

Local Government North Yorkshire and York

Notice of a public meeting of **Local Government North Yorkshire and York**

To: Councillors Keith Aspden (City of York Council), Mr Jim Bailey (North York Moors National Park Authority), Richard Cooper (Harrogate Borough Council), Mark Crane (Selby District Council), Angie Dale (Richmondshire District Council), Keane Duncan (Ryedale District Council), Richard Foster (Craven District Council), Mr Neil Heseltine (Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority), Carl Les (North Yorkshire County Council), Mark Robson (Hambleton District Council) and Steve Siddons (Scarborough Borough Council).

Date: Friday, 5 March 2021

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: Remote meeting held via Zoom

AGENDA

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Business

- 1. Substitutions and Apologies for Absence**
Councillor Liz Colling is substituting for Councillor Steve Siddons (Scarborough Borough Council).
Louise Wood is substituting for Stacey Burlet (Ryedale District Council).
Apology received from Tom Hind (North York Moors National Park Authority).
- 2. Election of Chair**
Suggested that Councillor Keith Aspden continues as Chair until LGNY's AGM to be held in July 2021.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**

4. **Minutes of the LGNYY meeting held on 6 March 2020**
(Pages 3 - 6)
5. **York and North Yorkshire LEP's Project Pipeline**
Report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership)
Helen Simpson (Chair Elect) has been invited to attend this meeting.
(Pages 7 - 20)
6. **Devolution Update**
Verbal report from James Farrar (Operating Officer of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership)
7. **Nomination of a Vice-Chair to represent York and North Yorkshire on the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission**
Wallace Sampson OBE (Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough Council) to introduce the report
(Pages 21 - 26)
8. **Arrangements for Future Meetings**
 - Friday 2 July 2021 at 3pm (finishing at 5pm) – Virtual meeting
 - Friday 15 October 2021 at 2.30pm (finishing 4.30pm) – Virtual meeting
 - Friday 10 December 2021 at 2.30pm (finishing 4.30pm) – Virtual meeting
9. **Business for Next Meeting**
10. **Any Other Business**
Any other business, subject to the Chair's agreement.

Richard Flinton
Honorary Secretary to LGNYY

County Hall
Northallerton

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 6 March 2020 at 10.30 am
at Craven District Council offices, 1 Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road, Skipton**

Present:-

<u>Authority</u>	<u>Member/Chief Executive</u>
City of York Council	Councillor Keith Aspden (in the chair for the items recorded at Minute 99 to Minute 101 inclusive) Ian Floyd (Temporary Chief Executive)
Craven District Council	Councillor Richard Foster Paul Shevlin (Chief Executive)
Hambleton District Council	Councillor Mark Robson Dr Justin Ives (Chief Executive)
Harrogate Borough Council	Councillor Richard Cooper Wallace Sampson OBE (Chief Executive)
North York Moors National Park Authority	Jim Bailey
North Yorkshire County Council	County Councillor Carl Les (in the chair for the items recorded at Minute 94 to Minute 98 inclusive) Richard Flinton (Chief Executive and also LGNYY Honorary Secretary) Barry Khan (Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services))
Richmondshire District Council	Councillor Angie Dale Tony Clark (Chief Executive)
Ryedale District Council	Councillor Stephen Arnold (as Substitute for Councillor Keane Duncan) Stacey Burlet (Chief Executive)
Scarborough Borough Council	Councillor Liz Colling (as Substitute for Councillor Steve Siddons) – Participation via telephone Mike Greene (Chief Executive) – Participation via telephone
Selby District Council	Councillor Mark Crane Janet Waggott (Chief Executive)
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority	Mr Carl Lis OBE Gary Smith (Deputy Chief Executive) (as Substitute for David Butterworth)

In Attendance:-

From York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP: - James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer).
From LGNYY Secretariat: - Ruth Gladstone (Principal Democratic Services Officer, North Yorkshire County Council).

Apologies for Absence:-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Burton (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) and Julia Mulligan (Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

94. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

95. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2019, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair for this item of business.

96. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved -

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 6 on the grounds that discussion is likely to disclose exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

97. LEP Update

Considered –

The report of James Farrar (Chief Operating Officer of York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership) which advised of: - progress and performance regarding the work of the LEP; an update on progress in complying with the LEP Review; and an update on the Local Industrial Strategy.

Resolved -

- (a) That the current position and performance of the LEP programmes be noted.
- (b) That the invite to the upcoming Carbon Abatement event be noted.
- (c) That progress in complying with the LEP Review recommendations be noted.
- (d) That the priorities emerging through the Local Industrial Strategy be noted.

98. General Updates

Considered -

The report of LGNYY's Honorary Secretary which set out summaries of the recent discussions of the Sub-Regional Housing Board and the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Migration Group.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

99. York and North Yorkshire Devolution

This item was considered in private. This Minute is a public summary of business conducted in private. The public have no right of access to the reports.

Considered –

Reports which related to:- the negotiation process for agreeing a devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire; York and North Yorkshire devolution “asks”; and an invitation which asked Leaders to consider local government structures.

Resolved -

- (a) That the process for negotiating a potential devolution deal with Central Government, as set out in the report, be noted, subject to the consultation timetable being revised to include briefings for Councils’ wider memberships and some aspects of public consultation, and recognising the implications of the election purdah period in April/May 2020.
- (b) That it be noted that formal decision-making processes will be undertaken by each Local Authority if a devolution deal is presented by Central Government.
- (c) That the continued development of the proposed “asks”, and the process outlined in the “asks” report, be noted, subject to the consultation timetable being revised to include briefings for Councils’ wider memberships and some aspects of public consultation, and recognising the implications of the election purdah period in April/May 2020.
- (d) That, in response to the request for Leaders to consider local government structures, the Honorary Secretary consult Leaders on a form of words for a reply along the lines that, at present, Leaders want to focus on Devolution and consequently it is the wrong time for a more detailed look at local government structures.

