



Project Overview

Project Title

West Yorkshire HealthTech and Digital Tech Investment Zone Programme

Main Funding Programme

Investment Zone programme

Current Forecast Project cost

£179,368,000 (including indicative match funding)

Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority

£80,000,000

Other public sector funding amounts and sources

£54,300,000

Private sector funding amounts and sources

£45,068,000

Scheme Description

The West Yorkshire HealthTech & Digital Tech Investment Zone aims to foster innovation, collaboration, and the growth of companies operating in the healthcare and digital technology cluster.

It will deliver targeted investment in local infrastructure and facilities, research and development, training, business support, sector engagement and business finance.

The programme has a spatial focus and includes capital projects in Leeds, Huddersfield and Bradford, aligned with the universities and revenue programmes to deliver incubation space supporting business innovation.

Business Case Summary

Strategic Case

As part of the Levelling Up agenda, the Government set out an ambitious plan for growth and prosperity, rooted in boosting the UK's potential to be an innovative nation, growing strengths in key industries to support local, regional and national priorities.



To achieve this, in the 2023 Spring Budget, the Chancellor announced eight Investment Zones, including West Yorkshire, each with £80m of funding to deliver interventions between 2024/25 – 2028/29.

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The Investment Zone programme was developed through consultation and engagement with local authority partners, universities, healthcare providers, HealthTech and digital tech sector networks, the DLUHC (Department of Levelling Up, Homes & Communities) and other Government departments. The programme has a spatial focus, confirmed with Government, and includes capital projects in Leeds, Huddersfield and Bradford, aligned with our universities and targeted revenue programmes to deliver incubation space supporting business innovation. The wider range of revenue interventions are region wide however, supporting innovation across West Yorkshire.

The Investment Zone programme supports the delivery of Mission 1 'A prosperous West Yorkshire – an inclusive economy with well-paid jobs' of the West Yorkshire Plan. It will also align with several of the Mayor's priorities and pledges (prioritising skills and training to ensure everyone has the skills they need to secure work, supporting local businesses and championing our regional economy) as well as the West Yorkshire Employment and Skills Framework (2021) and the West Yorkshire HealthTech Strategy (2022).

Economic Case

Work is underway to establish a framework for assessing the value for money of interventions at a programme and project level, including the monitoring and evaluation of outputs and outcomes.

Commercial Case

The approach to procurement is being established. For capital projects this is expected to include commercial tenders and open market competitions for design, management, and construction. Revenue projects may be delivered directly by the Combined Authority, commissioned by the Combined Authority or through direct award to universities, local authorities, and other third-party service providers.

Financial Case

The total programme costs are estimated at £179,368,000 and the Combined Authority's contribution of £80,000,000 is subject to an announcement from the Government in the Spring Budget (9th March 2024). The remaining costs will be



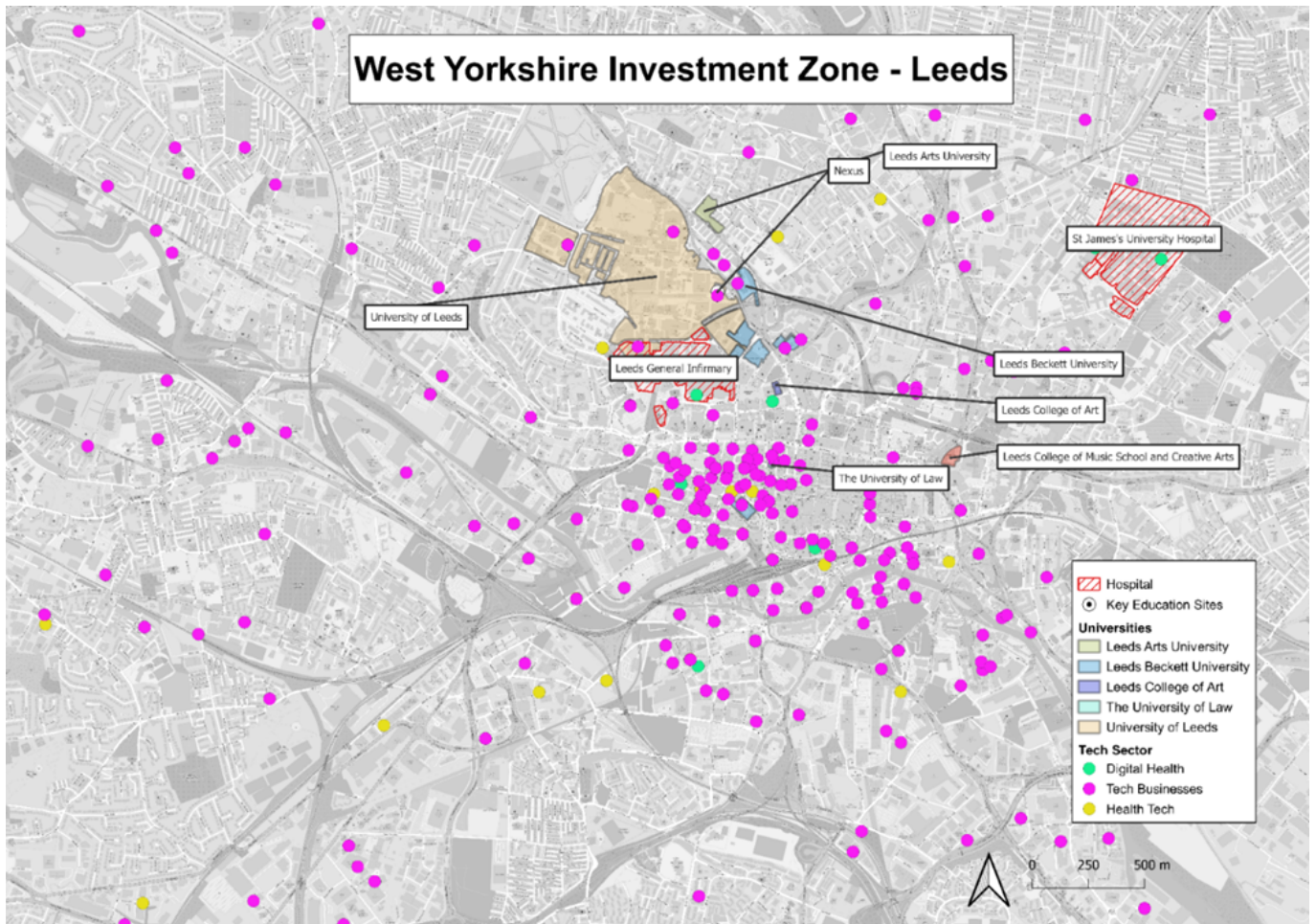
met by match funding from number of potential sources including the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Department for Health & Social Care, Local Authority partners, Universities, and the private sector

