



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Belle Vue Square Offices, Belle Vue Suite, Skipton

Tuesday, 21 June 2022 at 6.00pm

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Members of the Council are summoned to consider the following business

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence** – To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Minutes** – To confirm the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 24 May 2022.
3. **Public Participation** – In the event that questions are received, the Chairman will conduct the public participation session for a period of up to fifteen minutes. Where questions are asked, one related supplementary question may be permitted at the Chairman's discretion.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have on items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests and whether they wish to apply the exception below.

Note: Declarations should be in the form of either:

- a “**disclosable pecuniary interest**” under Appendix A to the Code of Conduct, in which case the Member must leave the meeting room; or

- an “**other interest**” under Appendix B of the Code. For these interests, the Member may stay in the meeting room, although they must leave if membership of the organisation results in a conflict of interest.

Exception: Where a member of the public has a right to speak at a meeting, a Member who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or an other interest and must leave the room, has the same rights and may make representations, answer questions or give evidence, but at the conclusion of that, must then leave the room and not take part in the discussion or vote.

5. **Devolution for York and North Yorkshire**— to receive and consider a report from the Chief Executive which provides an update on a Devolution Deal for York and North Yorkshire and seeks approval for the submission of the updated ‘asks’.
6. **Any other items** which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.
7. **Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday, 11 October 2022 at 6.30pm

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ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

24 May 2022

Present – The Chair (Councillor Sutcliffe) and Councillors Barrett, Brown, Foster, Handley, Heseltine, Hull, Ireton, Jaquin, Lis, Madeley, Mercer, Metcalfe, Moorby, Morrell, Mulligan, Myers, Noland, Ogden, Place, Pighills, Pringle, Shuttleworth, Staveley and Whitaker.

Officers – Chief Executive, Director of Services, Chief Finance Officer, Manager for Planning and Regeneration, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services Manager and Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Start: 6.35pm

Finish: 7.30pm

Apologies for Absence – Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brockbank, Harbron, Rose, Solloway and Wheeler.

Resolved – That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 April 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

Public Participation – There were no members of the public in attendance.

Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

CL.1265

OUTGOING CHAIR'S ADDRESS

The Chair stated that it had been a privilege to represent the district and thanked members, officers and his consort for their support over the past 12 months. He expressed his best wishes to the Chair Elect.

CL.1266

THANKS TO OUTGOING CHAIR

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Sutcliffe on behalf of the Council. He presented the Chair's Consort with flowers and the Consort's Badge.

CL.1267

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved – That Councillor Myers is elected Chair of the Council for the 2022-2023 municipal year.

CL.1268

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE NEW CHAIR

The new Chair, Councillor Myers, read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

(Councillor Myers in the Chair)

CL.1269

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIR'S CONSORT

Alison Beesley was confirmed as the Chair's Consort for the 2022/23 municipal year.

CL.1270

CHAIR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The Chair stated that he was honoured to have been elected and was very much looking forward to his year in office, which will be the final year of Craven District Council. He thanked the outgoing Chair and Consort, Members and officers for their service.

CL.1271 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Resolved – That Councillor Rose is elected Deputy Chair for the 2022/2023 municipal year.

Councillor Rose was unable to attend the meeting and will sign the Declaration of Acceptance at a later date.

CL.1272

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were confirmed:

- a) Allocation of Committee Places for Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels 2022/23

Resolved – That the appointments contained in the report are confirmed.

- b) Appointment of Office Holders, Lead Members and Member Champions 2022-23

Resolved – That the appointments contained in the report are confirmed, subject to Councillor Ogden being appointed Lead Member for Resilient Communities.

- c) Appointments to Outside Bodies

Resolved – That the appointments contained in the report are confirmed, subject to Councillor Jaquin being appointed as member of the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, and Councillor Metclafe to replace Councillor Foster as a member of Yorkshire Dales National Park.

CL.1273

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION 2022/23

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer submitted a report which presented amendments to the Craven District Council Constitution.

Resolved – That amendments to the Council Constitution 2022/23 as outlined in the report are agreed.

CL.1274

REVISED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022/23

The Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer submitted a report which requested approval of revised dates to the Calendar of Meetings 2022/23.

Resolved – That amendments to the Calendar of Meetings 2022/23 as outlined in the report are agreed.

CL. 1275

STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Leader thanked the Chief Executive and CDC officers for the efficient management of the local elections. The 9 Members joining the Unitary Authority have now been selected and he thanked the rest of the Members who have all worked tirelessly representing their communities.

The Leader was happy to announce that the Planning Improvement Board is the best performing one in North Yorkshire. He acknowledged that there is still a backlog but Planning continues to work hard.

CL. 1276

GENERAL QUESTIONS / STATEMENT TIME

Councillor Brown asked the Leader if he felt that North Yorkshire County Council's new Local Area Committee's represent an appropriate geographical boundary to effectively carry forward local decision making that impacts on Craven.

The Leader felt that this was a question for the new Unitary Authority rather than for CDC, and it could depend on the responsibilities that are devolved to Area Committees.

CL.1277

ANY OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items of business to consider.

\$CL.1278

APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

(A separate excluded full minute has been prepared for this item. It is published (on pink paper) in an Appendix to Committee Members, relevant officers and others who are entitled to all details.)

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Extraordinary Council Meeting, Tuesday, 21 June 2022 at 6.30pm.

Chair

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

21 June 2022



Devolution for York and North Yorkshire

Report of the Chief Executive

Lead Member – Leader of the Council

1. **Purpose of Report** – To provide Members with an update on a Devolution Deal for York and North Yorkshire.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are recommended to:
 - 2.1 Approve the revised 'Asks' document attached at Appendix 1 for submission to Government as the basis of continuing dialogue
 - 2.2 Delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, authority to agree minor changes to the 'Asks' document
 - 2.2 Delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, authority to represent the Council in Devolution discussions with Government and at a regional level.

