

Decisions of the West of England Combined Authority Committee - 1 & 15 February 2019

Note: this meeting was opened on 1 February 2019 and then adjourned due to adverse weather conditions that day. The meeting was reconvened on 15 February, when the decisions set out were taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	DECISIONS
10	WECA & Mayoral budget outturn April – December 2018	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Mayoral Fund and WECA revenue and capital budget outturn forecasts as set out in Appendices 1,2 and 3 be noted. 2. That a delegation be given to the WECA S151 Officer in order to make all necessary adjustments to Mayoral and WECA Budgets.
11	Mayoral budget setting report 2019/20	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To formally note and ratify the Mayoral budget for 2019/20 together with the funding contribution from the WECA budget of £1.828m as set out in Appendix 1 – Table 1. 2. To formally note and ratify the specific Highways and Transport Capital Grant allocations totalling £17.572m to the constituent councils for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1 – Table 2.
12	Combined Authority budget 2019/20	<p>The committee RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following new drawdowns against the WECA Investment Fund: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) £500k to develop a co-ordinated Transport Strategy and Policy resource; (b) £500k to continue to develop the Housing Infrastructure Fund bid; (c) £200k to progress mass-transit strategic development; (d) £200k to progress feasibility work for two bypass schemes (Coalpit Heath/Westerleigh bypass; and Frampton Cotterrell/Winterbourne bypass)

		<p>(e) £300k to progress feasibility work for Charfield Station; (f) £100k to increase the current development funding for the A420 to Bath Highway Improvements Scheme. <i>The approval of (d) to (f) for inclusion within the budget, was subject to the consideration and approval of the detailed schemes within the Investment Fund report at agenda item 13 on the agenda.</i></p> <p>2. A Transport Levy to the constituent councils of £14.7m as detailed in Appendix 1 – Table 3</p> <p>3. The following virements within the WECA budget: (a) £200k, from surplus treasury management income, to fund pre-feasibility work aimed at attracting further inward investment; (b) £50k from the Treasury Management contract (with BANES) and £30k from the financial support contract to Corporate Services staffing; (c) A transfer of £100k into the WECA General Fund Reserve from surplus treasury management income</p> <p>4. The detailed WECA budget for 2019/20 as per Appendix 1</p>
13	Investment Fund	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. To delegate approval of the revised West of England Assurance Framework to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives.</p> <p>2. To approve the scheme changes set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>3. To approve the Outline Business Case for the A4174/Wraxall Road Roundabout Improvement and Signalisation scheme and award a further £1.488m of funding to develop a Full Business Case.</p> <p>4. To approve a £100,000 increase to the current development funding award to further progress the development of the A420 to Bath Highway Improvements scheme.</p>

		<p>5. To approve the allocation of £300,000 for Charfield Station and £200,000 for the Coalpit Heath/Westerleigh Bypass and Frampton Cotterell/ Winterbourne Bypass, with a delegation for the approval of the Feasibility and Development Funding Applications to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives. In addition, consider the commissioning route which provides the greatest value for money in moving forward discussions with Network Rail.</p> <p>6. To delegate the allocation of funding to match fund bids to the Future High Streets Fund within the £10m Investment Fund allocation to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives</p> <p>7. Where there is a case for urgency, to delegate the application of the agreed Land Acquisition Fund criteria to candidate proposals and the award of funding through a business case to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives</p>
14	Capital Strategy including Treasury Management and Investment Strategies	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>To approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Capital Budget as shown in Appendices 1 and 2. 2. The proposed method of prioritising capital investment over the next 20 years. 3. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2019/20 detailed in Appendix 3. 4. The Investment Strategy for 2019/20 as shown in Appendix 4.
15	Mass Transit Study – future work	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To endorse the approach for the development of the Mass Transit and Bath Transport Study work. 2. To delegate the development and agreement of the Strategic Outline Business

		<p>Case preparation scope to the WECA Director of Infrastructure in consultation with the relevant Directors of the constituent authorities.</p> <p>3. To allocate a sum of £200k from the WECA investment fund, subject to the completion and approval of a Feasibility and Development Funding Application.</p>
16	Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid for Bristol Temple Meads to Keynsham Strategic Growth Corridor A4/A37	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That it be acknowledged that the submission of this HIF bid will be undertaken in consultation with the Mayors/Leaders and Chief Executives of WECA, Bristol and B&NES and will be on the basis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bid that includes all schemes for a flagship JSP intervention from Bristol Temple Meads to Keynsham along the A4/A37 corridor. • Recognising the need to show visibly recycled funding that is generated from HIF funded schemes back into the HIF programme as a mandatory requirement of the bid criteria. • A risk share approach across the HIF programme. <p>2. That approval be given to a further £500k to work at risk, post bid submission to progress all schemes to ensure the authority meets the 2023 HIF completion deadline, subject to full review of spend on the existing allocation and a detailed breakdown of programme critical activities that need to continue beyond that allocation.</p>
17	Approval of a Combined Authority Procurement Strategy and the principles for a Professional Services Framework procurement to support the capital delivery programme	<p>The committee RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That approval be given to the WECA Procurement Strategy (Appendix A).</p> <p>2. That approval be given to the principle of establishing a Professional Services Framework and to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure to commence the Supplier Questionnaire / Supplier Selection process. The outcome of / recommendations from the tender process will be brought to the committee for approval in May 2019.</p>

18	Quarterly progress report on Combined Authority Business Plan 2018/19	The committee RESOLVED: - That the update on delivery of the 2018/19 Business Plan be noted.
19	Combined Authority Business Plan 2019/20	The committee RESOLVED: - That the Business Plan for 2019/20 be approved.

The call-in deadline in respect of these decisions is the end of 22 February 2019.