

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY
HELD ON THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2025 AT MEETING ROOM 1 -
WELLINGTON HOUSE, LEEDS**

Present:

Mayor Tracy Brabin (Chair)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe	Bradford Council
Councillor Jane Scullion	Calderdale Council
Councillor Carole Pattison	Kirklees Council
Councillor James Lewis	Leeds City Council
Councillor Denise Jeffery	Wakefield Council
Councillor Claire Douglas	City of York Council
Councillor Martin Love	Bradford Council
Councillor Alan Lamb	Leeds City Council
Asma Iqbal (Substitute)	West Yorkshire Business Board

In Attendance:

Sarah Eaton (Director)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Liz Hunter (Director)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Felix Kumi-Ampofo (Director)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
James Edward Mowbray	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Simon Pope (Director)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Satinder Sahota (Interim Asst. Director)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ben Still (Chief Executive)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Kate Taylor (Director)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Simon Warburton (Executive Director)	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Mayor's Opening Remarks

Before proceeding with the formal agenda the Mayor took the opportunity to express her condolences to the family of Dirdh Patel, a student at the University of Huddersfield, who had lost his life, along with 259 others, when Air India Flight 171 had crashed shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad on 12/06/2025.

The Mayor was also deeply saddened to share news of the passing of Neill Fishman, Inclusive Economy Manager. Neill was described as a longstanding and cherished member of the organisation who made a lasting impact over the course of his ten years with the Combined Authority. The Mayor added that Neill had brought dedication, professionalism and pride to his role while also being a source of kindness, support and good humour to his colleagues. He would be sorely missed by those who knew him. Neill was left by his wife Michaela and son Ben. A book of condolence was available to those wishing to pay their respects.

51. Membership of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Officers provided a brief overview of the report and recommendations.

RESOLVED:-

- (a) That the following actions, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be noted:
 - (i) The position of Mayor as Chair of the Combined Authority by virtue of that office.
 - (ii) The ongoing appointment of the Deputy Mayor by the Mayor.
 - (iii) The appointment of Constituent Combined Authority Members and their Substitutes by the Constituent Councils, and
 - (iv) The appointment of the Non-Constituent Member and Substitute by York City Council.
- (b) That Mandy Ridyard be appointed as the West Yorkshire Business Board (WYBB) Member of the Combined Authority and Asma Iqbal as substitute WYBB Member to act in the absence of the WYBB Member.
- (c) That the Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member may exercise one vote at any Combined Authority meeting (including any decision-making committee or sub-committee to which the Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member is appointed) only in respect of any decision which gives rise to a direct and significant financial liability for the Non-Constituent Council.
- (d) That the Substitute Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member may exercise the voting rights granted to the Non-Constituent Council Combined Authority Member, when acting in the absence of the Non-Constituent Council Member.
- (e) That the WYBB Member may vote at any meeting of the Combined Authority (including any committee or sub-committee to which the WYBB Member is appointed) on any decision, subject to the following exceptions:
 - decision-making in relation to budget and levy setting; and
 - the adoption of any implementation plans appended to the Local Transport Plan which relate specifically to the Combined Authority's area (namely West Yorkshire).
- (f) That the Substitute WYBB Member may exercise the voting rights granted to the WYBB Member when acting in the absence of the WYBB Member.

52. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sue Holdsworth (as well as her substitute, Councillor Stewart Golton) and Mandy Ridyard.

53. Declarations of Disclosable Interests

Councillor Jane Scullion declared an interest in agenda item 21(b) Project Approvals – Investment Priority 4 – Tackling the Climate Emergency & Environmental Sustainability, as the schemes outlined were in close proximity to her home.

54. Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no agenda items that required the exclusion of either the public or the press.

55. Minutes of the Meeting of the Combined Authority held on 8 May 2025

The Mayor confirmed that following discussions that had taken place since the last meeting of the Combined Authority, regarding cross-party representation on the shadow Bus Franchising Board, officers had approached Members for nominations. These would be in addition to those cross-party representations of the Mass Transit Board.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Combined Authority held on 8 May 2025 were approved as a correct record.

