

Appendix 4 – Devolution Level 4 – Known Next Steps

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The known next steps are now as follows:

- The West Yorkshire application letter will shortly be submitted to Government, and we will await a response from the Secretary of State as to whether the decision has been taken to progress the application for access to the Level 4 Devolution Framework.
- Consideration and ratification of the initial application will be carried out by each Constituent Council.
- If the application is accepted, further discussions will commence with Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities and individual government departments to develop detailed proposals for each policy area. In particular, this will include consideration of whether consultation or statutory changes are required to implement individual elements of the Framework.
- Further detailed work on the Scrutiny Protocol and its application to West Yorkshire, following consideration of an initial paper on Level 4 Devolution by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 19 January 2024. As set out above, a Working Group has been convened to review the Scrutiny Protocol and its application, and recommendations will be submitted to the 14 March Combined Authority meeting for approval.
- If authorised by the Combined Authority, the Deputy Director for Governance, Legal and Compliance will convene an Independent Remuneration Panel to make any recommendations to the Combined Authority arising from the conclusions of the Scrutiny Protocol review.