100. Arrangements for Future Meetings

Resolved –

That the following arrangements for LGNYC meetings, as previously advised, be noted:-

- Friday 3 July 2020 at 10.30am at Ryedale District Council’s offices, Ryedale House, Old Malton Road, Malton, YO17 7HH
- Friday 9 October 2020 at 10.30am at Selby District Council’s offices, Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT
- Friday 4 December 2020 at 10.30am at Hambleton District Council offices, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Rotary Way, Northallerton, DL6 2UU

101. Business for Next Meeting

Resolved –

That Devolution be an item of business for LGNYY's meeting on 3 July 2020.

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

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Local Government North Yorkshire & York

5 March 2021

A report on the York and North Yorkshire LEPs Project Pipeline

1.0 Purpose of the Report

This report focuses on:

- 1.1 LEP 2020/21 Performance Update
- 1.2 Progress by YNY LEP to develop a Capital Investment Plan and pipeline of capital projects. Included are:
Appendix 1: Draft Investment Plan
Appendix 2: Local Authority Breakdown
Appendix 3: Projects by theme
- 1.3 LEP Core Funding & Board recruitment

2.0 LEP 2020/21 Performance Update

- 2.1 **Local Growth Fund** – As previously advised the local growth fund completes at the end of March and there is no opportunity to extend beyond this date.
- 2.2 Any project activity or expenditure occurring after this date will be unable to draw down Local Growth Fund and will be the responsibility of the project sponsor.
- 2.3 Whilst there remains significant risk and activity to complete before the end of March (Q4 claims est. £13m), we continue to work closely with all projects and are confident of delivering on the Local Growth Fund.
- 2.4 The LEP over-committed the fund by £3.9m utilising Growing Places to provide cover and is currently forecasting a maximum of £2m slippage. Therefore the LEP remains on track to fully complete its local growth fund.
- 2.5 **Get Building Fund** - In summer 2020, an allocation of £15.4m was confirmed by Government to support the delivery of 10 projects agreed with MHCLG, which have to be financially complete by March 2021. The first instalment of £7.7m has been paid over to the Accountable Body, along with a further £55,000 of Additional Capacity Funding to cover programme management costs. The programme requires this first instalment to be fully defrayed (spent) on projects by 31st March 2021.
- 2.6 Projects allocated funding are:

Project	Funding Agreement Status	Delivery Progress
North Yorkshire Digital Infrastructure	Final Draft – Execution	Ready to accelerate capital equipment purchase
Pickering – Thornton Road	Draft Issued	Start details TBC February
Whitby Business Park	Completed	Site works started
A19 Chapel Haddlesey	Final Draft – Execution	Project on-going
Digital Skills Academy, Askham Bryan	January Infrastructure Board	Appraisal completed to inform Board decision
Scarborough TEC – EV Charging	Draft Issued	Ready to accelerate capital equipment purchase
York College – EV Charging	Draft Issued	Ready to accelerate capital equipment purchase
Harrogate West Business Park	Draft Issued	Site start due March 2021
Digital Hub – Northallerton E-Campus	Completed	Project on-going
York Guildhall Fit-Out	Draft Issued	Project on-going

- 2.7 At present, projects are forecasting that this will be achieved. Projects shown green above are cumulatively forecast to achieve the required expenditure to meet the £7.7m target by 31st March,

the most significant being the A19 Chapel Haddlesey highway improvement project, which is due to complete over £4.5m of grant funded works by 31st March, and complete later in Spring 2021.

- 2.8 **Growth hub** – The Growth Hub has already exceeded all its contractual targets for 2020/21 and continues to deliver.

Type (Intensity) of Support Provided	Target To Mar 21	Overall Total to Oct 20	% Achieved	+/-
Medium	800	958	177	-158
High	175	285	120	+110
Low	7,500	13,300	163	+5,800

- 2.9 Additional funding was secured just before Christmas to engage businesses post EU Transition and this work continues apace. Currently over 760 business have been engaged. The key issues raised have been:

EU Transition Issues Raised (total enquiries per subject)	Total
Workforce & People	87
Data & Digital	93
Intellectual Property	63
Import/Export	125
Regulations and Standards	85
Business Legal Requirements	85

- 2.10 **Careers & Enterprise Programme** - The CEC has been working closely with schools throughout lockdown to understand how best to engage them.
- 2.11 The team organised and hosted an Exploring Pathways event, delivered via the Learn Live platform. It aimed to inform students about different pathways into employment and Further and Higher education. Employers, Drax, Anglo American, Greencore, McCain's, and Tech Buyer also talked about the skills and attributes employers look for when recruiting. The event facilitated a live question and answers session for students, parents and teachers supported by a panel of employers and providers.
- 2.12 A total of 21 schools and 2600 individuals attended the live event with an additional 8500 online views.
- 2.13 The strength in delivering online is that we can provide a broader range of industry leaders across all parts of the patch. Work is now underway to create some shorter, bite-sized sector focused content for all schools to utilise. This will include self-employment.

3.0 Capital Investment Plan

- 3.1 In early 2020 YNY LEP started work to create a pipeline of future investment propositions to support the Y&NY LEP's ambitions set out in the emerging Local Industrial Strategy for York and North Yorkshire. A strong and viable pipeline of capital projects will serve as the basis to better inform priorities for future funding opportunities.
- 3.2 During 2020, utilising Local Growth Funding, the LEP also invested £800k in c.20 feasibility studies.
- 3.3 Activity has been undertaken with partners and stakeholders to further develop and publish the Local Industrial Strategy for York and North Yorkshire; and identify priorities that will help to
(i) reshape our economy after Covid-19, and
(ii) support the Mayoral Devolution Deal for York and North Yorkshire.

