

Local Government North Yorkshire & York

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LEP Update

Report of the Chief Operating Officer

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To provide LGNY Y with an update on:

1. LEP Delivery
2. Plan for Growth progress
3. Community Renewal Fund successful bids

2.0 LEP Delivery

2.1 The programmes the LEP has direct delivery responsibility for are:

- Capital Projects – Getting Building Fund;
- Business Support Growth Hub
- Careers & Enterprise Programme ;

2.2 Effective delivery of Capital Projects - Getting Building Fund

2021/22 Target - £7.7m Investment which was achieved. The table below summarises the Getting Building Fund project grant awards, the total spend to date, and balance left to claim by 31 March 2022.

YNY LEP - Getting Building Programme			
Financial Profile Summary (Q2 End - 30th Sept 2021)			
Project Name	PROJECT GBF APPROVALS	Total Spend to end Q2 2021/22	GBF BALANCE TO CLAIM to 31/3/22
North Yorkshire Digital Infrastructure Programme	3,600,000	931,379	2,668,621
Thornton Rd Business Park Phase 3	880,000	-	880,000
Whitby Business Park	1,079,058	919,553	159,505
A19 Chapel Haddlesey	6,000,000	6,000,000	Complete
Digital Skills Academy	1,000,000	223,949	776,051
Electric Car and Green Skills (Scarborough)	97,000	97,000	Complete
York College - Increasing technical skills capabilities in Electric Vehicle technologies	150,000	149,420	580
Harrogate West Business Park	1,500,000	1,049,894	450,106
Enhancement to the Digital Hub Central Northallerton - eCampus	725,000	725,000	Complete
York Guildhall - fit-out	300,000	-	300,000
Development Programme (delivery staff costs)	368,942	184,470	184,472
TOTAL GBF Award	15,700,000	10,280,665	5,419,335
		Prog Total	15,700,000

2.3 All projects are expected to deliver, including the projects rated RED above;

- **Pickering Thornton Road** – good progress has been made by the project team to remove delivery risks, and although still rated red, is

expected to improve grant claim performance in Q3 (up to 31 December 2021);

- **North Yorkshire Digital Infrastructure** – delivery work to service towns and business parks across North Yorkshire remains on target, however, there is currently a delay between the completion of eligible activity and payment of grant which is expected to rectify in Q3 (up to 31 December 2021);
- **Digital Skills Academy, Askham Bryan College** – slippage of grant claims into Q3 and Q4, construction progress is good and on target for completion by Christmas, to be followed by internal fit out in Q4;

2.4 Business Support - Growth Hub

Business Assist Level	To Date	Annual Target	Notes
Low	11,712	8,500	Target already exceeded
Medium	430	850	Our programme of approx. 30 webinars started in September which is targeted to deliver over 400 Medium Supports
High	73	200	Four further business start up schools are due to launch shortly. Collectively the five start up schools are targeted to deliver 100r High Level. Additionally, the Peer Networks launched in September is targeted to deliver 55 high Level Supports.

2.5 **Careers & Enterprise Company**

2.6 At the end of the last academic year the YNY Careers Hub – 34 schools and colleges were performing above the priority Benchmarks national average (highlighted in red below) with the YNY LEP area in the top 25% nationally (out of 37 areas) all schools & colleges were 100% matched with an Enterprise Adviser (achieving the target set by CEC).

2.7 Below shares baseline data and demonstrates the progress the original Hub achieved last year:

Bench Mark	Y&NY Careers Hub Jul 2018	Y&NY Careers Hub Aug 21	National Comparator
BM1 A stable careers programme	6%	76%	63%
BM2 Learning from career and labour market information	28%	85%	78%
BM3 Addressing the needs of each pupil	9%	42%	42%
BM4 Linking curriculum learning to careers	28%	73%	71%
BM5 Encounters with employers and employees	38%	70%	66%
BM6 Experiences of workplaces	31%	64%	40%
BM7 Encounters with further and higher education	16%	39%	40%
BM8 Personal guidance	66%	85%	75%

2.8 Building on the above a Shape your Future branded, Labour Market Information toolkit has now been completed and a Training Session delivered to Career Leaders. The resource provides a suite of resources for Career Leaders to utilise to support careers in the curriculum for Key Stage 3 and 4 students (11- 16). In total the investment from the Careers Hub Fund has supported the development of:

- 14 key sector lessons (1 lesson plan, with 14 key sector presentations that can be used across multiple lessons)
- 1 self-employment lesson
- 1 pathways/choices lesson
- 1 skills lesson
- 1 employability lesson
- Posters for each sector for use to further support careers within the curriculum.

2.9 **Bootcamps** - Following a number of conversations with DfE highlighting the lack of Bootcamp provision across York and North Yorkshire, The LEP has compiled an evidence base through structured conversations with local employers and skills providers. This has enabled us to submit a £638k proposal to DfE to consider 23 Bootcamps which will provide support for 381 participants to gain sector specific skills in construction, engineering, higher level digital skills and HGV driver training followed by a guaranteed interview. A number of local businesses have also indicated that they would like to discuss a bespoke training path to upskill their existing employees in the four areas noted above.

