

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

20 JULY 2022

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR OPEN TO BUSINESS

York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

The York and North Yorkshire LEP continues to deliver on its key programmes. It led a collective of York and North Yorkshire Local Authorities at the recent UKREIIF Conference, the UK inward Investment conference. This was the first time York and North Yorkshire has presented its offer collectively and led to over 60 leads from investors.

A £2m Skills Bootcamp funding has been secured and is currently being contracted. Skills bootcamps are courses of up to 16 weeks driven by employer demand. We will deliver 26 bootcamps supporting over 1000 adults across the region. The LEP Capital programmes have now completed, delivering on budget and on time. The Get Building Fund completed at the end of March. Should devolution progress the LEP will be integrated into the Combined Authority.

Growth and Heritage

Foss Catchment Project

The County Council will be project managing the delivery of the next phase of the Foss Catchment Project after the Environment Agency secured a further £200k of funding from the Environment Agency. This will enable the partners to Plan and deliver interventions which will deliver multiple benefits to the Foss Catchment that help with flood prevention, bio-diversity, sustainable land management and help to deliver low carbon objectives.

Shared Prosperity Fund

The County Council has been allocated £16.9m of SPF funding to deliver a three year programme of interventions from 2022-23 to 2024-25. It is a replacement for EU structural funds and will support a range of interventions to strengthen communities, pride in place, support local business and develop skills. An Investment Plan for North Yorkshire is being prepared by the County Council, districts/boroughs and the Y&NY LEP working with a wide range of partners through the SPF Partnership Group and with local MPs and will be submitted to government in late July for approval.

Catterick Town Centre Levelling Up Fund Bid

The team has been supporting Richmondshire District Council as part of a partnership with the MOD/DIO to develop an enhanced town centre for Catterick. The £20m bid, if successful, will deliver improved cycling and walking routes, enhance Coronation Park, deliver a new civic square and a new community enterprise building, and a new high quality public realm to link the new heart of the town centre to Richmond Rd and the other town centre facilities beyond. The bid will be submitted in July, with a decision expected by October. This is the first phase of wider regeneration plans for Catterick town centre being jointly developed with the MOD/DIO.

Food Standards

Food Standards officers maintain numerous Primary Authority relationships with local food producers, providing assured advice and support upon request. Throughout 2022/23, officers have been working with Life Source Supplements, a manufacturer of vitamins, minerals and supplements from Melmerby in an effort to increase their online presence and potential for growth. In conjunction with Wakefield Council, officers have created and implemented an inspection and auditing framework which Amazon have since accepted, allowing Life Source Supplements to achieve 'certified seller status' on the Amazon platform. An innovative approach, providing access to a lucrative marketplace, the learning from which can be applied to other North Yorkshire businesses.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR DEREK J BASTIMAN