- 3.4 This has all been valuable work, and a review of the project pipeline undertaken with partners and stakeholders in late 2020 highlighted the need to develop a programme framework to help prioritise investment in the right areas. This work has led to the development of the emerging Capital Investment Plan, which sets out the priority interventions and key investment themes.
- 3.5 It had been hoped that the Levelling Up Fund and Shared Prosperity Fund prospectuses would have been published to provide an investment fund to consider the proposals against, however details are still awaited.
- 3.6 The priority interventions and key investment themes of the Capital Investment Plan are explained in more detail in Appendix 1, however in summary they are:



- 3.7 Alongside delivering for the people, businesses and places of our region this Investment Plan will also make a significant contribution to national priorities, including:

Levelling up – driving inclusive growth across all parts of York and North Yorkshire and realising the economic potential of the region.

Climate change – York and North Yorkshire can not only contribute to the national carbon neutral ambitions, we can go further and become England’s first carbon-negative region.

Becoming a science superpower – Our bioeconomy ambitions bring together academia and industry and can enhance the UK position as a leading global superpower in the fast growing bioeconomy.

- 3.8 The development of a project pipeline for capital projects will form the backbone of the YNY LEP Capital Investment Plan, and will be developed in collaboration with partners and stakeholders. Over 230 project proposals submitted by partners and stakeholders. A breakdown analysis of the number of project proposals submitted by partners and stakeholders under the headings of the Capital Investment Plan is included at Appendix 2.
- 3.9 The project pipeline will be reviewed, refreshed and updated regularly (approximately every 4-6 months) to take account of emerging economic investment priorities, resource needs and potential funding opportunities.
- 3.10 This work has been undertaken in partnership with Directors of Development receiving input from the Chief Executives Group
- 4.0 LEP Funding & Board Recruitment**
- 4.1 The LEPs have received confirmation of their core funding for 2021/22. This remains static at £500k and is subject to continued contributions from Local Authorities.
- 4.2 In addition the Growth Hubs have had confirmation their budget for 2021/22 includes the uplift funding provides during 2020/21. Whilst the exact amount is to be confirmed we anticipate this will be similar to 2020/21 (C.£540k).

- 4.3 Further LEP income will be reduced for 2021/22 as a consequence of the Local Growth Fund ending and a reduced capital switch, however we anticipate ending the year with c.£750k reserves.
- 4.4 We are currently finalising the delivery plan for 2021/22, however in order to maintain current activity levels, we will need to utilise significant reserves. Assuming government contributions remain the same we are developing a budget through to March 2023, in anticipation of creation of a Combined Authority and election of a Mayor.
- 4.5 Assuming a devolution deal has been agreed, discussions will be required during 2021/22 around which activity needs to be maintained or resourced to support implementation the development of activity and programmes and to ensure we are prepared for year one delivery.
- 4.6 For example, whilst the exact content of the deal is to be negotiated, core elements of existing deals include Strategic Transport, Gain Share and Adult Education Budget. There is a significant amount of work to be investment ready for these funding streams - Experience in other MCAs indicates it takes 2-3 years to be ready to draw down the Adult Education Budget.
- 4.7 Options will be brought forward when the devolution and LGR processes become clearer.

LEP Board Update

- 4.8 Helen Simpson, the new LEP Chair will formally take office at the LEP Board on 15 March.
- 4.9 A comprehensive induction process is underway to ensure Helen is fully briefed on the breadth of LEP activity and governance requirements and to introduce her to key stakeholders across the patch.
- 4.10 In addition, The LEP is currently undertaking a recruitment exercise for three of its Boards: Main LEP Board, Business Board and Skills & Employability Board. – A verbal update will be provided at the meeting on the outcome of the interviews.
- 4.11 The LEP remains committed to strengthening diversity across all its Boards to provide a broader perspective and improve decision making. Whilst we understand the challenge at a Local Authority level and the importance of the right representation on the LEP Infrastructure Board, we remain concerned around the lack of diversity on this Board. Currently the Board consists of a representative from each Local Authority, together with a LEP Private Sector Main Board Member chair and is 10 male 1 female. By comparison the main LEP Board must have as a minimum a 2/3 – 1/3 Male – Female split.

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 LGNYY are asked to;
- Note the current performance across Local Growth Fund, Get Building Fund, Growth Hub and Careers & Enterprise Company
 - Note there is no flexibility to extend Local Growth Fund activity beyond March 2021.
 - Provide feedback on the priority interventions and key investment themes of the Capital Investment Plan; and,
 - Note the LEP Funding situation and Board Membership position.

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Reshaping our Economy

York and North Yorkshire Capital Investment Plan

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Draft Version

January 2021



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FAIRER



STRONGER

Our Capital Investment Plan to Reshape our Economy to be Greener Fairer Stronger.

Our proposed capital investment plan is focussed on delivering the York and North Yorkshire ambition to be a carbon negative region by reshaping our economy to be Greener fairer and stronger. By doing this it will set out the priority interventions that will help to deliver our Covid 19 reshaping plan pledges, our Local Industrial Strategy aims and develop our aspirations set out in the York and North Yorkshire Devolution Deal.

Alongside delivering for the people, businesses and places of our region this Investment Plan will also make a significant contribution to national priorities, including:

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Climate change – York and North Yorkshire can not only contribute to the national carbon neutral ambitions, we can go further and become England’s first carbon-negative region.

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Our vision...

England’s first carbon negative region.
A carbon negative, circular economy that increases productivity and provides higher paid jobs.

Our Local Industrial Strategy ambition for...

- Connected and resilient places
- People reaching their full potential
- An economy powered by Good Businesses
- World leading land management

Investing in our...



