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Minutes of the West of England Joint Committee Annual General Meeting, Friday, 16 June 2023

Members:

Cllr Claire Young, South Gloucestershire Council

<p>1</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>The Membership of the Joint Committee for 2023/24 was confirmed as follows:</p> <p>South Gloucestershire Council: Cllr Claire Young Bristol City Council: Mayor Marvin Rees Bath & North East Somerset Council: Cllr Kevin Guy North Somerset Council: Cllr Mike Bell</p> <p>The following apologies had been received: Cllr Mike Bell (North Somerset Council). Cllr Mark Canniford attended as substitute.</p> <p>Cllr Kevin Guy (Bath & North East Somerset Council). Cllr Sarah Warren attended as substitute.</p> <p>Mayor Marvin Rees (Bristol City Council). Cllr Kye Dudd attended as substitute.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011</p> <p>No declarations of interest were declared under the Localism Act 2011.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>ANNUAL BUSINESS REPORT</p> <p>The meeting opened with the Monitoring Officer in the Chair who presided over the election of the Chair.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Bell was elected as the Chair of the Joint Committee for Municipal year 2023/24. Cllr Claire Young was elected as Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee for Municipal Year 2023/24.</p> <p>[Councillor Claire Young was in the Chair for the remainder of the meeting].</p> <p>Cllr Young welcomed new members to the meeting and those present introduced themselves.</p> <p>The Committee was requested to agree the recommendations set out in the annual business report including constitute the Joint Committee for the forthcoming Municipal Year 2023-24.</p> <p>The Joint Committee had been established to deal with any relevant functions that fell outside those set out in the West of England Combined Authority Order 2017; in particular the West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Plan, the receipt of any relevant recommendations from the Local Enterprise Partnership Business Board and any other relevant legacy matters that involve the West of England Combined Authority area and the area of North Somerset Council. The membership is the Constituent Councils of the West of England and North Somerset Council.</p> <p>[Voting Arrangements: Decisions on the appointment of Chair and Vice-chair are by simple majority of members present and voting].</p> <p>The recommendations were moved by Cllr Claire Young and seconded by Cllr Sarah</p>

	<p>Warren and unanimously</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Chair of the Joint Committee for municipal year 2023/24 be Cllr Mike Bell; 2. That the Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee for municipal year 2023/24 be Cllr Claire Young; 3. That the Joint Committee's membership as shown on the agenda sheet be noted; 4. That the Joint Committee's terms of reference as set out in the constitution at page A7 ConstitutionAmendedApr2023.pdf (modern.gov.co.uk) be endorsed.
4	<p>CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>There were no announcements from the Chair.</p>
5	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>
6	<p>ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC (QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS)</p> <p>Three questions had been submitted for this meeting from two individuals. Responses to these questions had been circulated and published on the Authority's website.</p> <p>In addition, six statements had been received. These statements had been circulated and published on the Authority's website. The following individuals addressed the meeting for up to three minutes each on the topic of their statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Redgewell • Robbie Bentley (on behalf of Brendan Taylor) • Robbie Bentley • Dave Redgewell (on behalf of Jevon Smith) •
7	<p>COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>The Chair of the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP), Richard Bonner, was invited to comment on the items for consideration. His comments are set out below:</p>

EP & IBB Outturn 2022/23

- In a similar vein to the main Combined Authority outturn - It is vital that we continue to recognise that the West of England Combined Authority is changing and growing into an organisation set up to deliver the significant programme of work ahead that will provide vital benefits for the economy, and ultimately the West of England residents and businesses.
- It is central to note that the LEP Capacity Core Grant was reduced during the Financial Year to £375k from £500k and a further reduction has been announced for 2023/24 at £250k.
- The LEP Board continues to be supportive and is keen to increase its engagement to provide a positive impact to the Combined Authority’s reputation with government, business, and residents.

8 LEP & IBB OUTTURN 2022/23

The Chair introduced a report which set out the revenue and capital outturn to the West of England Joint Committee for the financial year 2022/23 based on data from the period April 2022 to March 2023. The report covers the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Invest Bristol and Bath (IBB) revenue budgets. Change request approvals were also included as part of this reporting process.

The Outturn was a balanced year end position taking into account the previously agreed committee decision to drawdown from the reserves to cover the shortfall in year as a result of the reduced LEP Core Capacity Grant.

[Voting Arrangements:

- Item 1: None required – Recommendations are for noting purposes.
- Item 2: Decision requires majority agreement of Committee Members in attendance, or their substitutes (one vote representing each Authority) and including the West of England Combined Authority Mayor.]

The recommendations were moved by Cllr Claire Young and seconded by Cllr Sarah Warren.

It was unanimously

Resolved:

1. That the following be noted:
 - the Revised Analysis of LEP External Grants as at the end of March 2023 as set out in Figure 1;
 - The LEP Revenue Outturn as set out in Appendix 1;
 - The LEP Capital Outturn as set out in Appendix 2;
2. That the change requests for schemes in the Local Growth and Getting Building Fund programmes as set out in Appendix 3 be approved;
3. That the change requests for schemes in the Economic Development Fund and Revolving Infrastructure Fund programmes as set out in Appendix 4 be approved.

	Signed:
	Date:

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