Comment from the Mayor on the National Audit on Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation & Abuse

Prior to giving her regular update to the Combined Authority the Mayor gave a comment specifically relating to the National Audit on Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation & Abuse. The Mayor reiterated her commitment, and that of West Yorkshire Police, to eliminating violence against women and girls in the region and emphasised the need to bring the perpetrators of child sexual abuse and exploitation to justice. Expanding on her remarks, the Mayor promised to continue to take such abuse allegations extremely seriously and recommitted to a victim and survivor led approach to tackle the issue. The Combined Authority learnt that, over the previous decade, 210 individuals in West Yorkshire had been sentenced to a combined total of over 2,300 years in prison for their involvement in such crimes. Similarly, Members learnt that an additional 62 individuals were either charged or currently on trial and that another 48 investigations into historic child sexual abuse were ongoing. Given these successful prosecutions the Mayor explained that she had not previously been convinced a second national inquiry into this subject was the best approach, given many of the recommendations from the previous Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse had yet to be implemented. Additionally, the Mayor has sought to avoid resourced being diverted from live policing operations. However, the Mayor acknowledged the work done by Baroness Casey and welcomed her new recommendations. The Mayor went on to confirm that she had asked local partners to examine how these recommendations could be speedily implemented. Furthermore, the Mayor explained that she had reached out to organisations representing the victims of child sexual abuse to seek their views on where the focus of the inquiry should be. The Mayor also committed to ensuring this would be shared with the Home Secretary and inform the inquiry's terms of reference. Concluding her remarks on this subject, the Mayor recommitted to taking all possible steps to protect children within the region from such crimes while continuing the mission to eradicate

misogyny and violence against women and girls. Conscious of the potentially unsettling impact of this subject being so prominent in the media on survivors, the Mayor spoke directly to victims by seeking to reassure them that in West Yorkshire they would be believed and that every effort would be taken to bring them the justice they deserved.

56. Mayor's Update

The Mayor began her update making reference to the Spending Review, which had taken place in the time since the last meeting of the Combined Authority (CA). Additionally, the Mayor had welcomed the Chancellor of the Exchequer to Huddersfield at the start of June to announce £2.1 billion of investment into transport across West Yorkshire, which included money for the new tram network between Bradford and Leeds. This funding would enable work to start on the project by 2028.

The Mayor went on to describe UKREiiF as the other big event to have taken place in West Yorkshire since the CA had last met. Members were informed that over 16,000 people had descended upon the region for the event, providing an unparalleled opportunity to promote West Yorkshire as an investment opportunity. The Mayor went on to confirm that work was already underway for UKREiiF 2026.

57. Committee Arrangements and Appointments

Officers provided a brief overview of the report, followed by a summarisation of the accompanying appendices. It was highlighted that in each committee's terms of reference a provision had been made to refer matters to Scrutiny Committee. It was also noted that the report appointed the Governance & Audit Committee, with a membership to be comprised of local authority co-optees, as opposed to members of the Combined Authority. Additionally, officers provided an update to the report regarding committee appointments as follows:

- Cllr. Jane Dowson (Leeds) was nominated as a substitute on the Culture, Heritage & Sport Committee.
- Cllr. Jane Dowson's (Leeds) nomination to the Scrutiny Committee was withdrawn.
- Cllr. Abigail Marshall-Katung's (Leeds) nomination as a substitute on the Climate, Energy & Environment Committee was withdrawn.
- Cllr. Susan Lee-Richards (Kirklees) was nominated as a Green member on the Audit Committee.
- Cllr. Neil Whitaker (Bradford) was nominated as a Green substitute on the Audit Committee.
- Cllr. Stewart Golton (Leeds) was nominated as a Liberal Democrat member on the Audit Committee.

Officers went on to provide an update of the remaining vacancies on the CA's committees:

- a Liberal Democrat substitute on Audit Committee.
- a Leeds substitute on the Climate, Energy & Environment Committee.
- a Leeds Labour substitute on Scrutiny Committee.
- a York substitute on the Climate, Energy & Environment, Culture, Heritage & Sport, Economy and Place, Regeneration & Housing committees.
- a Deputy Chair of Place Committee (which should be a member of the West Yorkshire Business Board).