Quality Places

- Reshaping our Towns, Cities and Places
- Decarbonising our travel and transport
- A step change in Digital
- Enabling key strategic sites and opportunities



Businesses and People

- Helping businesses to recover and grow (Business Investment Fund)
- Promoting Innovation (Innovation Fund)
- Adapting and improving our learning and training infrastructure



Green Future

- Bioeconomy and circular economy
- Decarbonising our energy infrastructure
- Green Space and Natural Capital





Investing in our Quality Places

Reshaping our Towns, Cities and Places

Our Towns, Cities and places are significant assets to the local economy and are key drivers of productivity and national growth. COVID-19 has had a profound impact on how we work, travel, and shop in the future. However the rich quality and distinctiveness of our places offer us great opportunities to reshape and reposition our towns and cities.

Our priorities will therefore look to invest in a co-ordinated programme of support that will:

- Help our places to be **smart and enterprising** through supporting digital and business;
- Capitalise on its **culture and heritage**, strengthening heritage, community and sense of place;
- Ensuring our places are more sustainable and resilient through promoting **Living and Circular** towns principles;
- Enabling great place shaping and connectivity in our **growing towns and cities**.

De-carbonising our travel and transport

Our travel and transport network is essential to the health of our economy and the economic prosperity of our communities. We need a network that is reliable and efficient to facilitate future economic growth and help to reshape our economy post COVID-19.

Our priorities will therefore look to invest in programmes and projects that will:

- Increase active travel through investing in **cycling and walking infrastructure**
- Increase the usage of public transport investing in **bus and rail improvements**
- Accelerating the move away from petrol/diesel vehicles investing in **E-vehicle infrastructure**
- Improving the **resilience of our road network**

A step change in Digital

High quality and widespread digital infrastructure, shared data and new 'smart' solutions have a major role to play in addressing our economic, social and environmental challenges, particularly in the post COVID-19 world. However, across our region, poor network coverage is a barrier to the development of these solutions and enabling future opportunities.

Our priority will therefore be to invest to deliver programmes and projects that will:

- Significantly improve our **digital infrastructure** to ensure that we have the best quality and most accessible coverage
- Support the use of **smart technologies** making a step change in the delivery of smart solutions across our region.

Enabling key strategic sites and opportunities

The provision of high quality, affordable, well connected and sustainable housing and employment is essential in meeting the current and future needs of York and North Yorkshire. However this is not just about the numbers game but about high quality and affordable homes, attracting high value industries and creating well paid job opportunities that help to reshape YNY to be Greener Fairer and Stronger.

Our priority will therefore be to invest in:

- The **enabling infrastructure** for key housing and employment sites, removing delivery barriers and ensuring that they contribute to our greener, fairer and stronger ambitions.



Invest in our businesses and People

Helping businesses to reshape, recover and grow

Creating the right conditions for business growth to support increased productivity, resilience and level up the economy is a shared priority nationally and locally.

More than ever we need businesses that can adapt and develop their strengths into more productive, high performing workplaces as we decarbonize our economy.

Supporting our businesses is vital to achieving a greener, fairer and stronger economy. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our businesses, particularly those in the hospitality sector. However with the right support it also presents an opportunity for us to reshape our economy to be greener, fairer and stronger, with high-value and environmentally sustainable businesses at the forefront.

Our priority is therefore to establish:

- **Business Investment Fund** that will provide Businesses with the finance they need to become more resilient, recover and grow.

Promoting Innovation

Our economic ambitions are underpinned by innovation. Our Universities innovation strengths are a key driver in the economic future of our region and which provide a flow of graduates with cutting edge skills and knowledge into our labour force and into new and our existing businesses.

The importance of innovation to the resilience, growth and prosperity of our region is amplified in the context of COVID-19. We will accelerate a green economic recovery, create new sustainable jobs and improve resilience in our area through supporting innovative entrepreneurs to start-up companies, enabling Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to scale up their businesses and improving efficiencies of industry through collaborative research.

However this needs support through the development of infrastructure such as Innovation hubs and centres through to businesses themselves with finance to encourage and enable new product development.

Our priority is therefore to...

- Develop a **Business Innovation Fund** that provides investment that supports innovation

Adapting and improving our training and learning infrastructure.

As our economy adapts and reshapes post COVID-19 we need a training and learning infrastructure that can respond to changes in demand from employers and individuals.

Our training provision must also adapt and change to new opportunities particularly around future skills in green technologies, sustainable construction and the bio economy helping to support our economy now and into the future.

Our priority is therefore to:

Develop a **Capital Skills Investment Programme** that provides investment to ensure our learning and training infrastructure meets future demand.



Investing in a Green Future

Decarbonising our energy infrastructure

The scale of our ambition is set out in our routemap to carbon negative. Many sectors will have to take significant action to meet our ambitious target and in doing so there is a clear need for a locally led, placed based approach in particular energy solutions, including decarbonizing heating systems, improving energy efficiency and local renewable electricity generation to meet current and future growth needs.

There are significant economic opportunities locally and nationally in the transition to low carbon energy technologies with potential growth in new high-value industries and more productive, higher paid jobs. Seizing these opportunities will be critical to a successful economic recovery from COVID-19.

Our priorities will therefore look to invest in programmes and projects that will:

- Support the **decarbonisation of buildings**;
- Enabling the development of **Low carbon energy generation** projects

UK Centre for bio and circular economy

Our ambition to be a carbon negative region means that we must invest in innovation in order to raise productivity and global competitiveness whilst transitioning to a low carbon circular economy. This presents opportunities for our region in the development of the bio-economy and also to reshape our economy to become circular.

The importance of the bio-economy and the circular economy to the resilience, growth and prosperity of our region is amplified in the context of COVID-19.

Our global leading assets in the biosciences, our significant natural capital, the cluster of businesses in the food, drink and agricultural sectors and the connectivity into two of the UK's most significant chemical clusters offers our region the opportunity to be the UK centre for the bioeconomy and circular economy.

