

**Report to:** West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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**Subject:** **West Yorkshire Plan**

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Are there implications for equality and diversity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## 1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To seek adoption of the West Yorkshire Plan by the Combined Authority, subject to minor changes.
- 1.2 To seek delegation of final sign-off of the plan to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor.

## 2. Information

### West Yorkshire Plan development

- 2.1 Work has been ongoing over a number of months to develop a West Yorkshire Plan to provide an overarching strategic framework for the region. The West Yorkshire Plan will set the trajectory for the long-term up to 2040 and reflect development in the region through the devolution deal and the accompanying new powers and funding.
- 2.2 The West Yorkshire Plan sets out a shared vision, narrative, and ambitions for the region. The primary audience for the West Yorkshire Plan is government and regional partners. The purpose of the West Yorkshire Plan is to:
  - Explain who West Yorkshire is and what we want to achieve

- Set the trajectory for the longer-term up to 2040
  - Ensure that government and wider local and national stakeholders are clear on the priorities and ambitions of the region
  - Ensure that all regional partners speak with one strong voice
- 2.3 The West Yorkshire Plan has been co-produced by the Combined Authority and Local Authority partners, and there has also been engagement from Combined Authority committee members, business groups, universities, and other local and regional stakeholders.
- 2.4 The Plan includes five missions, that are aspirational and represent long term ambitions for West Yorkshire. State of the Region reporting will continue to provide the monitoring framework underpinning the West Yorkshire Plan targets and wider policies and strategies of the Combined Authority.
- 2.5 The West Yorkshire Plan will strengthen our existing policy framework and sit at the top of a suite of policies and strategies aligned to areas of delivery. This will include the Local Transport Plan, the Economic Strategy (currently in development), and the Police and Crime Plan.
- 2.6 The West Yorkshire Investment Strategy (WYIS) will continue to set out the funding priorities for the Combined Authority and the next iteration of the WYIS will speak to the West Yorkshire Plan's ambitions.
- 2.7 A draft of the West Yorkshire Plan was published and shared widely with Combined Authority stakeholders including all committees, the Business Communications Group, universities, local authorities and wider stakeholders. Feedback from this engagement has been merged into the draft attached as Appendix One to this report for approval by the Combined Authority.

#### Publishing and launch

- 2.8 Once the West Yorkshire Plan has been approved, final design of the document will be completed. Activity will focus on bringing key messages from the plan to life through videos, infographics and other means.
- 2.9 To accompany the document a web platform hosting the Plan along with the suite of existing policies and strategies of the Combined Authority will be created.
- 2.10 Work to operationalise the Plan is also being undertaken by Combined Authority and local authority officers, this includes developing a user guide to support officers to know how and when to use the key messages of the Plan and a performance framework.
- 2.11 The intention to publish the West Yorkshire Plan was announced at a well-attended event at UKREiiF on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, led by the Mayor and Leaders. An official launch event is intended to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, bringing together council leaders and the mayor with key stakeholders.

### **3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications**

- 3.1 Tackling the Climate Emergency is embedded within the Plan, with targets included to become a net zero carbon economy by 2038 and to develop a sustainable transport system.

### **4. Inclusive Growth Implications**

- 4.1 An inclusive economy with well paid jobs is one of the missions of the Plan.

### **5. Equality and Diversity Implications**

- 5.1 The vision and missions of the Plan put equity, diversity, and inclusion at the heart of everything we do. The Plan emphasises that we will lead the way to embed these values across all our work.

### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

### **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

### **8. Staffing Implications**

- 8.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

### **9. External Consultees**

- 9.1 Consultation has been undertaken as detailed in the main body of this report.

### **10. Recommendations**

- 10.1 That Combined Authority adopts the West Yorkshire Plan, which is included at Appendix One, subject to minor amendments.
- 10.2 That the Combined Authority delegates finalisation of the West Yorkshire Plan to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, to enable any further minor amendments to be taken into account.

### **11. Background Documents**

[State of the Region 2022](#)  
[Draft West Yorkshire Plan for consultation](#)

### **12. Appendices**

Appendix 1 –WEST YORKSHIRE PLAN