Officers requested that the CA's local authority partners move to fill these positions as soon as possible.

Given there was no representative from the Liberal Democrats present at the meeting the Mayor asked that officers approach the party regarding their vacancies.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That in relation to appointment of committees -
- (i) That the following statutory committees be appointed on the terms of reference set out in the relevant Appendix attached to the submitted report:
 - Governance and Audit Committee (Appendix 1)
 - Scrutiny Committee (Appendix 2).
 - (ii) That the following decision-making committees be appointed, on the terms of reference set out in the relevant Appendix:
 - Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee (Appendix 3),
 - Culture, Heritage, and Sport Committee (Appendix 4),
 - Economy Committee (Appendix 5),
 - Finance, Resources, and Corporate Committee (Appendix 6)
 - Place, Regeneration, and Housing Committee (Appendix 7),
 - Transport Committee (Appendix 8).
 - (ii) That the Combined Authority appointed the Employment Panel with the terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 9.
 - (iii) That the arrangements made by the Mayor and Chief Constable of West Yorkshire for the Joint Independent Audit Committee be noted.

- (b) That, in relation to the appointment of committee members -
 - (i) The Combined Authority appoints its members to the Governance and Audit Committee, as set out in Appendix 10 to the submitted report, together with Debbie Simpson as an Independent Member and Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee for this municipal year.
 - (ii) The Combined Authority appoints Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong as Independent Member of the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee for this municipal year.
 - (iii) The Combined Authority appoints Combined Authority Members as set out in Appendix 10 to the submitted report, to each of the decision-making committees.
 - (iv) That the Combined Authority appoints members as set out in Appendix 10 to the submitted report to the Scrutiny Committee.
 - (v) That the Combined Authority co-opts members to committees of the Combined Authority as set out in Appendix 10 to the submitted report.
- (c) That in relation to voting right for committee members (in addition to any Combined Authority Member on the committee exercising one vote) -
 - (i) That any Independent Member of the Governance and Audit Committee shall be a voting member of that committee.
 - (ii) That any Independent Member of the Finance, Resources, and Corporate Committee shall be a voting member of that committee.
 - (iii) That it be noted that any member of a Constituent Council appointed to an overview and scrutiny committee has one vote and that this may be exercised in their absence by their substitute.
 - (iv) That any Co-optee from a Constituent Council on any ordinary decision-making committee shall be a voting member of that committee (and of any sub-committee to which they might be appointed by that committee).
 - (v) That any Co-optee who is Deputy Chair of a committee shall be a voting member of that committee (and of any sub-committee to which they might be appointed by that committee).
- (d) That the Combined Authority appoints the Chairs and Deputy Chairs to committees, as set out in Appendix 10 to the submitted report.
- (e) That Ian Brown and Carolyn Lord continue as Independent Persons in

relation to complaints concerning allegations of a breach of the Combined Authority's Members' Code of Conduct on the existing terms for remuneration, until the Combined Authority's annual meeting in 2026.

58. Representation on Outside Bodies

Officers provided a brief overview of the report and recommendations.

RESOLVED: The Combined Authority approved the appointments to the outside bodies for the municipal year 2025/26, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

59. Officer Arrangements

Officers provided a brief overview of the report, highlighting an amendment to the function of the Assistant Director of Legal, Governance & Compliance. The words "appear in" had been inserted into paragraph 5.4 of the appendices, which related to legal proceedings and settlements.

RESOLVED: That the Officer Delegation Scheme in relation to Non-Mayoral Functions and Mayoral General Functions, attached as Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.

60. Constitutional Arrangements

Officers provided an overview of the report, drawing particular attention to the minor and significant updates contained in the appendices. Changes to the Code of Conduct for Officers had been made in consultation with colleagues from Legal and HR, as well as, importantly, input from the union and colleague networks. Further highlights made by officers included the fact that the quoracy for Governance & Audit Committee had increased from five to seven, taking into account its new composition. Concluding their remarks, officers pointed to the West Yorkshire Business Board and the fact that notes of its private meetings will not be made publicly available, as had been practice.