3.0 Plan for Growth Progress

- 3.1 The LEP continues to develop its Plan for Growth. Whilst the Levelling Up White Paper is yet to be published, the expectation is that where Mayoral Combined Authorities exist, these will be the vehicle to access national funding such as Shared Prosperity Funding.
- 3.2 With York and North Yorkshire keen to progress a Mayoral devolution deal, ensuring a plan is in place to maximise the future opportunities will support the devolution asks.
- 3.3 Following a series of themed horizon scanning round tables, the LEP is currently in the process of engaging individually with each Local Authority to ensure alignment with local priorities.
- 3.4 A draft strategy will be presented to the LEP Board in January with a consultation taking place in Jan/Feb to enable a final strategy to be complete by March.

4.0 Community Renewal Fund.

- 4.1 Following the Community Renewal Fund process, City of York successfully secured two bids, which strongly support the ambitions of the collaborative Celebrating our Distinctive Heritage Report [click here](#)
- Archaeology On Prescription £122k; and,
 - Street Life: using York's historic High Streets as heritage catalysts for community renewal £469k;

And North Yorkshire one bid which strongly supports the Carbon Negative ambitions

- Delivering a Carbon Negative North Yorkshire £768k

4.2 Archaeology on Prescription

A project to support young people who are NEET, adults with mental health issues, people who have left the Armed Forces, people referred by GPs to develop practical skills together with confidence and transferable skills through involvement in archaeological excavations. The programme will deliver

- 60 young people and their communities engaged in the project to improve their health & wellbeing and a sense of place
- 60 young people achieving new skills and employment pathways, enabling a retention of talent for York.
- 60 young people supported into employment who have found it difficult to engage with mainstream provision, or for whom mainstream provision is not an option. Plus those overcoming barriers to employment

4.3 Street Life: using York's historic High Streets as heritage catalysts for community renewal

'Street Life' will use pop-up activities and virtual experiences to reconnect Coney Street to the community, transform the streetscape and its sounds, repurpose empty units, and forge links between retail premises and creative, heritage-led renewal. It has 4 themes:

- Mapping and Digital Portal

- Music and Heritage Experiences
- Workshops
- Heritage Research

The project will deliver

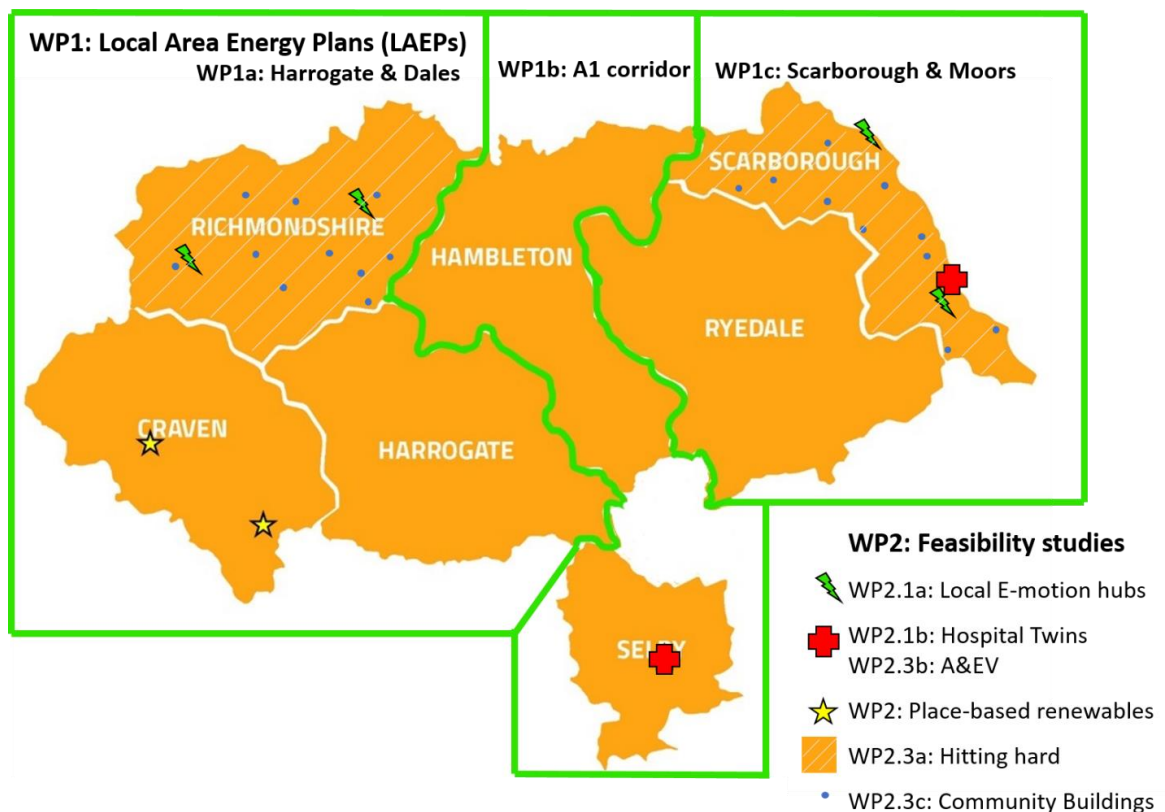
- 16 People in education/training following support
- 4 Businesses introducing new products to the firm
- 6 Organisations engaged in knowledge transfer activity following support

