
Report to: Place Panel

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Subject: **One Public Estate (Phase 8) Invitation to Apply**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To inform the Place Panel that the invitation to apply for One Public Estate (OPE) Phase 8 revenue and capital funding was released on the 9 September 2020 with a deadline for submissions of **12 November 2020**.
- 1.2 To agree that the Place Panel Chair in liaison with Chief Executive Lead for Place Panel and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Managing Director approve a bid application by the OPE partnership (comprising all the Leeds City Region districts except York and Barnsley) by the submission deadline.

2. Information

- 2.1 In total, the funding already awarded to the Combined Authority for OPE Phases 4, 5, 6 and 7 for revenue and capital projects across the City Region totals £1,886,125.
- 2.2 The OPE programme is a partnership between the Cabinet Office, the Local Government Association and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, to support the best use of land and property with a focus on unlocking surplus public land for housing. **£30 million of new funding** is available to support local delivery. This comprises:
 - **£10 million OPE revenue grant** for collaborative public sector land and property projects, including £2 million of sustainable (repayable) grant funding. Project activity could include master planning, feasibility studies, business case development options appraisals and surveys, valuations and design works, and programme management costs where there is a strong supporting case.
 - **£20 million Land Release Fund capital grant** for projects that target council-owned smaller sites (sub-100 units) requiring upfront funding to address viability issues relating to abnormal development costs: for

example, site levelling ground works, small-scale infrastructure, highways works and work that addresses environmental constraints.

2.3 The closing date for submissions is 12 November 2020. Confirmation of funding awards to successful applicants is expected in February 2021.

2.4 As partners of the West Yorkshire OPE since 2017, Craven, Harrogate and Selby have been invited to join the region's Phase 8 application. OPE has not objected to those councils staying in the partnership. Officers are collaborating to identify relevant opportunities that could be included in a bid.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report at this time.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report at this time.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report at this time.

6. External Consultees

6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That the Combined Authority develop a bid with OPE districts and other regional partners that wish to apply for Phase 8 funding and that the Combined Authority co-ordinate the funding application.

7.2 The Place Panel Chair in liaison with the Chief Executive Lead for Place Panel and West Yorkshire Combined Authority Managing Director agrees the final submission for endorsement and submission by the submission deadline.

8. Background Documents

None.

9. Appendices

None.