The Mayor welcomed the ability for the West Yorkshire Business Board to operate flexibly, enabling its members to share their knowledge and expertise, for the benefit of the region, in a way that did not compromise their business interests.

RESOLVED: That the Combined Authority approves:-

- (i) The minor amendments to Constitution documents, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.
- (ii) Part 5.3 Code of Conduct for Officers, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report.
- (iii) Part 5.9 Non-Executive Directors Code of Conduct, as set out in Appendix 3 to the submitted report.

- (iv) Article 8 Overview and Scrutiny, as set out in Appendix 4 to the submitted report.
- (v) Part 4.6 Scrutiny Standing Orders, as set out in Appendix 5 to the submitted report.
- (vi) Article 7 Ordinary (Non-Statutory) Committees, as set out in Appendix 6 to the submitted report.
- (vii) Article 9 Audit and Ethical Arrangements, as set out in Appendix 7 to the submitted report.
- (viii) Part 4.1 Procedure Standing Orders, as set out in Appendix 8 to the submitted report.
- (ix) Article 10 The West Yorkshire Business Board, as set out in Appendix 9 to the submitted report.
- (x) The remaining, unamended Constitution documents, for the next municipal year to the submitted report.

61. Corporate Governance Code and Framework

Officers provided an overview of the seven principles of the Corporate Governance Code. Officers went on to give updates on the most notable changes to the internal governance of the Combined Authority, this included:

- i. the introduction of a new Chief Executive delegation scheme.
- ii. a new structure of internal officer boards, to compliment the scheme of delegation.
- iii. the addition of non-executive directors to the officer boards.

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Governance Code and Framework, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.

62. Annual Governance Statement

Officers provided an overview of the draft Annual Governance Statement. Members were informed that further work would be done on the document by the Interim Assistant Director for Legal Governance & Compliance, ahead of the next meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee, scheduled for 25/07/2025.

RESOLVED – That the draft Annual Governance Statement, as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved for publication as part of the annual accounts.

63. Members' Allowance Scheme

Officers provided a brief overview of the report and recommendations.

The Mayor thanked elected Members and acknowledged the importance of fairly remunerating all the work they do to support the CA's committees.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Combined Authority approves the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) on remuneration for members of the Governance and Audit Committee, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of Appendix 1 to the submitted report.
- (ii) That the Combined Authority adopts the Members' Allowances Scheme, as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, as amended for the municipal year 2025/2026.

64. Calendar of Meetings 2025-26

Officers provided a brief overview of the report and recommendations.

RESOLVED - That the calendar of meetings of the Combined Authority and its committees for 2025/26, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.

65. Appointment of Assistant Director of Legal, Governance and Compliance / Monitoring Officer

Officers provided a brief overview of the report and recommendations.

The Chief Executive thanked the Interim Assistant Director of Legal, Governance & Compliance for maintaining the service in the period following the departure of the previous post holder.

RESOLVED - That the Combined Authority approved the appointment of Manpreet (Nikki) Deol as the Assistant Director of Legal, Governance and Compliance / Monitoring Officer, with the start date to be confirmed.

66. Government Spending Review 2026-2029

The 2025 Government Spending Review had occurred following the publication of the agenda and reports pack. As such, a summary briefing of the implications for West Yorkshire had been circulated to Members.

Officers provided an overview of the report, before selecting highlights from the summary briefing and outlining these to Members. The highlights were as follows:

- A policy document, published with the Spending Review, which included details on the Integrated Settlement. It outlined themes, which covered different areas of focus for combined authorities.
- Local Growth Plans would become a statutory requirement, which must

include an investment pipeline with a focus on enabling growth.

