

Introductory Notes: [PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DRAFT DOCUMENT]

- This is a high-level overview of progress on delivery of the Task Force’s recommendations.
- Recommendations highlighted in **bold** are designated as “wave one” schemes where interventions are actively being progressed.
- Recommendations not highlighted in bold will be explored at later dates. These may need funding routes identified or further policy development before being implemented.
- This tracker also reflects schemes that are within the influence or can be delivered by the Combined Authority. Other schemes led by external partners are not captured.

RECOMMENDATION	PROGRESS (SEP 2022)	NEXT STEPS	POLICY-LEAD	DELIVERY-LEAD	FUNDING ASK
MISSION 1 – PRODUCTIVITY & INNOVATION					
Rollout of new regional productivity and innovation programmes in West Yorkshire that increases the levels of technology adoption and support to innovate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation West Yorkshire currently going through Assurance Process. • Made Smarter Yorkshire & Humber – in procurement phase – being led by South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. • Business Productivity Programme to be launched in Q3 22/23. • Digital Enterprise Programme going through Assurance Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation West Yorkshire to be rolled out in 2023. • Made Smarter Y&H to be rolled out in 2023. • Business Productivity Programme to be in delivery in Autumn 2022. • Digital Enterprise to be rolled out in 2023. 	<p>Policy Manager – Business Growth</p> <p>Policy Manager – Innovation</p>	<p>Programme Lead – Clean Growth & Innovation</p> <p>Programme Lead – Productivity</p>	<p>Innovation West Yorkshire: £5.5 million</p> <p>Made Smarter (Y&H): £4.9 million</p> <p>Business Productivity Programme: £4.5 million</p> <p>Digital Enterprise £5.2 million</p>
Establish a West Yorkshire Productivity Index (WYPI) to support increasing firm-level productivity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be considered at later stage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test on stakeholders in the future about the usability and need for this. 	Policy Manager – Business Growth	Programme Lead – Productivity	To be determined at a later stage.
Encourage more businesses in West Yorkshire to use effective methods of employee engagement to increase staff wellbeing, retention and creativity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be considered at later stage. May need policy thinkpiece to inform any future interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop policy intelligence and thinking with stakeholders. • We will develop this as part of continued engagement with stakeholders. Learning from wider initiatives, such as Thrive West Midlands. 	Policy Manager – Business Growth	TBD	To be determined at a later stage.
Strengthen engagement with national innovation agencies to support activity in the sector via the West Yorkshire Innovation Network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the potential to deliver knowledge transfer pilots in the region. • IUK Local event to take place in October as part of WYIF – including a dinner and engagement with IUK CEX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a KTN pilot in 2023. 	Policy Manager – Innovation	Programme Lead – Clean Growth & Innovation	N/A

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MISSION 2 – MANUFACTURING FOR NET-ZERO					
Develop an online emissions tool and decarbonisation planning support programmes for West Yorkshire’s SMEs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Sustainability Programme (across all SME businesses) currently going through Assurance Process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch scheme in Q3/4 2022/23 in response to crisis in the cost of living and doing business. 	Policy Manager – Business Growth	Programme Lead – Clean Growth & Innovation	Business Sustainability Programme: £10.5 million
Create a support programme to help businesses fund capital infrastructure requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linked to above recommendation, opportunity for some funding to support purchasing new technology or energy saving solutions. 		Policy Manager – Business Growth	Programme Lead – Clean Growth & Innovation	
Lobby the Department for Transport to develop policy interventions to support businesses wishing to make an early move towards e-transport, hydrogen, and associated charging infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport Policy Team are developing an Electric Vehicles Strategy for the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal engagement with Transport Policy Team. 	TBC	Transport Delivery Teams	N/A (further development and understanding required).
MISSION 3 – THE PLACE TO BE AND BUY FROM					
Establish an Export Support Scheme to help SME manufacturers understand the export potential of their business and the actions they need to take to begin exporting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals for an Export Support Scheme to go through Assurance Process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Export Support Scheme to launch in 2023, subject to approvals. 	Policy Manager – Business Growth	International Trade Manager	Export Support Scheme: £1.3 million
Increase promotion of our manufacturing assets and strengths through thought leadership opportunities, sector showcases, international forums and trade missions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals for the above to include funding for additional trade missions and sector showcases. 				
Boost regional capacity and resources to focus on securing increased inward investment opportunities for SMEs into West Yorkshire, while also retaining a focus on attracting large business investment to the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be considered at later stage after some further policy thinking. Funding to be explored from open call for projects across gainshare or Shared Prosperity Fund. 	TBD	Policy Manager – Business Growth	Trade & Investment Team	N/A (further development and understanding required).
Explore opportunities to help SME manufacturers to develop a clearer understanding of the supply chain needs of larger businesses and critical infrastructure projects such as new nuclear, rail, wind and hydrogen.		TBD	Policy Manager – Business Growth	TBD	N/A (further development and understanding required).
MISSION 4 – SKILLS FOR MANUFACTURING					
A focus on inspiring the next generation, changing the perception of careers in manufacturing, exciting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of events have taken place of summer and early autumn with young people, including innovation- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions to be held at new Advisory Board about opportunities to capture the next generation. 	Policy Manager: Employment & Skills	Service Manager: Skills for Growth	

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young people and their parents/carers and teachers.	oriented events with young people. Further discussions to continue about options to progress this recommendation.				
Greater collaboration between Manufacturing Alliances and partners to share best practice with one another and opportunities for all to take part in local events and regional skills weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities for a Mayor's Manufacturing Skills Fair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions to be held with new Advisory Board about opportunity for regional festivals and fairs. Further sharing of best practice and learning to take place during Advisory Board meetings. 	Policy Manager: Employment & Skills	Service Manager: Skills for Growth	
Introduce new or expanded regional employment and skills programmes and initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayoral SME Graduate Scheme Pilot currently going through Assurance Process. Explore opportunities to link employment and skills programmes to the AMPI Initiative across West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot of the scheme expected to launch in Summer 2023. Ongoing engagement with AMPI team for potential programmes that can be developed. 	Policy Manager: Employment & Skills	Employment & Skills Team	Mayoral SME Graduate Scheme: £1-3 million
OVERARCHING RECOMMENDATIONS					
Form a West Yorkshire Manufacturing Alliance (WYMA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion held with Alliance Chairs on set up of a Steering Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed membership to be shared with alliance chairs. Set up a steering group that will aim to hold a first meeting in Autumn 2022. 	Secretarial support will be provided by the BISC Policy Team.	N/A	Exploring options for funding to support manufacturing operational support and delivery. This is not yet confirmed.
Create a Manufacturing Champion for the region to promote and support the sector's interests and advise the Mayor and Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion to be held with Alliance Chairs on the expectations of the role. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore options for this role. 	N/A	N/A	
Develop a regional Manufacturing Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Combined Authority is currently developing a new approach to sectors. This will incorporate an element of prioritising sectors within manufacturing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement to be undertaken in Autumn 22. Economic Strategy to be launched in c. Q4 22/23. 	Policy Manager – Business Growth	N/A	N/A