

POLICY UPDATE

November 2023



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POLICY UPDATE : NOVEMBER 2023

Regional / National

- Attended Business Desk conference at Leeds Queens Hotel
- BAME Committee met
- Joined Resolution Foundation webinar/call on devolution prospects
- Liaised with WYCA's Simon Warburton on prospects for rail projects for West Yorkshire in light of government decision to cancel HS2
- Team members attended and spoke at Bank of England economic briefing (Bfd University)
- WYCA Private Sector members' event (on future structure of WYCA/LEP)
- BCC Communications Group
- UK In A Changing Europe Brexit Research Conference
- Trans-Pennine Express Stakeholder Briefing
- WYCA Fair Work Charter Launch (at Bradford Council)
- Centre for Cities webinar – planning reforms
- Dept for Transport/KPMG dinner on transport in West Yorkshire (Alistair Gordon and Chris Black attended)
- BCC Trade Policy Group

York & North Yorkshire

- **York and New York** – attended the first Dean's breakfast at York Guildhall, where the idea for a trade envoy was pitched. Currently seeking out sponsors for the envoy and to aid Chamber members to go on the trip
- **Local Authorities** – agreed Chamber Representative for Shared Prosperity Funding and
- **Devolution** – Beginning talks of the Devolution Alliance with York and York St John Universities, which was launched in December and will produce ongoing work for the mayor up to May and beyond. Attended a roundtable on how to deliver devolution with sector leaders, hosted by Camargue, report published afterwards, and the research is helping guide our approach to devolution.
- **Property Forum** – steering group held on 6th November and full forum held on 29th November in Harrogate. The forum focused on the roadmap for the future of North Yorkshire, including the devolution roadmap and the City of York and North Yorkshire plans
- **Hospitality Forum** - Steering Group held on 30th November, low attendance but decided on policy steers to reduce VAT and to increase connections in the coastal regions of North Yorkshire. Agreed on deciding a new
- **York St John** – developing links with the enterprise centre at York St John, further to Sarah Czarnecki's appointment
- **York BID** – Attended the Aesthetica Film Festival Reignite II event hosted by York BID

Leeds

- Attended unveiling of new artwork for Neville Street (Dark Arches), hosted at Addleshaws
- Property Forum Steering Group met
- Attended Climate Commission workshop on shaping future of transport in Leeds
- Morley Town Deal Board met
- Waterfront Steering Group
- Business Anchors Group
- Leadership Group met
- Rail Programme Board
- Quality, Place & Space sub-group
- Special PF Steering Group – to discuss Local Plan 1 response

Bradford

- Early planning meeting with Bradford Council on UKREiIF 2024
- Property Forum Steering Group met
- Leadership Group
- Employment & Skills Board meeting
- Meeting with Council consultants (Arc4) on Strategic Housing Assessment)

Media Coverage

October Media coverage: <https://share.coveragebook.com/b/b8eddf18d412578e>

Stakeholder Meetings

Date	Brief details
2-Nov	Arcadis-sponsored VIP event on future investment on infrastructure in the North
6-Nov	Potential trade envoy group to connect York with New York
6-Nov	Y&NY Property Forum Steering Group
6-Nov	Y&NY LEP Business Programme Board
7-Nov	Neville Street New Artwork – Unveiling Event
7-Nov	Chamber BAME meeting
7-Nov	Y&NY Business Support Professionals
8-Nov	Simon Warburton, WYCA re transport initiatives in West Yorkshire
9-Nov	LPFSG meeting
9-Nov	Y&NY Skills & Employability Board
9-Nov	York Re-Ignite 2
9-Nov	LMA
10-Nov	Y&NY Devolution Advisory Board (Inaugural meeting)
10-Nov	Bradford Council-UKREiIF planning
13-Nov	Leeds Climate Commission 'Shaping Transport' meeting
13 Nov	NY Shared Prosperity Fund

13-Nov	Morley Town Deal Board Programme & Comms Team
14-Nov	BPEFSG
14-Nov	Y&NY Round Table on devolution
14-Nov	Morley Town Deal Board
15-Nov	WYCA Private Sector Members' Event
15-Nov	Bank of England Economic Briefing
16-Nov	Leeds Waterfront Group
16-Nov	Leeds Business Anchors
16-Nov	BCC Comms Group
17-Nov	Leeds Leadership Group
20-Nov	Leeds Rail Programme Board
21-Nov	UKICE Brexit Research Conference
21-Nov	BCC Employment & Skills Group
23-Nov	Trans-Pennine Express Stakeholder Conference
23-Nov	BCC Financial & Professional Services Group
24-Nov	WYCA Launch of Fair Work Charter
27-Nov	Quality, Place & Space group
27-Nov	Centre for Cities webinar on planning reforms
28-Nov	BLG
28-Nov	BCC Trade Policy Group
28-Nov	DfT/KPMG 'Transport in Yorkshire' dinner
28-Nov	Bradford Special Meeting on Employment & Skills
29-Nov	Y&NY Property Forum event
29-Nov	Special Meeting of LPEFSG for Local Plan 1 response
30-Nov	Meeting with Bradford Council housing assessment consultant
30-Nov	Y&NY Hospitality Forum SG