Our priorities will therefore look to invest in programmes and projects that will:

- Enable the development of our ambitious plans for **Bio Yorkshire**, YNY becoming the UK centre for the bio economy
- Support the development of the **Circular Economy**
- Facilitate the further development of **sustainable construction**

Natural capital and green spaces

We have the ambition to be a circular, carbon-negative region and pioneer innovative farming and land management approaches and climate change adaptation solutions.

Due to the rural nature of our region we have a high value natural capital. This gives us the opportunity to help meet out ambitions for carbon negative. We are also on the frontline of increasingly frequent weather extremes and other climate change impacts, in particular flood risk damage and disruption causing significant impacts to our economy.

Our priority will therefore be to invest to deliver programmes and projects that will:

- Facilitate and further invest through a **natural capital Investment Fund** that will help to address flood alleviation, business resilience, and contribute to achieving the Carbon negative ambition for the region.

Appendix 2: YNY LEP Capital Investment Plan (Pipeline Projects) - Breakdown of Project Proposals (Local Authority Area)

Local Authority Area	Quality Places				Businesses & People			Green Future			Total	
	Reshaping our Towns & Cities	Decarbonising our Travel & Transport	A Step Change in Digital	Enabling Infrastructure for Key Housing & Employment Sites	Helping Business to Recover & Grow	Promoting Innovation	Adapting & Improving our Learning & Training Infrastructure	Decarbonising our Energy Infrastructure	UK Centre for Bioeconomy & Circular Economy	Natural Capital		
City of York Council	10	8	1	9	1	2	1	7	0	2	41	18%
Craven District Council	2	4	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	2	14	6%
Harrogate Borough Council	9	2	0	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	20	9%
Hambleton District Council	4	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	4%
Richmondshire District Council	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	4%
Ryedale District Council	6	11	0	4	3	0	0	1	0	1	26	11%
Scarborough Borough Council	14	4	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	26	11%
Selby District Council	12	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	9%
North Yorkshire County Council	6	7	4	2	0	0	1	4	1	5	30	13%
Y&NY LEP Area-Wide	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	2	18	2	34	15%
	67	46	5	36	6	3	17	15	19	18	232	
	29%	20%	2%	16%	3%	1%	7%	6%	8%	8%		

Appendix 3: YNY LEP Capital Investment Plan (Pipeline Project List)

Investing in our Quality Places		
Programme	Sub-Programme	Project
Reshaping our Towns and Cities	Smart and Enterprising	Changing Retail Demand
		City Centre Accessibility and Regulatory Framework
		Filey car park improvement
		Empty Shops, LOTS & Incubate
		New and Improved Business Space in Knaresborough
		Redevelopment of Park View Car Park
		Ripon Barracks and City Centre Renewal
		21st Innovation Hub
		Smart Clothesholme
		Whitby swing bridge pedestrianisation
		Ryedale Enterprise & Business Centre
		FabLab+
		Woodened PLUS
		Acquisition of Brunswick Centre
		Whitby Free Wifi
		CCTV/Footfall Monitoring
		Digital Infrastructure
		Institute for Safe Autonomy (ISA) - The York Living Lab for Safe and Connected Autonomy
	Cultural and Heritage	Craven Arts House
		Filey sculpture trail
		Augmented Tourism
		Investment (in partnership with stakeholders) in cultural assets in town centres
		Co-location of Northallerton Library and County Archives and potential
		Investment in the Councils library service to support service delivery, town
		Ripon Cathedral Visitor Centre
		Milton Rooms Redevelopment
		Tadcaster Community Sports
		Selby Abbey visitor Centre
		Barlby Road Corridor
		Whitby Lobster Hatchery
	Sustainable and Resilient Places (Living and Circular)	Malton & Norton Community Anaerobic Digester
		Malton Urban Park
	Growing Towns and Cities	Scarborough Bridge
		Cycle Parking
		Scarborough LCWIP
		Selby LCWIP
		Skipton LCWIP
		Catterick LCWIP
		Malton & Norton LCWIP
		Northallerton Town Centre Package including FHSF and LCWIP
		Town centre footway and cycleway improvements
		Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)
		LCWIP (Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans)
		Discoveries on Your Doorstep
		Discoveries on Your Doorstep
		Regeneration of the Coppergate Centre
		Coney Street – River Walk
		Castle Gateway
		Secondary and out of town
		Skipton Triangle
		Harrogate Station Gateway
		Investment in town centre sites for conversion into living space and live / work
		Ripon Barracks
		Shute Road Redevelopment (Catterick Garrison Town Centre Redevelopment)
		Connected Catterick Garrison
		Malton/Norton B1248 Regeneration Project
		Student Accommodation scheme
		Scarborough Market Square
		Station Gateway
		Harbourside Public Realm: Pedestrianisation of Whitby Bridge
		Selby Station Gateway – Phase II
		Town Centre Regeneration - Public realm
		Sherburn Street works
		Selby Station Gateway - Phase I (Transforming Cities Fund)
		Places and Movement
		Green Transport Hubs