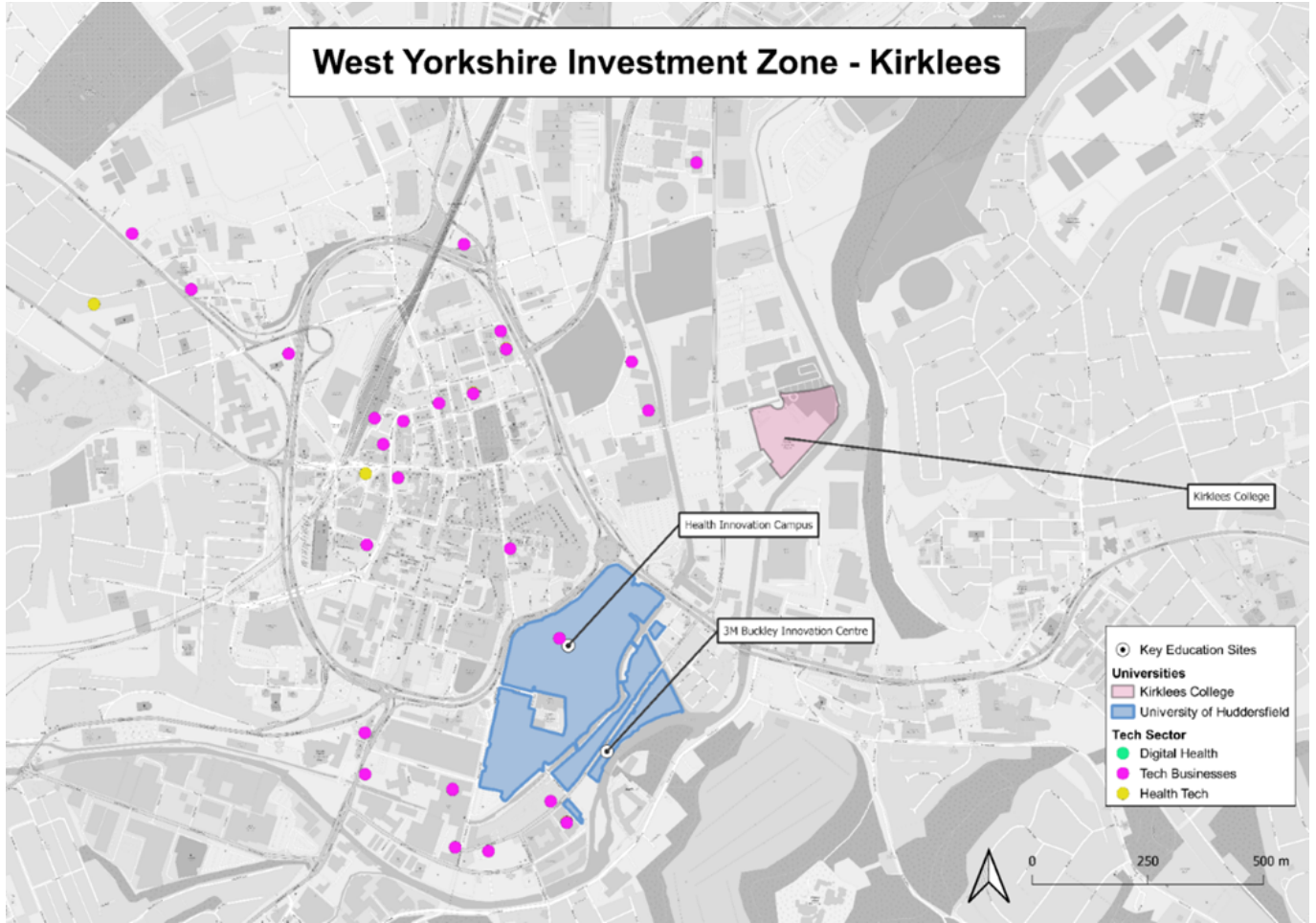
Management Case

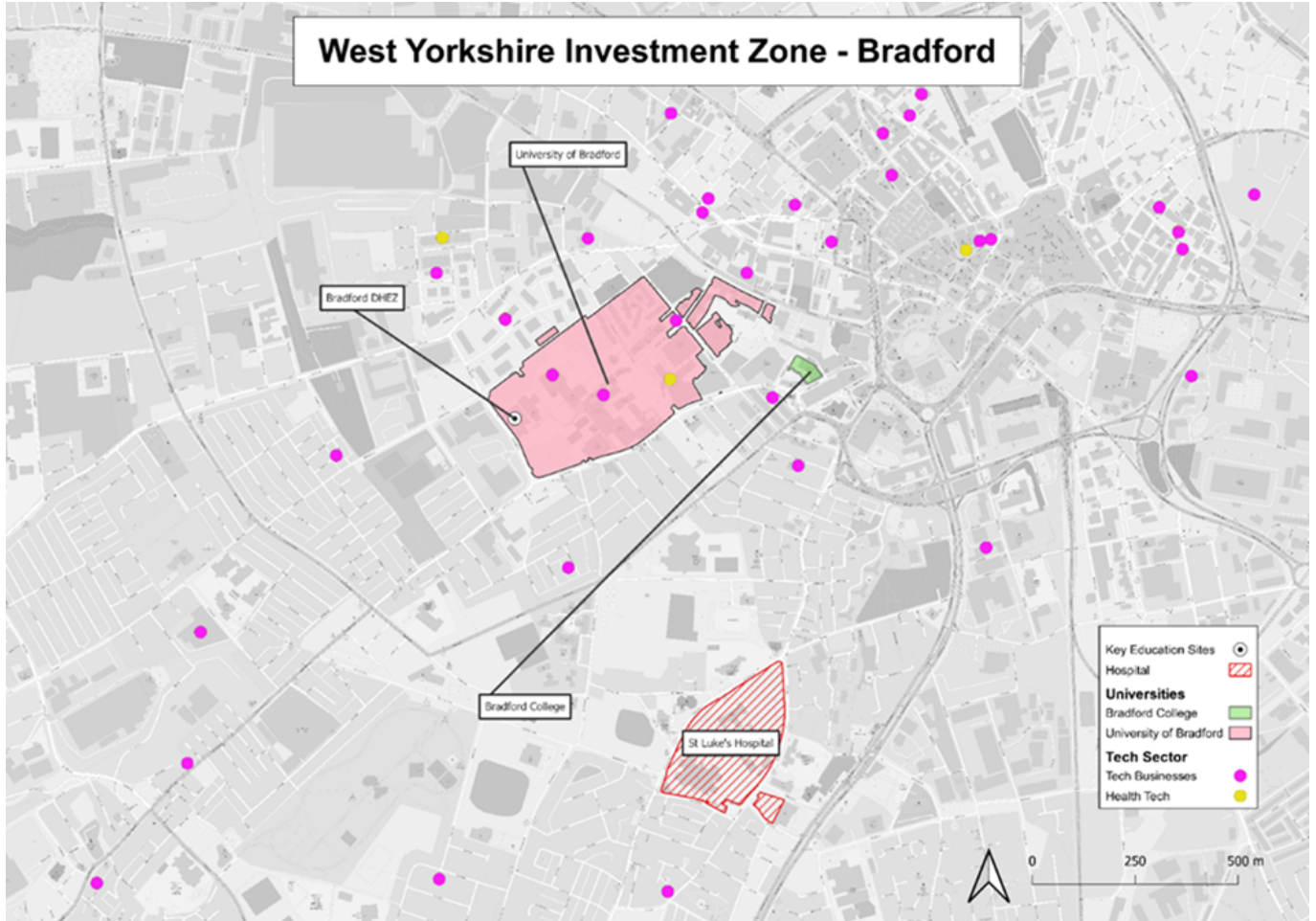
The Combined Authority as the accountable body will be responsible for the delivery of the programme. The Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) is the Director of Policing Environment and Place, and a programme board is in place. A steering group is being established to enable partners (local authorities, universities, and sector organisations/networks) to advise and support delivery. Delivery will commence in April 2024 with practical completion in March 2029.

Location Map

The following map shows the locations of the West Yorkshire Investment Zones.







Please note, depending on the level of scheme development, the location and scope of the schemes indicated here are indicative only.