

North Yorkshire Council

Executive Member Meeting

Wednesday 11 October 2023

Grant Acceptance –York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Core Funding

Report of the Corporate Director Community Development

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To recommend that the Executive Member for Open to Business following consultation with the Corporate Director of Community Development, the Corporate Director - Resources and the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) authorises the acceptance of the grant of £250,000 from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, for York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Core Funding.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (YNY LEP) have in previous years delivered services across the York and North Yorkshire area fulfilling the required duties with financial support from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). YNY LEP act via their accountable body the North Yorkshire Council (NYC).

3.0 CURRENT ISSUE

3.1 For 2023/2024 financial year, the offer of annual grant funding has been made in the sum of £250,000 from the DLUHC for delivery of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Appendix A).

4.0 CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

4.1 The York and North Yorkshire Growth Hub business support services which will be enabled by the grant from DLUHC will contribute towards:

Economy

- economically sustainable growth that enables people and places to prosper
- new and existing businesses can thrive and grow
- North Yorkshire has a high profile, is influential nationally and receives its fair share of resources

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The alternative would be to decline the grant, which would result in being unable to provide the level of service expected by Government, through the DLUHC approach to delivery of Mayoral Combined Authorities/Local Enterprise Partnerships.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The total grant funding offer is £250,000 from DLUHC for delivery of the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. This is a grant provided under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, and as such the grant does not have specific Terms and Conditions, but the Assurance Framework requirements for Local Enterprise Partnerships set out by DLUHC must be met. A copy of the DLUHC Determination No. 31/6726 is provided at Appendix B). A performance review is carried out twice a year by DLUHC.
- 6.2 The grant will be payable to NYC, as the accountable body for the YNY LEP. YNY LEP will administer monitoring and reporting of activities supported by the grant and will ensure compliance with NYC Finance and Legal requirements.
- 6.3 The level of financial risk is low. The service has been established and operating in the same way for several years therefore systems and processes are already in place to utilise the grant for the delivery of services provided by YNY LEP.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The grant enables the required services to be provided by YNY LEP via its accountable body NYC. There are no specific terms and conditions available in respect of the grant. However, services must be delivered in accordance with the National Assurance Framework for LEPs as set out by DLUHC.

8.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed (Appendix C). No equalities implications have been identified.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A Climate Change Impact Assessment has been completed (Appendix D) and no climate change implications have been identified. It should be noted that there may be some indirect positive effects enabled by the activities of the YNY LEP particularly through the delivery of the Route Map to Carbon Negative for York and North Yorkshire.

10.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The recommendation for acceptance of the grant from Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities will enable the Yorkshire and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership through its accountable body NYC to continue provision of services during 2023/2024 across York and North Yorkshire.

11.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Executive Member for Open to Business following consultation with the Corporate Director of Community Development, the Corporate Director - Resources and the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) authorises the acceptance of the grant of £250,000 from the Department for Levelling Up Housing

and Communities, for York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Core Funding.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Core Funding Offer Letter 2023-2024
Appendix B – Section 31 Determination Letter 2023-2024
Appendix C - Equalities Impact Assessment
Appendix D - Climate Change Impact Assessment

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

NONE

Nic Harne
Corporate Director – Community Development
County Hall
Northallerton
29 September 2023

Report Author – Liz Philpot, Head of Delivery
Presenter of Report – Liz Philpot, Head of Delivery

Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT IF ANY REPORTS / APPENDICES INCLUDE SIGNATURES THESE MUST BE REMOVED / DELETED PRIOR TO SENDING REPORTS / APPENDICES TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES. Appendices should include an Equality Impact Assessment and a Climate Impact Assessment where appropriate



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities

James Farrar
York and North Yorkshire LEP
North Yorkshire County Council

By email

16 June 2023

Dear James,

Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) core funding 2023-24

Thank you for submitting your 2023-24 LEP core funding application forms. Following a review of these applications, I am pleased to confirm that 2023-24 core funding payments of £250,000 per LEP or host Mayoral Combined Authority or county council will be made on or around 19 June 2023.

As set out in the attached Grant Determination letter, payments will be made via Section 31 grant to the relevant Accountable Body. The LEP Network will also receive a funding allocation of £78,000 for 2023-24 at the same time.

I am copying this letter to your Accountable Body S151/S73 Officer and your Cities and Local Growth Unit Area Lead.

Kind regards,

Dharmesh Nayee

Place Director and Senior Responsible Officer (SRO), Department for Levelling Up,
Housing and Communities

Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) core funding GRANT DETERMINATION (2023/24): No 31/6726

The Minister of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (“the Minister of State”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) core funding Determination (2023/24) [No31/6726].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Minister of State determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

UK Government Branding

5) The Grant Recipient shall at all times during and following the end of the Funding Period:

5.1 comply with requirements of the Branding Manual in relation to the Funded Activities; and

5.2 cease use of the Funded by UK Government logo on demand if directed to do so by the Minister of State.