- Local Growth Funding would become targeted and the Shared Prosperity Fund would be replaced.
- As part of the Local Growth Funding there would also be investment in regeneration in over three hundred localities across the UK.
- Middleton Park Avenue, in Leeds, would be one of 25 trailblazer areas, set to receive up to £20 million in community-led regeneration funding over the next ten years.
- Local Government Finance, while still expected to be tight, would benefit from the injection of a further £3.4 billion, nationally.
- In terms of Transport there had been a pre-announcement to the Spending Review, which had allocated £2.1 billion to West Yorkshire, included in which was funding for mass transit.
- £750 million had been announced for the nationwide funding of bus services, with the £3 fare cap extended to March 2027. The implications on West Yorkshire for this were yet to be fully examined.
- A further £3.5 billion had been recommitted to the TransPennine Route Upgrade.
- In terms of Housing £39 billion had been allocated to the Affordable Homes Programme and £13.2 billion had been committed to the Warm Homes Plan.
- Business would benefit from a nationwide spend of £22.6 billion, to be directed at research and development.

Officers committed to undertaking further work to understand the details of the funding outlined in the Spending Review.

The Mayor thanked all those involved in making the case for funding for West Yorkshire in advance of the Spending Review, particularly with regards to funds for mass transit. The Mayor also thanked officers for the rapid production of the summary briefing in the days following the Spending Review.

Members queried whether funding would be made available to local authorities to cover the increase in employer national insurance contributions, but officers confirmed that exact details remained unknown.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Combined Authority noted the submission and other work undertaken to inform the Government's thinking in advance of the Spending Review.

- (ii) That the Combined Authority provided comment on the Spending Review 2025 announcements to feed into the response and ongoing conversations with Government.

67. Mayoral Partnership Update

The Mayor provided an update on the recent work done in partnership with mayoralities and combined authorities across the country. The highlights of this included:

- The launch of the 'Great North'. This had taken place in Leeds at UKREiiF.
- White Rose Rail – the White Rose Mayors had commissioned Lord Blunkett to conduct a review of rail connectivity across Yorkshire. Additionally, the newly elected Mayor of Hull & East Yorkshire had signalled his desire to join the White Rose Agreement, to further strengthen the unified voice of the county.
- The UK Mayors Network (chaired by the Mayor) and the Council of Regions & Nations – the Mayor had undertaken work with both.
- One Creative North – work was continuing in this partnership, with a mission to boost creative industries in the North of England.

Adding to the update provided by the Mayor, officers noted that two mayoral elections had been held in May 2025, with another six combined authority areas expected to hold mayoral elections in 2026. Officers felt partnerships with these combined authorities would be becoming increasingly important moving forward.

Members welcomed the proposed expansion of the White Rose Agreement, to include Hull & East Yorkshire and spoke positively about the potential for working across boundaries with other combined authorities.

RESOLVED - That the Combined Authority noted the range of activity underway through UK Mayors, the Great North and White Rose partnerships.

68. The Mayor's West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) - Statutory Consultation 2025

Officers provided an overview of the report and outlined the policies of the Local Transport Plan in its draft, pre-consultation, state. Officers acknowledged that the details they were able to provide to Members at this point were limited, as such they were seeking to arrange a series of briefings with Members, at which further details would be provided. However, officers were able to outline the six network principles from which LTP policies would be structured. These were:

- i. Integration
- ii. Affordability & Inclusivity
- iii. Reliability & Resilience

- iv. Safety
- v. Activity (providing opportunities for healthier lifestyles)
- vi. Zero Emissions

Members were keen to be briefed on the LTP in greater detail, at the earliest opportunity. However, the Committee welcomed the transport investment that had been earmarked for West Yorkshire.

Councillor Alan Lamb requested that his abstention on this item be recorded in the minutes.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Combined Authority endorsed the pre-consultation draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) policies.
- (ii) That the Combined Authority noted that this would form part of the forthcoming consultation on the Local Transport Plan.

69. Enabling Business Access to Finance & Investment

Officers provided an overview of the report, which they described as advancing on the Local Growth Plan. Officers went on to identify three barriers to growth in the region, which were as follows:

- i. Transport & Connectivity
- ii. Inadequate Skills
- iii. Underinvestment, over a prolonged period

In terms of the latter, officers reported that this was evident in the region's skills base, infrastructure and also in its businesses. Officers indicated that a productivity gap of £11 billion existed, which equated to twenty thousand fewer businesses and fifteen thousand fewer jobs in the region than there should be. Alongside this point, officers referenced the 'Wheels of Enterprise' presented within the Local Growth Plan and the ways this underinvestment may begin to be addressed by increasing financial awareness and economic literacy across the regions businesses.

