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Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority

17th July 2026 9:00am

Room 39, The Guildhall

PRESENT:-

Mayor Luke Campbell, Councillors Dad, Owen (substituting for Councillor Handley), Ross and Tucker, L. Hammond (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, substituting for J. Evison), J. Adamson (Hull and East Yorkshire Skills Board Chair), and J. Speedy (Chair of the Hull and East Yorkshire Business Board).

IN ATTENDANCE:-

A. Menzies (Interim Chief Executive), J. Neilson (Executive Director of Finance), J. Quinn (Executive Director Strategy and Devolution Operation), T. Maione (Interim Monitoring Officer), S. Bishop (Programme Director Housing and Regeneration) and L. Hawkins (Democratic Services Officer).

APOLOGIES:-

J. Evison (Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside) and Councillor Handley.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
PROCEDURAL ITEMS		
10.	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Councillor Ross declared an interest in minute 20.	
11.	**WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR** The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
12.	**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Mayor did not have any announcements for the meeting.	
13.	**PUBLIC QUESTIONS** The Democratic Services Officer confirmed no public questions had been received for this meeting.	

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14.	**MINUTES OF THE HEY COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON 28TH APRIL 2026** **Agreed -** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2026 be approved as a true and correct record.	
15.	**MINUTES OF THE HEY COMBINED AUTHORITY HELD ON 29TH MAY 2026** **Agreed -** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2026 be approved as a true and correct record.	
16.	**HEYCA FINANCIAL POSITION 2025/26** The Executive Director of Finance submitted a report which provided the expenditure position of Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority (HEYCA) for its first financial year of operation. The Board was informed that the report covered an extended accounting period of 14 months from the date of the Authority's inception on 5th February 2025 to 31st March 2026, in accordance with the Local Audit (Modification of Financial Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2025 which came into force on 26th June 2025. The revenue budget for 2025-26 was £19.2m and showed a provisional surplus of £10.7m at outturn before any transfers of funds to earmarked reserves. After the recommended transfers to reserves, the remaining surplus was £1.9m. £30,000 of the Community Investment Fund had been allocated to projects which left £970,000, and it was recommended that the remaining Community Investment Fund monies are placed in an earmarked reserve to be spent on community projects in future years. The Chief Executive explained that a number of community-based projects, totalling around £110,000 were being progressed. A Mayoral Election would take place in 2029 at an estimated cost of £2m and it was recommended that the Authority sets aside £0.5m from the 2025-26	

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	revenue budget surplus towards the cost of undertaking the election. The capital budget for 2025-26 was £56.9m and expenditure was £51.9m, which was deployed to the constituent councils to support the delivery of agreed spending plans. The remaining surplus of £5.0m has been transferred to the capital grants unapplied reserve to support future year investment plans in accordance with the funding conditions. The report set out how grants allocated to the two Constituent Local Authorities had been deployed. The Executive Director of Finance explained that the Authority would need to have a General Fund reserve; that similar organisations typically put aside 5% of their overall budget in a General Fund reserve; and that it was recommended that the Authority transferred the remaining revenue budget surplus of £1.943m to its General Fund reserve which reflected that approach. **Moved by Councillor Tucker and seconded by Councillor Ross** That the Board approves – a. transfer of the Spatial Development Strategies grant of £1.554m to an earmarked reserve to fund expenditure for this purpose in future years in accordance with the memorandum of understanding with the funding body; b. transfer of the £0.970m surplus on the Community Investment Fund budget to a corresponding earmarked reserve to fund its deployment in future years; c. transfer of £0.500m to a Mayoral Election earmarked reserve to help fund the cost of the next Mayoral Election in 2029, and d. a general reserve of circa £2.0m to maintain a sufficient level to manage the risk of unforeseen expenditure, in accordance with the Section 73 Officer's assessment. **Motion carried.**	

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17.	**BROWNFIELD LAND HOUSING FUND AND AGREEMENT WITH MHCLG** The Programme Director for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report for the Board to note progress in establishing the Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) assessment and allocation approach for the Mayoral Strategic Authority and to approve the next steps required to enable programme delivery. A discussion took place around the report and members of the Board raised the following points in relation to the proposed recommendations – i. Whether there was a sufficient number of suitable sites to be identified; ii. That the report did not sufficiently evidence how the programme would achieve value for money, and iii. That the recommendations to delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and other officers was potentially problematic and consideration should be given to requiring all decisions to be submitted to the Executive Board for consideration. The Chief Executive explained that proposed delegations had been included to enable the programme delivery to move at pace and to ensure that funding was allocated within the required timescales. **Moved by Councillor Tucker and seconded by Councillor Dad** that the report be deferred to a future meeting of the Board to be arranged at the earliest opportunity. **Motion carried.**	
18.	**HEYCA CONSTITUTION** The Interim Monitoring Officer explained that agreement was being sought to –	

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	i. reduce the quorum of the Authority's Governance and Audit Committee from seven of the eight members to five members (including the Independent Member) or four members in the absence of an Independent Member being appointed, and that at least two members from each Constituent Local Authority must be in attendance; ii. That a recruitment process is undertaken to appoint an Independent Member of the Committee, and iii. To confirm that Councillor Kalvin Neal continued as Chair until an Independent Member was appointed and would Chair the Committee. It was confirmed that the Governance and Audit Committee had not met since March 2026 as the scheduled meetings would not have been quorate and that several attempts had been made to recruit an Independent Member but none had proved successful. A discussion took place and Members queried whether there had been a singular reason in relation to the unsuccessful recruitment of an Independent Member. The Interim Monitoring Officer explained that there had been various reasons for being unable to appoint; that it was suggested that the day rate for the position was increased from £250 to £400 as it was an important role and carried significant responsibility; that other Authorities had found it difficult to recruit an Independent Member, and that MHCLG had been asked whether it was possible to hold online meetings which could help increase interest in the position. **Agreed –** a. that the recruitment of an Independent Member of the Governance and Audit Committee is undertaken, and b. that a review of the Constitution is undertaken and a report is submitted to a	

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	future meeting of the Board to enable changes to be made to the HEYCA Constitution to reduce the quorum of the Governance and Audit Committee and any other required changes, and c. That Councillor Kalvin Neal continues as Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee until an Independent Member is appointed.	
19.	**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** **Agreed -** that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public (including the Press) be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, minute 20, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information an individual and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	
20.	**HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY ACCOMMODATION** The Chief Executive submitted a report which updated the Board on the progress made in pursuit of the future office accommodation for the Combined Authority since the previous meeting of the Board on 29th May 2026. Members of the Board discussed the report. **Agreed –** a. that the report be deferred to a future meeting, and b. that a meeting is arranged for Board members to be fully briefed on the proposals.	

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The above Executive Decisions will come into force and may be implemented on expiry of five working days after the publication of the decisions i.e. 30th July 2026, unless called in by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

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