure (52) by the £56k saving gives £2.92m of benefit which when compared to the £1.2m cost give a ratio of 2.4:1. It should be noted that the £56k is at 2010 prices so the actual benefits would be higher at current values.</p> <p>A letter has been provided by BCC's s151 officer confirming approval of the business case and that the project represents value for money.</p>		
Total Scheme Cost	£1.2m (Delivery partner staff £959k; SPV costs £85k; Return to investors £68k; Other £88k)	Risk	<p>Match funding of £480k is being sought from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).</p> <p>There is no specific budget for risk.</p> <p>A risk register has been provided which identifies the key risks.</p>	Grant Recipient	Bristol City Council
Match Funding %	40%	Delivery	<p>The project will start in January 2021 and complete in September 2024 and will provide care leavers with at least two years support.</p> <p>The Reboot West programme is a partnership between the four local authorities, 1625 Independent People and social investor Bridges Fund Management</p>	Payment Basis	Quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure

<i>Scheme Description</i>	<i>Recommendation to WECA Committee</i>	Conditional approval of the Full Business Case
The project will extend the current Reboot West programme to provide long term support of at least 2 years to enable young care leavers to secure sustained employment, education or training. The programme aims to support up to 170 care leavers across the West of England through coaches co-located in the local authorities care teams.	<i>Conditions of Approval</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Securing the match funding 2) Finalising the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan 3) Provision of a detailed programme

Record of Approval

<i>WECA S73 Officer</i>		<i>WECA Committee</i>	
<i>Name</i>	Malcolm Coe	<i>Date of Meeting</i>	9 October 2020
<i>Date</i>	25 September 2020	<i>Decision</i>	
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