

Decisions of West of England Committee on 23 September 2022

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
10.	Investment Fund Programme	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To approve the Full Business Case for the Hengrove Park Enabling Infrastructure project and the award of £19.83m for the period to 24/25. (2) To approve the Strategic Outline Business Case for the Milsom Quarter project and the award of £2.475m for the period to 24/25. (3) To approve the Outline Business Case for the Albion Dock project and the allocation of up to £5m within the programme, subject to Full Business Case submission by March 2024, value for money and evidential certainty on growth in visitor numbers, and the scheme being fully funded. (4) To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for Western Harbour Feasibility and the award of £279k to produce a Strategic Outline Business Case by November 2022. (5) To approve the Feasibility and Development Funding Application for the Bristol Harbour Place Shaping Strategy and the award of £283k to produce the Strategy by summer 2023 (6) Amend the approved capital programme for individual project approvals agreed at the July Committee and within this report. <p>[Arena Package to come back in October 2022]</p>
11.	Investment Fund Delivery Assurance	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To approve the change requests for schemes within the current programme as set out in Appendix 1. (2) To approve the change requests for schemes within the current programme as set out in Appendix 2, subject to review and endorsement by the Programme Review Board.

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		<p>(3) To delegate the approval of the updated Full Business Case for QTIC+ and formalising a set of staged payments linked to delivery of the project to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.</p>
12.	Infrastructure Directorate Transport Update	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Further to committee approval in July 2022- Delegation to approve the award of contract for the Strategic Programme Delivery Partner to the Director of Infrastructure of the Combined Authority in consultation with the other Directors of Infrastructure within the constituent Councils, to be awarded in November 2022; (2) Further to the committee report in July 2022 –to streamline the change control process for the infrastructure programme of works, to Go-Live is October 2022 (3) to reallocate the awards of Transforming Cities Funding of £0.186m (3 x £0.062m) from B&NES to the Combined Authority to develop further: Sliver Street (B3355) – Fosseyway (A367) as part of the Somer Valley sustainable transport corridor with FBC forecasted for Jan 2024, Bath Road Keynsham as part of the Bristol to Bath Strategic Corridor with FBC forecasted for March 2024 and Weston to City Centre cycle route as part of Bath Sustainable Walking & Cycling Links (BSWCL) with FBC forecasted for March 2023; (4) to approve Transforming Cities Funding and CRSTS funding for the Bedminster Green Full Business Case (as part of the A38(s) Bristol to Hengrove Metrobus Extension). The funding allocations are £4.07m TCF and £6.319m CRSTS. (5) to delegate the approval of Transforming Cities Funding and CRSTS funding, for the Bristol Bridge Signals Junction and Car Park VMS Project (previously Bristol City Centre Junctions - part of the A37/A4018 Stockwood to Cribbs Causeways Sustainable Transport Corridor) for the Full Business Case due October 2022. Approval to be delegated to the Director of Infrastructure of the Combined Authority in consultation with the other Directors of Infrastructure within the constituent Councils. The funding allocations are £0.645m TCF and £1.748m CRSTS funding. (6) to delegate the approval of the Full Business Case for the Bus Stop Upgrades project and the award of up to £5m from the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) to the Director of Infrastructure of the Combined Authority in consultation with the other Directors of Infrastructure within the constituent Councils. As this is funded by TCF, delivery must be completed by March 23. Committee agrees the aim to maximise the number of bus

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		<p>stops that can be upgraded during this period. Members are urged to ensure planning and highways regulations are streamlined to ensure the number of bus stop upgrades are maximised during the period while TCF funding is available.</p>
13.	Green Recovery Fund Update	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Approve the funding recommendations for round 1 of the Green Recovery Fund as set out in section 2 (2) Approve the £4.995m investment in Regional Low Carbon Delivery Scheme – to be fully funded through the £50m Green Recovery Fund (3) Approve the feasibility & development form to spend £330k local nature recovery strategy from GRF allocations (pending government funds) as set out in section 6 (4) Delegate approval to the West of England Combined Authority Head of Environment in consultation with the Directors of Infrastructure for approval of grant funds for community pollinator fund, as set out in section 7 (5) Delegate the approval of remaining Green Recovery Fund to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chief Executives of the Unitary Authorities
14.	Climate & Ecological Strategy and Action Plan Update	<p>The Committee noted the progress report as per the agreement set out in the original motion declaring a climate emergency.</p>
15.	West of England Combined Authority and Mayoral Forecast 2022/23	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To review and comment on the Mayoral Fund forecasted revenue as detailed in Appendix 1; (2) Review and comment on the Combined Authority forecasted revenue as detailed in Appendix 2;
16.	Headline Assessment on Inflationary Pressures and Mitigations	<p>The Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That it be agreed that the inflationary impact on the Investment Fund reduces the headroom available by £11.6m as shown in figure 7 in section 5.4; (2) To request officers' minimise the impact of inflation by funding within approved budgets

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		and ensuring key outputs are delivered on time with regular coordination meetings with regional Finance and Infrastructure Directors.
17.	Combined Authority Internal Approvals	Paper withdrawn. To come forward to a future meeting.