
Report to: Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP Board)

Date: 13 June 2023

Subject: **West Yorkshire Plan**

Led By: Mark Roberts, Interim Chair

Lead Officer: Alan Reiss, Chief Operating Officer

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 To seek endorsement of the West Yorkshire Plan by the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board.

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 with the LEP, 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 The West Yorkshire Plan was approved at the Combined Authority meeting on 25 May, as such activity will now 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 A launch event is being planned for 16 June bringing together political 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 LEP Board Members note the Combined Authority's adoption of the West Yorkshire Plan, which is included at Appendix One.

10.2 That LEP Board Members endorse the West Yorkshire Plan.

11. Background Documents

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

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 –West Yorkshire Plan