Decarbonising our Travel and Transport	Cycling & Walking Infrastructure	City Centre Strategic Plan / SPD
		Low Carbon Transport: Rural Cycling Network
		Leeds Liverpool Canal
		Walking and Cycling in the Airedale Corridor (Skipton LCWIP)
		Beryl Burton Cycleway
		Yorkshire Coast Cycleway
		Ryedale Cycle Path Network
	Public Transport & Rail Improvements	TPT NCN 65
		Hawes to Garsdale Multi-user Route
		Ultra low emissions
		Station Frontage / Gateway
		Station Plans / Western Entrance
		Haxby Station
		Hospital Cycle/Ped Bridge
		Transport link improvement
		Harrogate Rail Line Modernisation Programme
		Skelton Junction/York Station Track Improvements
		Malton / Norton Electric Hopper Service Bus
	E-vehicle Infrastructure	Investment in zero carbon passenger transport
		Malton Station - Provision of 2nd Platform, Pedestrian & Cycle bridge & link
		Thirsk Station
		Car Charging Points
		Rural EV Charge Point Network
	Resilient Road Network	North Yorkshire Electric Vehicle Charge Point Study
		Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure in North Yorkshire
		EV charging
		EV charging
		Electrifying car parking areas for Staff, Visitors and fleet
		Future Transport Network
		ORR A1237 Phase 2
		A59 Corridor Improvements
		East Skipton By-pass
		Level Crossing Downtime Reductions
		Malton & Norton (B1248/A64 Junction Musley Bank)
		Malton & Norton (Broughton Road/A64 Junction)
		Malton & Norton Congestion Reduction
		A65 Conistone Cold Bridge & Causeway
		Physical Connectivity
		Physical Connectivity
		Key Route Maintenance Package
		NYCC Rural Route Maintenance Package
		Malton & Norton junction & signals improvements, including pedestrian & Harrogate Transport Improvements Programme
		A64 Broughton Road Junction
		A64 Musley Bank Junction Upgrade
		Malton - Norton Link Road & Bridge
		A64 Dualling - Crambeck to Musley Bank
A Step Change in Digital	Digital infrastructure	Town centre wifi investment
		Roll out of 4 and 5G mobile broadband
		Continued investment in fibre broadband infrastructure and integration of data
		Rural Digital Connectivity (FTTP/LFFN)
	Smart technologies	Bridge the gaps Broadband
Enabling Key Sites and Opportunities	Enabling Infrastructure	Ingleton Industrial Estate
		Threshfield Quarry Business Park
		Leeming Bar 2.0 - enabling infrastructure
		Art-I-Zen Yard
		Dalton Industrial Estate
		Harrogate Convention Centre Site Redevelopment
		Access Improvements to A1M50 Potter Space and Barker Business Parks
		Thornton Rd Business Park Phase 3 (GBF project)
		Eden Business Park - enhanced electricity supply
		Lowfield
		Burnholme
		Duncombe Barracks
		Ordnance Lane / HFR
		Willow House
		York Central
		Askham Bar
		Clifton Without School
		Manor School
		Flexstead - rural housing
		Delivery of High Quality Jobs at Pannal Gateway Business Park
		Delivery of West of Harrogate Urban Extension
		Delivery of West of Harrogate Urban Extension
		Developing programmes for the delivery of innovative modern zero carbon
		Unlocking sites for housing and commercial development in the County's most
		A1(M) Scotch Corner and Catterick Central Junction Enterprise Areas
		Carrs Billington Mixed Use Development

En		Colburn Business Park
		Public Sector Hub & Development of Ryedale House Site
		Additional Employment Land at Kirkbymoorside
		Burn Airfield
		Olympia Park access
		Crosshills Lane urban extension
		ICL chemical works
		Former Rigid Paper site
		Eggborough Business Park
		Drax Carbon Capture Campus
Investing in our Businesses and People		
Programme	Sub-Programme	Project
Helping Business to Recover and Grow	Business Investment Fund	Park House Barns (Phase Two)
		Adderstone Development (Dalby Forest)
		Café/shop/office/holiday let
		Malton Livestock Market
		Three Peaks Visitor Infrastructure
		York Venture Creation Lab
Promoting Innovation	Innovation Fund	Foundry Yard (SME units)
		Craven Innovation District
		Digital Innovation Hub
Adapting and Improving Our Learning and Training Infrastructure	Capital Skills Investment Programme	Skills and innovation Platform -Technical, Higher Level Skills and
		Skills and innovation Platform -Farm Platform
		Upgrade wildlife park / Animal management
		HE Learning space
		Upgrade Sports Facilities
		Construction Skills Village
		Ripon Barracks: Education and Training Centre
		Forest School
		Medical Teaching Facility
		Capital investment in schools in deprived areas
		Green Construction Skills Infrastructure
		Scarborough Hotel School
		Care Academy
		Centre of Green Excellence: Low Carbon Skills Centre
		Maritime Training Academy
		Electric Garage
		Low Carbon Developments
Investing in a Green Future		
Programme	Sub-Programme	Project
g our Energy Infrastructure	Decarbonising Buildings	Hazel Court Relocation (Harewood Whin)
		PV ARRAY on Harewood Whin
		Solar Panel and EV – St George’s Field
		Private Sector Retro Fit
		Commercial Environmental Performance
		Council House Retrofit Phase 1
		Council House Retrofit Phase 2
		Decarbonised Business Park
		North Yorks Alternative Energy Project
		Retrofit and reconfigure the Council Estate (including schools) to create zero carbon public buildings.

Decarbonising		Supporting measures to retrofit homes and buildings in rural locations – particularly older and more isolated buildings which may not be suitable for standard approaches to insulation and heating methods. Decarbonising Trust Estate
	Low Carbon Energy Generation Projects	Support for novel waste management initiatives and recycling linked to circular economy aspirations Low Carbon / Renewable Energy Project
		Controlled environment farming
Bioeconomy & Circular Economy	Bio Yorkshire	Skills and innovation Platform - Applied Bioeconomy Business Centre
		Skills and innovation Platform - Bioeconomy Gateway Centre
		Bio Yorkshire - Digital and Research Farm Platform
		Bio Yorkshire - Sustainability Learning Centre
		Bio Yorkshire - Agricultural Technology Centre
		BioManufacturing Innovation Centre (BMIC)
		Co-working & Innovation Hub
		Bio Yorkshire - Research Cube
		Bio Yorkshire - Circular Economy Data Centre
		Bio Yorkshire - Packaging Research Centre
		Bio Yorkshire - Global Bioeconomy Institute
		Bio Yorkshire - Expansion of the Biorenewables Development Centre
		Bio Yorkshire - Bioeconomy Skills Academy
		Bio Yorkshire - District Hubs
		Research scale insect bioreactor
	Circular Economy	Supporting the Council's farm estate to become carbon neutral
		Packaging hub
		Circular economy data hub
		Low-carbon/Circular Food Supply Chain Network
	Sustainable Construction	
Natural Capital & Green Space	Natural Capital Investment Fund	Northern Forest
		High Value Natural Capital Investment
		Clean Coastal Streams
		Implementation of schemes resulting from a Natural Capital Investment Plan such as habitat restoration and carbon sequestration schemes
		Support for enhancing protected landscapes
		Creation of habitat corridors linked to zero carbon road infrastructure and active travel proposals
		Upper Aire Land Management Project
		Upper Derwent Project
		Peatland restoration in Swale and Ure catchment
		Kelp Biochar
		Tadcaster Flood Alleviation Scheme
		York Flood Alleviation Scheme: Clementhorpe
		York Flood Alleviation Scheme: Upstream Storage
		River Foss Project
		Upper Dales flood mitigation
		Flood alleviation
		Swaledale landslips
		Morton Flatts

