

WYCA Business Plan

Overview

At the heart of the West Yorkshire and York Partnership are the six local authority districts and the established Combined Authority (CA). They are the democratically accounted and trusted bodies, ready to coordinate ambitious place-leadership for good growth and successful communities.

As part of the CA the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) plays a critical role providing the voice and leadership of business and managing programmes for boosting the region's economy.



Vision

“The partnership for prosperity, enabling good growth”

Delivering sustainable and accelerating growth, transport, jobs, employment, investment, skills, and housing accessible to all aiming to improve quality of life across the region.

What WYCA is delivering for you

WYCA works with private and public sector partners to raise the quality of life in our region through businesses growth, job creation, a trained and skilled workforce and the building of new and affordable homes, underpinned by a modern, integrated transport network.

Supporting growing businesses

We help small businesses and private sector firms to grow by providing support and finance, creating international links and paving the way for innovation, enterprise and new business investment.

Developing a skilled and flexible workforce

We're working with employers and education providers to create more and better jobs, with a highly skilled workforce to sustain them.

Building a resource-smart City Region

We're developing innovative new energy infrastructure in the region and helping businesses and households to become more energy-efficient, saving them money and supporting economic growth.

Delivering the infrastructure for growth

We're building the modern infrastructure our region needs to develop and grow including transport, broadband and housing

What WYCA has achieved so far.....

Secured a £1billion-plus Growth Deal to support growing businesses, develop a skilled and prosperous workforce, improve energy efficiency and create the housing and transport infrastructure for growth.

Agreed a first-stage devolution deal giving us greater influence over investment decisions on skills, transport, housing and support for small businesses.

Worked closely with LEP, which has created an additional 3,200 jobs for local people, unlocked around £491million of private sector investment in the region, supported over 4,000 businesses and, with its partners, will add an extra £1.4 billion to the City Region economic output by 2020.

Worked with partners to open the new Apperley Bridge station and build the new Leeds Station Southern Entrance and Kirstall Forge station.

Started a £1bn programme of 26 transformational transport investments that will support and maximise economic and employment growth over the next 10 years.

Provided £29m funding for Wakefield Eastern Relief Road to create an environment where businesses can grow, 62,000 new, good-quality jobs can be created and 2,500 new homes can be built.

Signed a £13m superfast fibre broadband deal that will provide more than 98 per cent of homes and business in West Yorkshire with access to fibre broadband.

Agreed to extend Leeds' popular Elland Road Park and Ride, which saw 150,000 passenger journeys made and 68,000 cars parked in its first year of operation.

Continued to roll out MCard, the largest travel smartcard scheme of its kind outside London.

Completed the award-winning £6m Castleford Bus Station refurbishment to provide better facilities for passengers and support the regeneration and growth of the Five Towns area.

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Embarked in the 'Better Homes Yorkshire' programme, delivering energy efficiency improvements to over 12,000 Leeds City Region households and attracting over £20m of investment.

Started work on the new £10.8m rail station at Low Moor, Bradford, to improve travel links between Bradford, Halifax and Leeds, and attract new jobs and investment.

Developed gateway projects at Bradford Forster Square, Bradford Interchange, Castleford, Halifax, Huddersfield and Leeds rail stations to enhance the environment for commuters and visitors and improve their travelling experience.

Refurbished Wakefield Kirkgate Rail Station with partners, delivering a much-improved environment for passengers.

Agreed half-fare bus and train travel for all 16 to 18 year-olds living in West Yorkshire to increase their access to apprenticeships and training.

WYCA's delivery 2016/17

Establishing a second-stage devolution deal to give further control over funding and investment decisions across the City Region.

Aire Valley Park and Ride (Total Scheme Value: £9.5m)

The Aire Valley Park and Ride will deliver a 1,000 space Park and Ride site located at Temple Green in the Aire Valley, within the City Region's Enterprise Zone. The site is adjacent to the A63 Pontefract Lane (East Leeds Link Road).

Kirklees Housing Sites (Total Scheme Value £47m) The costs of transport access and site condition will be tackled to accelerate delivery and improve viability on three Council owned housing sites. Together, these will deliver over 600 new homes.

Apprenticeships – increase the number of SMEs offering apprenticeship opportunities (Total Scheme Value £4.6m) Provide support to SMEs in the West Yorkshire and York local authority areas who have not offered apprenticeships before or not in the past 12 months through a Grant of up to £2,000 per Apprentice, up to 3 apprentices per company.

Wakefield Kirkgate (Total Scheme Value: £5m) This scheme comprises highway works, including traffic signals, urban realm improvements to footways, storm-water drainage and pedestrian links to Kirkgate Rail Station.

Elland Road Park & Ride Phase 2

Due to the success of Phase 1 with over 370 cars parking per day, a further 350 spaces are to be provided at the site to take the total up to 800 spaces, along with improved waiting facilities and toilets, at a total cost of £1.8m.

Leeds City College – Printworks (Total Scheme Value: £9,998,175) - To complete the refurbishment of phase 3 of the Printworks campus to provide a world class training facility in the training of future and current employees in the Leeds City Region in vocational, technological, engineering and manufacturing sectors.

Low Moor new rail station An £11m project to construct a new rail station in south Bradford to serve the Low Moor, Oakenshaw and Wyke communities by car or bus, and the nearer communities by cycle or foot and improve connectivity from these areas to Bradford, Halifax, Leeds and beyond.

Calderdale College – Unlocking Potential (Total Scheme Value: £8,877,000) –The refurbishment / upgrade of the Percival Whitley Centre. The project will significantly improve the poor condition of three floors of the building including windows to the whole building, to enhance and extend its curriculum offer.

Leeds Brownfield Sites (Total Scheme Value – £36.5m) The development of a number of brownfield sites in East Leeds (Seacroft and Halton Moor) will be enabled to provide for up to 280 new homes. Local Growth Funding will be used for site clearance and remediation, to complement the nearby strategic growth point at the East Leeds Extension.

Kirkstall Forge new rail station Part of the £16m project including the recently opened new rail station at Apperley Bridge that will serve and play a key role in facilitating the adjacent major mixed-use development of the Kirkstall Forge site that will make a major contribution to the growth of the local economy, as well as improving access to Leeds for the local community.

Northgate House, Halifax (Total Scheme Value - £10.8m) As part of a major programme of investment and rationalisation of council property assets in the Borough, this important site will be redeveloped for new commercial opportunities