4.4 Delivering a Carbon Negative Energy System in North Yorkshire

4.5 This programme will:

1: Produce a suite of three **Local Area Energy Plans** to provide a long-term strategic approach to decarbonise North Yorkshire's energy system;

2: Deliver a package of innovative **feasibility studies** that address local decarbonisation challenges



WP1: Local Area Energy Plans (LAEPs) will spatially map out technology and infrastructure change required to achieve a carbon-negative energy system. The complex computation modelling behind the LAEPs will help us spatially plan, over the next 20 years, which measures and interventions will create the optimal system change based on future demand. For example, will this planned new village be best served by a district heat system or heat pumps, or where's best to locate hydrogen refuelling stations?

Full LAEPs are a 7-step process, which can take 12-18 months to deliver (see below). In Y&NY, steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 have already been completed under the

Carbon Abatement Pathways work, and Y&NYLEP have secured funding to do the final piece of preparatory work (aligning the scenarios from the Carbon Abatement Pathways work with those used in the LAEP modelling)



The Energy Systems Catapult have been procured to prepare the LAEPs. A project steering group will review progress and facilitate links with councils and communities, comprising climate action representatives from each LA, plus representatives from Northern Powergrid and Northern Gas Networks.

WP2: Feasibility studies

WP2.1: *Transport: Exploring electric vehicle (EV) potential beyond private cars.*

- a. Local E-motion – community-led co-design of Personal Electric Transport hubs:
 - i. “Best available technology” report for different forms of personal electric transport;
 - ii. Community engagement with residents, businesses and visitors to forecast demand for different technologies;
 - iii. Assessing perceived barriers and identifying solutions;
 - iv. Designs and costings for hubs (including electricity infrastructure assessment, business models analysis, site identification, public transport links, impact quantification);
 - v. Bid-ready business case for the most suitable site(s).

Richmondshire DC will openly procure a suitable consultant(s) to deliver the study, NYCC will provide statistical and strategic input at the site identification and business model stages based on their distinct but complementary work on EV charging infrastructure

- b. A&EV – feasibility assessment for installing EV charging infrastructure at Scarborough and Selby Hospitals: Yorkshire Ambulance Service and

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust will jointly procure a contract for a feasibility study and provide project oversight

- i. Reviewing existing localised EV demand and provision;
- ii. Analysing network capacity, on-site generation and storage options, and potential EV numbers (ambulances, hospital fleet vans and pool cars, staff, visitors);
- iii. Designs and costings for microgrids (EV charging + Solar + Batteries);
- iv. Reviewing charging management systems, including revenue generation and load balancing technologies;
- v. Assessing impact (economic, social, environmental).

WP2.2: Place-based renewable energy: *A portfolio of feasibility studies for Craven's development sites.* Studies will be commissioned from independent specialist consultants by Craven Council, who will oversee procurement and project delivery.

- a. Feasibility studies to stimulate greener redevelopment at "Skipton station triangle"
 - i. Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility
 - ii. Water source heating using the Leeds-Liverpool canal
 - iii. Heat Recovery from local light manufacturing facilities
- b. AD feasibility at Sowarth's Field industrial estate (Settle), including proposed partnership with on-site creamery operators Arla.

WP2.3: Buildings: *Innovative retrofit planning for the region's hard-to-decarbonise homes and complex public buildings .*

The 'Hitting Hard' activities will be contracted via Scarborough BC and a project steering group comprised of climate action representatives and housing improvement officers from Richmondshire and Scarborough councils will provide project oversight. The hospital projects will be delivered via the NHS Trusts; and

Hitting Hard – creating a plan to tackle hard-to-decarbonise stone homes (Richmondshire) and Victorian terraces (Scarborough):

- Critical assessment of emerging technological approaches;
- Quantification of extra retrofit costs;
- Identifying planning barriers and how to overcome them;
- Using community insights from the Green Homes Grants to produce an action plan of prioritised locations, funding options and engagements.

Hospital twins – creating "digital twins" to aid decarbonisation at Selby and Scarborough hospitals:

- Heating system surveys;
- Technology options appraisal;

- Creation heating systems “digital twins”;
- Provision of techno-economic business case for system upgrades;
- Generation of long-term energy decarbonisation strategy.

Decarbonising community buildings – feasibility assessments for renewables and efficiency improvements in community buildings:

- Desktop assessments of 30 locations, presented to community venues;
- Conducting 20 site surveys;
- Investigating funding sources, barriers and risks;
- Creating a business case for a joint decarbonisation package

8 Recommendation

8.1 LGNYY to note the report and the role of LA partners in delivering the Community Renewal Fund project.

9 Additional Information

9.1 Appendices:

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