

**REPORT TO: WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: 2nd October 2023

**REPORT TITLE: REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY WEST
OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY COMMITTEE**

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Purpose

1. To update the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the reports due to be considered at the 6 October 2023 meetings of the West of England Combined Authority Committee and the West of England Joint Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the committee identify any comments they wish to submit to the West of England Combined Authority Committee and to the West of England Joint Committee on 6 October 2023.

6 October 2023 reports – overview:

West of England Combined Authority Committee:

Reports on the following matters are due to be considered at the 6 October 2023 meeting of the West of England Combined Authority Committee:

1. Investment Fund Programme

Purpose: To report on the overall programme and headroom including the extension of the current Investment Fund period to 27/28 and to consider Business Cases and funding applications (where not contained in specific papers)

2. Delivery Assurance

Purpose: To consider recommendations from the Programme Review Board regarding project delivery including changes to schemes within the investment programme against the agreed delivery assurance principles

3. Climate and Ecological Strategy and Action Plan Update

Purpose: To provide a 6-monthly progress update on actions for this year contained within the Climate and Ecological Strategy and Action Plan (CESAP)

4. Adult Education and Skills

Purpose: To request delegation of decision-making powers for the Adult Education Budget (AEB) /Adult Skills Fund (ASF), Multiply programme and Skills Bootcamps programmes for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025

5. Transport Infrastructure Projects

Purpose: To provide an update to West of England Combined Authority Committee on key transport schemes and to secure approval from Committee on key decisions and associated funding (where applicable) related to projects within the West of England Combined Authority's Transport Infrastructure programme

6. BSIP Prioritising

Purpose: KPMG Prioritisation framework to assess BSIP initiatives including a quantitative assessment based on DfT value for money methodology, and a supporting qualitative assessment to provide a recommended prioritisation of initiatives when redistributing any funding identified

7. Transformation Programme update

Purpose: As resolved at June Committee, consider and comment on progress of transformation programme workstreams responding to GT and SOLACE reviews, including progress towards a refreshed regional strategy

8. Senior/Statutory Appointments

Purpose: To formally ratify the Combined Authority's Interim Statutory Section 73 Officer

9. West of England Combined Authority and Mayoral Budget Forecast 2023/24 Report

Purpose: This report presents the revenue and capital budget financial forecast information for the West of England Combined Authority and the Mayoral budget for the financial year 2023/24 based on data from the period April to July

10. West of England Combined Authority Audit Committee Annual Report

Purpose: Annual Report 2022/23 brings together in one document a summary of the work undertaken by the Audit Committee. The production of the report complies with current best practice for audit committee

West of England Joint Committee

Reports on the following matters are due to be considered at the 6 October 2023 meeting of the Joint West of England Combined Authority Committee:

1. Invest Bristol & Bath Review

Purpose: To present the outcome of the mid-term review of the West of England Inward Investment Service 'Invest Bristol and Bath', setting out the findings and the consultants recommendations and the planned next steps

2. LEP and IBB Forecast and Change Requests (JC)

Purpose: This report represents the forecasted revenue and capital to the West of England Joint Committee for the financial year 2023/24 based on data from the period April to July 2023. The report covers the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Invest Bristol and Bath (IBB) revenue budgets. Change request approvals are also included as part of this reporting process.

Appendices: None.

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