Members welcomed the new approach to business support and were particularly supportive of the attempts to assist underrepresented groups within the business community. The Committee were mindful that even succeeding businesses might not have the know-how around scaling up and expanding, so appreciated the attempts to address this.

RESOLVED - That the Combined Authority approved the proposed draft model and approach to supporting the region's businesses to access finance and investment to thrive in the region.

70. Work & Health

The Mayor provided a preamble to this item, in which she detailed the visit in May by Alison McGovern, Minister for Employment, to Wakefield to announce

the Pathfinder programme, a new approach to supporting jobseekers, which would be piloted in the district. Councillor James Lewis, in his capacity as Chair of the Economy Committee, also welcomed the new approach.

Officers provided an overview of the report, and highlighted the following for consideration by Members:

- i. The establishment of the Healthy Working Life Joint Strategic Board.
- ii. The development of a local version of the Get Britain Working plan, which West Yorkshire had already largely accomplished.
- iii. An update on the programme.

Members were keen to assist the 100,000 residents of West Yorkshire that were out of work due to ill health. Additionally, the Committee spoke positively about Pathfinder, seeing it as an opportunity to refresh the perception of Jobcentres, in the minds of the public. It was hoped that what might have been seen as a place associated with sanctions could instead be seen as a place to offer real help to those in need of work. Recognising the importance of small and medium sized enterprises (SME) to the West Yorkshire economy, the Committee were eager to ensure support for SMEs with regards to what they could offer jobseekers. However, Members were cautious of a uniform approach to this, noting the variety of SMEs in West Yorkshire. Members were also keen to secure the dates of future meetings of the strategic board.

Responding to the points raised officers spoke about the necessity to engage with both big businesses and SMEs, the former responsible for employing 40% of the workforce and the latter making up 98% of regional businesses. Officers were also adamant that employers needed to have agency over the opportunities they were best suited to. Officers also confirmed that the first meeting of the board was due to take place on 28/07/2025 and that further dates would be added at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Combined Authority approved the establishment of the Healthy Working Life Joint Strategic Board, as set out in paragraphs 3.5 – 3.9 of the submitted report.
- (ii) That the Combined Authority endorsed the proposed approach to the local Get Britain Working Plan for West Yorkshire.

71. Project Approvals

(a) IP1

**Investment Priority 1 – Good Jobs and Resilient Businesses
(including entrepreneurialism)**

Additional Approval – Rural England Prosperity Fund (“The Rural Fund”) - UKSPF

RESOLVED – That the Combined Authority approved a delegation to

the Chief Executive to:-

- (i) Approve a change request for the Rural England Prosperity Fund (“The Rural Fund”) – UKSPF, for the additional £770,379 from DEFRA for 2025/26.

Academic Brokerage Service – Investment Zone

RESOLVED – That the Combined Authority, subject to conditions:-

- (i) Approved that the Academic Brokerage Service Scheme proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) Approved the Combined Authority’s funding of £1,700,000. The total scheme cost was £2,864,359.
- (iii) Approved that the Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with Leeds Beckett University for funding of up to £1,682,435.
- (iv) Approved that future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. This would be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.
- (v) Noted that £40,000 of the total scheme cost was for risk and contingency allowances.

The Health Innovation Leeds Incubator (Investment Zone Place Based Incubators)

RESOLVED – That the Combined Authority, subject to conditions:-

- (i) Approved that the Health Innovation Leeds Incubator Scheme proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification case) and work commenced on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) Approved the Combined Authority’s funding of £1,619,288. The total scheme cost was £2,000,000.
- (iii) Approved that the Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with The University of Leeds for funding of up to £1,619,288.
- (iv) Approved that future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. This would be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

(b) IP4

Investment Priority 4 (IP4) - Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability

Erringden Hillside Flood Alleviation Scheme

RESOLVED – That the Combined Authority, subject to conditions:

- (i) Approved that the Erringden Hillside Flood Alleviation Scheme proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) Approved the Combined Authority funding of up to £500,000 be given. The total scheme value was £7,874,800.
- (iii) Approved that the Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with the Environment Agency for expenditure of up to £500,000.
- (iv) Approved that future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway, as set out in the submitted report. This would be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.
- (v) Noted that £1,018,200 was allocated for risk and contingency.

