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BBC online: 'One Yorkshire' council leaders submit £3.75bn devolution bid

Details of a proposed £3.75bn devolution deal have been submitted to the government by the leaders of 18 of Yorkshire's 20 councils. The 'One Yorkshire' bid outlines plans for a £125m-a-year, 30-year-deal and a directly elected "Mayor for Yorkshire" to be voted in to power by 2020. The 10-page document has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for consideration. A government spokesman said it "welcomed discussions" on the proposal.

Yorkshire Post: Yorkshire devolution: Javid promises to "carefully consider" detailed plans

Local Government Secretary Sajid Javid has promised to "carefully consider" detailed proposals for a Yorkshire-wide devolution deal submitted by the region's council leaders. Earlier this month, leaders of 18 local authorities submitted a 10-page document to the Government setting out what a One Yorkshire devolution deal might look like. It followed a meeting on February 27 where Mr Javid suggested that Ministers would not stand in the way of any One Yorkshire proposal that had widespread support.

Yorkshire Post: Univer gears up for Brexit growth following LEP investment

A Yorkshire-based manufacturing firm has created a major new facility to help it win a bigger share of markets after Brexit. Univer has completed a £2.45m transformation project to establish a new manufacturing site to support its growth plans. The investment included £440,000 from the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership grant programme.

Yorkshire Post: Halifax railway station could undergo multi-million pound regeneration

A multi-million pound transformation of Halifax Railway Station could get the green light by Calderdale Council on Monday. The plans include a new station building at platform level, the demolition of the station access bridge, a new transport interchange, a new car park and drop-off, pick-up and taxi points, re-opening the third platform in front of the '1855 building' and new areas for shops or food and drink businesses. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority has earmarked £10.6m of funding to the council, while the council has earmarked funding of £3.3m from the A629 phase 2 scheme

Yorkshire Post: Bradford station on Northern Powerhouse Rail 'would create 15,000 jobs'

Creating a station in Bradford as part of the planned high speed rail link between Leeds and Manchester could boost the UK's economy by billions of pounds and add

15,000 new jobs to the region, it is claimed. Analysts at GENECON today published the first full economic impact study of a Bradford city centre station on Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR), claiming it would bolster the North's economy by up to £15bn by 2060.

Huffington Post: Transport Is Crucial To Realising The Northern Powerhouse (Cllr Hinchliffe blog)

Transport has always been central to turning the Northern Powerhouse from a concept into a reality. Giving people the ability to move around the North of England quickly, seamlessly and in an affordable way would open up access to education, services and job opportunities with the potential to deliver a £100billion boost to the UK economy and create 850,000 additional jobs.

Huddersfield Examiner: Kirklees reveals plans for 10,000 new homes ... and aims to build 1,000 itself

Kirklees Council's deputy leader has revealed a plan to build 10,000 new homes in just five years. Cllr Shabir Pandor and Karl Battersby, Kirklees Council's strategic director for economy and infrastructure, have flown out to MIPIM – the world's leading international property and investment event in Cannes, France.

Yorkshire Evening Post: Bradford Odeon restoration scheme to get £4m funding boost

Plans to transform a dilapidated cinema into a 4,000-capacity music venue have been boosted with £4m of government funding. A project to restore Bradford's vacant Odeon cinema has been awarded the cash from the Northern Cultural Regeneration Fund. The restoration scheme will get a share of £15m which will also benefit cultural projects in the Lake District and Blackpool, Arts, Heritage and Tourism Minister Michael Ellis announced today. The twin-domed Odeon, which houses an auditorium and art deco ballroom, has been closed since 2000.

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Telegraph and Argus: [College awarded funding to encourage more staff to cycle to work](#)

Bradford College has secured funding to encourage more members of its staff to cycle to work. It has been awarded a £5,000 Bike-Friendly Business grant from CityConnect, the group behind the Bradford to Leeds Cycle Super Highway, to help improve facilities for workers who travel by bike. The grant will be used to purchase a public bike pump, bike locks, bike lights, lockers and a drying cabinet.

Yorkshire Business Daily: [AD:VENTURE Gives Start-Ups An Advantage During Yorkshire Business Market](#)

AD:VENTURE, the ERDF funded programme offering practical support and growth grants to give start-ups the opportunity to reach their potential within the first three years of trading, will feature at the Yorkshire Business Market at Pavilions of

Harrogate on Monday. Exhibiting alongside the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Harrogate Council, AD:VENTURE is urging small businesses to visit stand A41 to speak with a number of delivery partners that could provide them with access to an abundance of resources without having to go to the trouble of visiting numerous stands.

Railway Magazine: [Northern Powerhouse Rail could bring £15bn benefits to Bradford Interchange](#)

Proposals to transform Bradford's city centre transport interchange as part of the Northern Powerhouse Rail project could boost the city's economy by £15billion, according to economic analyst GENECON. A redeveloped rail/road interchange could also help to boost the economy of the Leeds City Region by up to £15bn by 2060, if Bradford becomes part of the new high-speed, east-west rail link.

Wakefield Express: [Railway stations lined up for £32m investment](#) (covered in a range of outlets)

Work has started on a £32m programme of improvements at railway stations across West Yorkshire. Car parks at stations across the region will be expanded under the scheme, with the improvement expected to help increase passenger numbers and create more jobs. As part of the expansion plans, South Elmsall is set to get an extra parking 50 spaces, doubling its current capacity.

Dewsbury Reporter: [Click and go! Bus and train users in Leeds embrace digital revolution](#) (covered in a range of outlets)

Transport bosses have released new figures that underline the scale of the digital revolution taking place on buses and trains in Leeds and the rest of West Yorkshire. Passengers in the county are now using MCard travel smartcards to make around £30m worth of journeys each year, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) revealed today. Around 50 people every day are also downloading the free MCard app that allows travel tickets to be purchased from any Android smartphone.

Wakefield Express: [Plans submitted for £7m Glass Houghton by-pass](#) (covered in a range of outlets)

Plans for the new £7 million by-pass around Castleford have been submitted. The new road, which will link up the roundabout at Bruce Smeaton Way and Cutsyke Road to Whistler Drive on the south side of Glass Houghton is designed to ease congestion in the area. Drawn up by Wakefield Council, it says the link road will not only ease congestion but unlock opportunities for further housing and business development along the proposed 1.3km stretch. The scheme is expected to be funded by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority through the West Yorkshire Transport Fund.

UK Construction: [Launch of Leeds heat network](#)

March saw one of the UK's largest heat networks, the Leeds PIPES Network, officially launched by Leeds City Council, Vital Energi and The Co-Operative Academy.

PIPES is a new flagship heat and hot water system for thousands of homes and businesses in Leeds, connecting some 1,983 council homes and numerous business around Leeds City Centre to the Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF). The £35M network, has been developed in partnership between Leeds City Council and energy company Vital Energi.