6) **Branding Manual** means the HM Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ‘Funded by UK Government branding manual’ first published by the Cabinet Office in November 2022 and is available at <https://gcs.civilservice.gov.uk/guidance/marketing/branding-guidelines/> including any subsequent updates from time to time.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Dharmesh Nayee, Place Director, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

19 June 2023

ANNEX A

Authorities to which grant is to be paid

Amount of grant to be paid

Brighton and Hove City Council	£250,000.00
Buckinghamshire Council	£328,000.00
Cheshire East UA	£250,000.00
Cornwall County UA	£250,000.00
Cumbria County Council	£250,000.00
Derbyshire County Council	£250,000.00
Dorset Council UA	£250,000.00
Essex County Council	£250,000.00
Gloucestershire County Council	£250,000.00
Greater London Authority	£250,000.00
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	£250,000.00
Hampshire County Council	£250,000.00
Hertfordshire County Council	£250,000.00
Hull City Council	£250,000.00
Lancashire County Council	£250,000.00
Leicester City Council	£250,000.00
Lincolnshire County Council	£250,000.00
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	£250,000.00
Luton Borough Council	£250,000.00
North of Tyne Combined Authority	£250,000.00
North Yorkshire County Council	£250,000.00
Oxfordshire County Council	£250,000.00
Portsmouth City Council	£250,000.00
Sheffield City Region Combined Authority	£250,000.00
Shropshire Council UA	£250,000.00
Somerset County Council	£250,000.00
Staffordshire County Council	£250,000.00
Suffolk County Council	£250,000.00
Tees Valley Combined Authority	£250,000.00
Warwickshire County Council	£250,000.00
West Midlands Combined Authority	£250,000.00

West of England Combined Authority	£250,000.00
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	£250,000.00
Wiltshire County UA	£250,000.00
Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council	£250,000.00
Worcestershire County Council	£250,000.00

APPENDIX C

Initial equality impact assessment screening form			
<p>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</p>			
Directorate	Community Development Directorate		
Service area	The York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (YNY LEP)		
Proposal being screened	Recommendation of grant acceptance - for funding from Government Department to York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Liz Philpot/Paul Clark		
What are you proposing to do?	This screening concerns the YNY LEP offer of Dept of Levelling Up Housing and Communities funding to support annual delivery (April 2023 to March 2024) of the York and North Yorkshire LEP which will enable a range of local economic development services.		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	This will support priorities identified in the YNY LEP published 'Covid-19 A Plan to Reshape our Economy plan' published in October 2020; also the YNY LEP Plan for Growth and research published March 2022 on Sector Analysis of the York and North Yorkshire local economy.		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	N/A		
<p>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics</p> <p>As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? • Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? • Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? <p>All programmes will promote equality and diversity through the support provided and offer appropriate, timely and impartial information, advice and guidance. In delivering the programmes, a range of measures will be put in place that will prevent any unlawful discrimination relating to discrimination (whether in race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or otherwise) in employment.</p> <p>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your Equality rep for advice if you are in any doubt.</p>			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	No	No	
Age		✓	
Disability		✓	
Sex		✓	
Race		✓	
Sexual orientation		✓	
Gender reassignment		✓	
Religion or belief		✓	

Pregnancy or maternity		✓	
Marriage or civil partnership		✓	
NYCC additional characteristics			
People in rural areas		✓	
People on a low income		✓	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)			N/A
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	NO		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	Programmes may be delivered in partnership with a range of external delivery partners. These organisations will ensure that all activities will be fully accessible and inclusive to all learners thus ensuring equal access to support, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and NYCC Equality and Diversity policies.		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full EIA:
Reason for decision	<p>There are no equality impacts as all activities will be fully accessible and inclusive to all relevant target groups ensuring equal access to support, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and NYCC Equality and Diversity policies.</p> <p>The Local Enterprise Partnership operates in accordance with the National Local Growth Assurance Framework, and its own Local Assurance Framework, which contains a Diversity Statement setting out its commitments to fairness and inclusivity in its procurement and partnership arrangements.</p> <p>Screening exercises will continue throughout the project and where necessary and proportionate, an Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken.</p>		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	James Farrar		
Date	29 Sept 2023		

APPENDIX D

Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Title of proposal	Recommendation of grant acceptance - for funding from Government Department to York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Brief description of proposal	<p>This Climate Change Impact Assessment concerns the YNY LEP offer of Dept of Levelling Up Housing and Communities funding to support annual delivery (April 2023 to March 2024) of the Local Enterprise Partnership service in York and North Yorkshire.</p> <p>The funded programme will enable YNY LEP to offer a range of economic development services.</p>
Directorate	Community Development Directorate
Service area	York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership
Lead officer	Liz Philpot, Head of Delivery
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Paul Clark, Governance and Assurance Manager

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one.

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse

Environmental factor to consider	For the council	For the county	Overall
Greenhouse gas emissions	No effect on emissions	No Effect on emissions	No effect on emissions
Waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste
Water use	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution	No effect on pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology
Heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full CCIA:	(Not required)
Reason for decision	<p style="text-align: center;">All environmental factors are considered to be at least neutral.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Routemap to Carbon Negative for York and North Yorkshire provides a strategy framework within which significant positive impacts may be possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NB the Growth Hub business support programme may have some positive effect on environmental factors where support is provided through use of the YNY LEP Net Zero Business Toolkit (currently available as a web-based resource)</p>			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	James Farrar			
Date	29 September 2023			