Hebble Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme

RESOLVED – That the Combined Authority:

- (i) Approved that the Hebble Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) Approved the Combined Authority funding of up to £500,000 be given. The total scheme value was £7,097,000.
- (iii) Approved that the Combined Authority enter into a funding agreement with the Environment Agency for expenditure of up to £500,000.
- (iv) Approved that future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway set out in the submitted report. This would be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.
- (v) Noted that £1,007,000 was allocated for risk and contingency.

West Yorkshire Mayoral Renewables Fund

RESOLVED – That the Combined Authority, subject to confirmation of

the funding award and amount from the Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero:

- (i) Approved that the West Yorkshire Mayoral Renewables Fund Scheme proceed through decision point 2 to 4 (business justification) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery).
- (ii) Approved the Combined Authority's funding of up to £790,000. The total scheme cost was £1,244,838.
- (iii) Approved that the Combined Authority enter into Funding Agreements with consortium members for funding up to the amounts shown below:
 - Bradford Council up to £240,000
 - Kirklees Council up to £109,768
 - Leeds City Council up to £290,070
 - Wakefield Council up to £45,000
 - West Yorkshire Police up to £270,000
- (iv) Grant delegated authority to the Combined Authority's Chief Executive to amend allocated funding amounts released as part of this decision, as required, dependent on government funding decision.
- (v) Future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route and tolerances outlined in the submitted report. This would be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

(c) IP5

Investment Priority 5 (IP5) - Delivering Sustainable, Integrated, Inclusive and Affordable Transport

Better Places - Leeds City Centre Cycle Links

RESOLVED - The Combined Authority:

- (i) Approved the change request to the Leeds City Centre Cycle Links scheme to increase the Combined Authority's funding by £3,544,077 from £7,784,705 to £11,328,782. The total scheme cost was £12,176,069.
- (ii) Approved that the Combined Authority enter into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Leeds City Council for funding up to £11,328,782.
- (iii) Approved that future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report. This would be subject to the scheme remaining within the

tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

- (iv) Noted that £1,435,850 of the total scheme cost was for risk, contingency and inflation allowances.

Delegated Decisions

- (i) That, since the Combined Authority's meeting on 8 May 2025, the decision points and change requests have been assessed in line with the Combined Authority's assurance process and approved through the agreed delegation to the Combined Authority's Transport Capital Programme Director.
- (ii) That the A62/A644 Bus Enhancements scheme was paused. The funding approved £88,336, with total Combined Authority funding approved totalling £238,336.

(d) IP6

Investment Priority 6 – Creative Industries, Culture, Heritage and Sport

You Can Make it Here

RESOLVED - The Combined Authority:

- (i) Approved the change request for the You Can Make It Here programme to increase the Combined Authority's funding from £2,760,769 to £4,230,242, which was an increase of £1,469,473 (the total programme value was £4,230,242), to increase the scheme outputs as set out in the submitted report and to an extension to delivery time frames from June 2026 to March 2027.
- (ii) Approved that the Combined Authority enter into new agreements or variations to existing contracts as applicable with delivery approved partners for the costs and timeframes, as set out in the submitted report.
- (iii) Approved that future approvals be made in accordance with the assurance pathway and approval route outlined in the submitted report. This would be subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances outlined in the submitted report.

72. Portfolio Summary

RESOLVED – That the Combined Authority noted the portfolio summary information outlined in the submitted report.

73. Minutes for Information

RESOLVED: That the Combined Authority noted the minutes, notes and agendas of the committee meetings published on its website, along with the

matters deliberated within the committees, as summarised in the report since the last Combined Authority meeting.

74. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Combined Authority was scheduled to take place on Thursday 24/07/2025.