

LEEDS CITY REGION BUSINESS RATES POOL JOINT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 2021

Present: Councillors: J Scullion (Calderdale MBC), S Hinchcliffe (City of Bradford MDC), C Scott (Kirklees MC), J Lewis (Leeds City Council), A Waller (City of York) and R Cooper (Harrogate BC)

In Attendance: A Taylor (WYCA), T Riordan (LCC), N Eastwood (LCC) R Colley (LCC) and J Grieve (LCC)

1 Election of Chair

Nominations were sought for the position of Chair.

Councillor S Hinchcliffe was nominated for the position of Chair, the nomination was seconded.

Upon being put to the vote:

RESOLVED – That Councillor S Hinchcliffe be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items of business identified.

4 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items identified where it was considered necessary to exclude the press or public due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered.

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: S Pandor (Kirklees MC), T Swift (Calderdale MBC) and D Jeffery (City of Wakefield MDC)

Councillors: J Scullion (Calderdale MBC), and C Scott (Kirklees MC) were in attendance as substitute Members.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Date Not Specified

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

7 Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool Financial Report

The Chief Officer, Financial Services, Leeds City Council submitted a report which set out:

- (i) The context in which the 2021/22 Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool had been set up;
- (ii) The governance arrangements and memorandum of understanding for the Leeds City Region Pool;
- (iii) The current position of the Leeds City Region Pool, including the estimated 2021/22 financial position and the latest income projections;
- (iv) The proposed allocation of funding for 2021/22;
- (v) The continuation of the Leeds City Region Pool into 2022/23;

Referring to the proposed allocation of funding for 2021/22, Members asked if there was a timescale for the allocation of funds.

Members were informed that a decision was required by 31st March 2022

RESOLVED –

- (a) To note the context and structure of the 2021/22 Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the submitted report;
- (b) To approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference set out in Paragraph 3 and Appendices A and B;
- (c) To note the projected Pool income for 2021/22 as shown in Paragraph 4;
- (d) To note the risks to retained income and of breaching safety net at Paragraph 5;
- (e) To note and approve in principle the proposed allocation of projected income to member authorities at Paragraph 6.
- (f) To note the Government's deadline for submitting changes to the membership of the Pool and approve in principle the continuation of the Leeds City Region Business Rates Pool into 2022/23, with current seven member authorities of the Pool, in principle at paragraph 7.

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – The date and time of the next meeting to be determined at a later date.