

Decisions of West of England Joint Committee 7th December 2017

Agenda Item	Decision
Item 9 – One Front Door	<p>The West of England Joint Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the Bristol SETsquared Centre Urgent Expansion Full Business Case. 2. Requested a Full Business Case for the Hive 2, noting the current overprovision of the LGF. 3. Requested that an updated Outline Business Case for the Somer Valley Business Centre is produced when the scheme is better defined, noting the current overprovision of the LGF 4. Subject to a) the project establishing the final State Aid position, and b) further clarification of the economic impact, the Vertical Growth project is added to the pipeline should funding become available. 5. Approved the change requests for LGF schemes set out in Appendix 2. 6. Approved the Full Business Case for the South Bristol SUD Intermediate Body with the condition that Technical Assistance funding is secured from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). 7. Approved the change requests for EDF and RIF schemes set out in Appendix 3.
Item 10 – West of England Joint Local Transport Plan Consultation Plan	<p>The West of England Joint Committee endorsed the Joint Local Transport Plan consultation plan.</p>
Item 11 – MetroWest Phase 1 Update and Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The West of England Joint Committee agreed to support the progression of MetroWest Phase 1 Stage A and B and noted progress on the revised scheme design, programme, and estimated capital cost and requested: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Officers continue discussions with Government, Network Rail and Wiltshire Council to explore the extension of MetroWest Phase 1 to Westbury to remove the need for the Bathampton turnback to reduce capital costs. b) Officers continue to look at options to reduce revenue running cost subsidy which may be required by the Unitary Authorities over the first three years of operation.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. In respect of MetroWest Phase 1 Stage A (Severn Beach to Bath Spa) the West of England Joint Committee agreed to proceed with delivery of Phase 1 Stage A subject to a further gateway sign off by the Joint Committee in July 2018.3. In respect of MetroWest Phase 1 Stage B (Portishead) the West of England Joint Committee agreed:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) To continue the development work for Phase 1 Stage B subject to a further gateway sign-off by the Joint Committee in July 2018.b) To submit to the DfT by 22nd December 2017 a Large Local Major Scheme funding bid seeking £46m of additional funding. Submission of the funding bid to be delegated to the CEO of the LEP, in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Committee and the local authorities Chief Executives and S151 Officers, on behalf of the West of England. Sign off to be subject to appropriate assurances being received through the Outline Business Case, Mott MacDonald review of costs and the completed Large Local Major Transport Scheme bid template.c) That in the event of 3b) being unsuccessful to continue to explore all options to secure additional government funding to close the identified funding gap of £58.6m before the next gateway sign-off.4. In respect of MetroWest Phase 2 (Henbury and Yate/Gloucester) and Phase 1 the West of England Joint Committee agreed the amended recommendation:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) To seek appropriate assurance from the Government and Network Rail that the Bristol East Junction upgrade will be funded and delivered in 2020 by Network Rail.5. The West of England Joint Committee agreed that council officers investigate the MetroWest programme approach and future governance and bring a report on options to a future meeting of the Joint Committee.
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The call-in deadline for any items listed is 17.00 on 15th December 2017. Subject to any call-in request being received, all the Decisions will be actioned on, or after, 18th December 2017.