Report to the Yorkshire Leaders Board

Report title: Zero Carbon update

Date: 7 January 2021

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To update Leaders around the progress to establish the Regional Climate Commission as previously agreed at the Yorkshire Leaders Board.

2. Background

- 2.1. Zero carbon/climate change is one of the key priorities of the Yorkshire Leaders Board, and work is led through Wallace Sampson, Chief Executive of Harrogate.
- 2.2. A Zero Carbon sub-group has been established, which includes Sharon Kemp (Rotherham), Janet Waggott (Selby) and Martin Budd (Hull). The group meet virtually every 6 weeks and are supported by a small number of local authority and LEP officers from across the Yorkshire and Humber region as well as the regional secretariat.
- 2.3. While the group has been meeting for the last 12 months, its original ambitions have been reviewed to not only inform the Yorkshire and Humber business plan, but also to take into consideration capacity constraints arising from the pandemic. The sub-group has agreed a number of workstreams as follows:
- National lobbying and policy development – *Sharon Kemp (Rotherham)*
 - Shared learning and communications – *Martin Budd (Hull)*
 - Decarbonisation of the schools estate – *Janet Waggott (Selby)*
 - Decarbonisation of the wider public estate – *Sharon Kemp (Rotherham)*
 - Collaborative opportunities emerging from LEP energy strategies – *Wallace Sampson (Harrogate)*
 - Expansion of Circular Yorkshire – *Wallace Sampson (Harrogate)*
 - Regional climate commission – *Wallace Sampson (Harrogate)*
- 2.4. The activity that will take place around these workstreams will focus immediately on what is achievable in the short-term – for that reason, the group will not place too much focus on progressing the decarbonisation of the wider public estate which was felt to be a longer-term priority.

3. Regional Climate Commission

- 3.1 At its meeting on 23 October 2020, the Yorkshire Leaders Board confirmed their support for a regional climate change commission following an initial proposal developed with Andy Gouldson at the University of Leeds, with a £40,000 initial investment agreed from the Board.
- 3.2 Further scoping has taken place to set out the role of the commission, its structure and membership, resourcing and an indicative work programme, and this has been sense checked with the Yorkshire and Humber Chief Executives group. The start-up proposal

containing this information and next steps is attached at Appendix A, with a number of recommendations set out at the end of this covering report.

- 3.3 At the end of November a meeting was held with a number of representatives from the TUC, Norther Power Grid, Northern Gas Networks, Environment Agency, Yorkshire Universities and Together Yorkshire (One Yorkshire Committee) to discuss the draft start up document and to seek their input. Their views are reflected in the updated appendix.
- 3.4 It should be noted that work has also been undertaken to align this work with other workstreams through Together Yorkshire and the Just Transition work being led by the TUC to reduce duplication of effort. They are supportive of a single approach through the regional climate commission.
- 3.5 Leaders are invited to comment on the start-up document and the specific recommendations.

4. **Recommendations**

- 4.1. In relation to the climate commission Leaders are asked to:
- Comment on the start-up proposals set out at Appendix A;
 - Agree to the name as “Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission”;
 - Endorse an announcement in January on the intention to create the Commission to enable commissioners to be recruited in time for the first meeting in March;
 - Confirm nominations of a vice chair for each of the four sub regions;
 - Support an email being sent to all regional MPs, Leaders, Chief Executives, Portfolio Leads to advise of the set-up of the commission and invite them to:
 - Save the date for the launch event in March prior to the January announcement;
 - Sign a letter of support.

Appendix A: Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission

Draft start-up document

Overall aim

Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission
Advancing the region's climate leadership
Accelerating climate resilient, net zero development through an inclusive and just transition.

What it is

An independent Commission, bringing together public, private and third sector actors to support, guide and track the delivery of ambitious climate actions across the region, with an equal focus on promoting climate (including flood) resilience and working towards net zero emissions.

To do this, the Commission will act:

- a) in a positive, constructive and evidence-based way;
- b) in a fair, inclusive and just way so that no-one and nowhere is left out or left behind;
- c) in a sustainable way, including by supporting climate actions that also protect nature and biodiversity.

By operating at the regional scale, the Commission will support local actions whilst also promoting Yorkshire and the Humber in national and international debates.

The regional Commission would work with and learn from/support the activities of any more local Climate Commissions and Coalitions that have been established or are emerging within the region.

What it isn't

The Commission is not there to duplicate existing efforts, to act as a talking shop or as a platform for campaigning or marketing, or to deliver climate actions itself.

Timing

To be established for 3 years in the first instance, with an announcement and call for applications in January 2021 and a first meeting in March 2021, with a review of its contribution and value-added in year 3 to establish whether it should continue.

