

WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 4 APRIL 2022

**OVERVIEW REPORT - 8 APRIL WEST OF ENGLAND CA COMMITTEE AND
WEST OF ENGLAND JOINT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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Purpose

a. To update the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the reports due to be considered at the 8th April 2022 meetings of the West of England CA Committee and the West of England Joint Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the committee identify any comments they wish to submit to the West of England CA Committee and to the West of England Joint Committee on 8th April 2022.

8th April reports – overview:

West of England CA Committee:

1. Latest Combined Authority & Mayoral budget outturn report

Purpose of item: To note the latest revenue budget outturn report for 2021/22.

2. Investment Fund report.

Purpose of item: To consider headroom & tails, allocations principles and priorities. Business cases, funding asks, delegations on individual schemes.

3. Investment Fund report – change requests

Purpose of item: To seek approval for change requests for schemes within the current approved programme.

4. Delivery assurance and management of capital projects

Purpose of item: Approve proposed arrangements to identify, report and mitigate project slippage.

5. Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan

Purpose of item: To approve a new Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action Plan.

6. Green Recovery Fund

Purpose of item: To consider overall principles for the fund and approve selected business cases and delegations.

7. Regional Recovery & Adaptions Fund

Purpose of item: To approve an additional allocation of £5m.

8. Business Case – “The Courts”

Purpose of item: To Seek approval of the Full Business Case for £757K of funding for ‘The Courts’ led by Creative Youth Network

9. Business Case – “West of England Careers Hub”

Purpose of item: To Seek approval of the Full Business Case for £750K for the continuation of the service (Subject to satisfactory evaluation)

10. Bus services – Transport Levy

Purpose of item: To Approve changes to the transport levy to enable the combined authority to protect key services following the withdrawal of government funding.

11. (To be confirmed) Draft Spatial Development Strategy – approval ahead of public consultation

Purpose of item: To approve the content of the draft Spatial Development Strategy ahead of formal public consultation that will take place in 2022.

NOTE: Draft Spatial Development Strategy will not be considered by West of England Combined Authority Committee on 8th April 2022. The meeting date when this item will be on the West of England Combined Authority Committee agenda will be published in the future Forward Plan.

12. CRSTS

Purpose of item: To approve the memorandum of understanding with the unitary authorities, FBC for Portway Park & Ride and metrobus consolidation.

13. (To be confirmed) Future arrangements for Local Enterprise Partnership

Purpose of item: To consider the Levelling Up White Paper

West of England Joint Committee

1. Latest Local Enterprise Partnership revenue budget outturn report

Purpose of item: To note the latest revenue budget outturn report for 2021/22.
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2. Joint Committee Governance Review

Purpose of the item: UAs Monitoring Officers Joint Committee governance report.

The above agendas are due to be published on 31st March. Agenda packs will be sent to the Overview and Scrutiny committee members.

At their 4th April meeting, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and formulate any specific comments to submit to the 8th April meetings (a standard slot is included on each committee agenda to enable the Chair to present any comments on behalf of scrutiny members).

Appendices: None.

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