Basic structure and working patterns

- A main Commission meeting quarterly (on a rotating basis in the Humber, South, West and North Yorkshire), supported by a small number of standing panels and a rolling schedule of temporary working groups.
- To aid engagement and ensure visibility across the region, each quarterly meeting to be followed by a public engagement event presenting and seeking feedback on completed work and future activities.
- To prepare and publish position papers/policy briefs on key topics, along with an annual report to feed into local and combined authorities and the Yorkshire and Humber Leaders Board.

Main commission structure

- Independent Chair
- 4 Rotating Vice Chairs (one each from Humber, South, West and North Yorkshire), to be nominated by local authorities from the respective parts of the region and approved by the Yorkshire Leaders Board.
- Director

- Commissioners drawn from the public, private and third sectors (see below)
- Two part-time analysts to help collate evidence on net zero and climate resilience.
- Secretariat providing engagement and communications and administrative support.

Possible structure of representation on the Commission

Public	Private	Third Sector
Local/combined authorities	Water	Unions
LEPs	Energy	Business/employers groups
Environment Agency	Infrastructure	Environmental groups
Natural England	Transport	Wildlife groups
NHS	Construction and housing	Community groups
Homes England	Food and agriculture	Consumer groups
Universities and colleges	Resources, waste, circular economy	Land owners' groups
	Tourism, leisure, cultural	Youth groups
	Finance/legal	
Cross-cutting thought leaders (x3?)		

Roles

- Independent chair there to provide leadership and continuity over time. Expectation that they would give c10 days a year to the role.¹
- Vice chairs each to co-chair a quarterly meeting and to ensure the Commission connects to (i.e. informs and is informed by) elected officials and policy makers across the region. Expectation that they would attend quarterly meetings.
- Commissioners asked to champion and be the main contact point for their sector/group, to attend quarterly meetings of the main Commission and participate in (and potentially co-chair) one of the standing panels or working groups. Expectation that they would give up to 10 days a year to the role. Commissioners there as individuals but with the support of their employers/organisations.
- Director there to oversee the effective organisation of Commission activities, and to manage the analysts and the secretariat. Expectation that they would give c1 day a week to the role.²
- Analysts team to include two 2-day-a-week roles, one focused on net zero and the other on climate resilience.
- Secretariat to include communications and engagement support (2 days a week) and administrative support (1.5 days a week).

Work schedule, with standing panels and working groups

- There is a wide range of areas that a regional Commission could be expected to address to promote the delivery of both net zero and climate resilient activities across the region and to ensure that activities respect the principles of a just transition.
- Obviously with limited resources the Commission will not be able to address them all at the same time, but it is reasonable to address key issues/challenges in many of these areas over the first 3 years.

¹ It is not presently envisaged that this role would be remunerated.

² Funding has been secured to support this time input.

- Some areas would be cross-cutting and important enough to warrant a standing panel or working group – employment and skills, finance and investment or research and education might be candidates here.
- A top priority in the first 6 months would then to prepare a regional submission to the UN climate (COP) talks that will take place in Glasgow in November 2021.
- Focusing on this could be a perfect way of getting the Commission moving. It would also generate a high-profile output, and show that the Commission can make a valuable contribution.
- Other topics could then be addressed on a rolling basis, identified strategically by the Commission in advance or more responsively as they emerge.
- Suggestions for such topics already received relate to employment and skills, the circular economy, consumption and scope 3 emissions, green infrastructure and nature-based solutions.
- These could be addressed through the creation of temporary task and finish working groups – convened by the Commission, possibly chaired by one or more of the Commissioners, and asked to report back in 3-6 months.
- Working groups could be asked to bring together key actors and stakeholders to prepare a neutral, evidence-based assessment of the key issues, opportunities, barriers etc. and to propose a way forward for the region.
- Outputs from each group could then be a short (c5 pages) position paper and/or policy brief for the Commission that could be published and presented at a public event after one of the Commission meetings.

Outputs

- Web-site and social media engagements including suite of success stories to create positivity/celebrate progress and highlight the range of activities underway in the region³. Could also include a clearing house of key initiatives, documents, data etc. from across the region.
- Position papers, published with a note saying that although the position papers represent a consensus view of the Commission as a whole they may not represent the views of all individual members.
- Policy briefs enabling the region to speak more clearly to Westminster on the policy changes it needs to allow it to become a net zero, climate resilient region.
- Annual report offering a progress review and stock-take on the main issues and challenges and the activities of the Commission, to feed into local and combined authorities and the Yorkshire Leaders Board.
- Bespoke outputs such as an outline Yorkshire and Humber Climate Action Plan as a submission to the UN Climate Talks.

Resources and fund raising

- Start-up funding - £118k secured from national government research funding via the University of Leeds.
- Year 1 funding commitments are £95k – £40k from the Yorkshire Leaders Board, £15k from the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water and Northern Powergrid, £10k from Northern Gas Networks. In-kind contribution of c£70k from University of Leeds, assuming the UoL hosts the analysts and secretariat.
- Years 2 and 3 commitments currently £45k, with fund-raising to get to £95k the University of Leeds would maintain its in-kind contribution.
- Budgets to be held and administered by Leeds City Council.
- Significant opportunities for wider fund raising – e.g. through research grants, national lottery funding, sponsorship/philanthropy – guidance needed on this.

³ With extra resources this could potentially turn into a public/business engagement initiative (Yorkshire Climate Week?) and/or an award scheme.

Next Steps

January

- Confirm name for the Commission.
- Appoint Chair and Director.
- Ask for nominations for 4 Vice Chairs.
- Announce creation of Commission
- Define process for the appointment of Commissioners.
- Advertise for the appointment of Commissioners
- Set date the first meeting of the Commission.
- Appoint analysts and secretariat.
- Start to collate evidence for a regional submission to the COP.

February

- Appoint Commissioners.

March

- First meeting of the Commission to:
 - Agree governance structures and terms of reference.
 - Agree structure for standing panels and working groups.
 - Agree work schedule for Year 1.
 - Establish scope and structure for the regional submission to the COP.