3. **Report**

Background

- 3.1 Members may recall that in August 2020, this Council approved the submission of proposals to Government which set out what the local authorities in York and North Yorkshire considered should be included in a Devolution Deal for the region (also known as 'the Asks').
- 3.2 Following the announcement of the reorganisation of local government in North Yorkshire, discussions have continued with Ministers from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities ('DLUHC') and the Treasury to progress towards a possible Devolution Deal.

Report

- 3.3 A copy of the current draft timetable which also provides a helpful reminder of the Devolution process, is set out below:

Action	Start	Finish
Dialogue/negotiations between Leaders and Ministers from DLUHC and the Treasury	March 2022	July 2022
Agreed Devolution Deal announced		July 2022
If Councils agree the deal, agreement to carry out a Governance Review of the area (Decision by Leaders/Exec/Councils to carry out a review).	September 2022	October 2022
Prepare and publish a Scheme that demonstrates it meets the statutory conditions set out in the 2009 Act.	October 2022	November 2022
Consult the stakeholders and the public to establish their views on the governance review and scheme.	November 2022	January 2023
Consideration by councils of results of consultation (Executive and Councils) and submission of summary of consultation and any proposed amendments to scheme as a result of consultation	Late January 2023	End February 2023
Advice and decision on statutory tests	March 2023	April 2023
Draft order developed and shared with the area/OGDs for comments and legal checks	March/April 2023	May 2023
Final Draft order shared with JCSI counsel for checks	Early June 2023	Early July 2023
Area consent to Order and ministers agree to lay	Mid July 2023	
Draft Order laid before Parliament for Approval (depends on recess dates)	July 2023	October/ November 2023
Formation of Combined Authority		November/December 2023
Mayor Elections		May 2024

- 3.4 In order to progress discussions with the DLUHC, Members are asked to approve the updated Asks document attached at Appendix 1 as the basis for discussions at Government and regional levels.

- 3.5 Also, as the Council operates a committee system, Members are asked to delegate to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, authority to represent the Council as such discussions continue, to make minor changes to the Asks document and to provide regular update reports to Council.

4. **Implications**

- 4.1 **Financial and Value for Money (vfm) Implications** – *the financial implications were summarised in the report presented in August 2020.*

At this stage, the Government has not stated whether it would be willing to release all the funding. A full financial assessment will be undertaken when the Government respond with an offer.

- 4.2 **Legal Implications** – at this stage, Members are being asked to approve the updated Asks document. To create a combined authority, it is necessary to carry out a governance review with appropriate consultation. The constituent authorities do not know the final Devolution Deal which will be offered to the region and therefore the decision to trigger a governance review will not take place until the Government has responded.

- 4.3 **Contribution to Council Priorities** – the proposal supports all the Council Priorities.

- 4.4 **Risk Management** – if the Council does not participate in these discussions, there is a risk of losing influence over any eventual Devolution Deal with Government.

- 4.5 **Equality Analysis** – at this stage, no formal decision is being made to accept a Devolution Deal. The proposals do not remove the duties of the Council in regard to the Equalities Act and when a final offer is made to the local authorities, the equalities implications of the Deal will be considered further.

5. **Consultations with Others** – None

6. **Access to Information : Background Documents** – None.

7. **Author of the Report** – Paul Shevlin, Chief Executive

Note : Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

8. **Appendices** –

Appendix 1 – Updated 'Asks'



Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

DEVOLUTION DEAL PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION AND GUIDANCE

In the Levelling Up White Paper, the UK Government set a mission that, by 2030, every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal, with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution, with a simplified, long-term funding settlement.

The devolution framework published alongside the mission sets out a clear menu of options for places in England that wish to unlock the benefits of devolution. Each level of the framework provides an indication of the types and examples of powers and functions the Government would consider devolving, aligned to our primary areas of focus for levelling up. They are not a guaranteed, minimum offer; some powers will only be made available to institutions with directly elected mayors, while others will only be available across certain geographies, either functional economic areas or whole county geographies.

Further powers and responsibilities may also be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Not every area will have the same powers and we want to continue to hear from areas on their priorities and innovative ideas. Places may deepen their devolution over time as their institutions mature and can accept greater responsibility.

Having been selected for negotiations, this document allows for devolution proposals to be set out with reference to the devolution framework published in the White Paper. It is intended to capture a summary of proposals. Responses will provide the starting point for negotiations on a devolution deal where proposals will be examined in more depth.

The document is split into three sections:

- Section 1 – Core information
- Section 2 – Leadership and governance
- Section 3 – Powers and flexibilities

Please complete all three sections and return to your Cities and Local Growth Unit Area Lead.

SECTION 1: CORE INFORMATION

Local Authority / Local Authorities with which the deal will be negotiated	City of York North Yorkshire County Council Craven District Council Hambleton District Council Harrogate Borough Council Richmondshire District Council Ryedale District Council Scarborough Borough Council Selby District Council		
	Note: North Yorkshire County Council and the seven District Councils and currently implementing Local Government Reorganisation to create a single North Yorkshire Unitary Council. Vesting date:1 April 2023.		
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Ideal timescales to agree and implement a deal (please note any material considerations)	<p>Preferred Timeline</p> <p>March 22: Negotiations Commence</p> <p>August 22: Gov't publish intention to do a deal</p> <p>August 22: Constituent Authorities agree to undertake governance review</p> <p>Sept 22 – Dec 22 Governance review & Scheme Consultation</p> <p>Jan 23 Constituent Authorities agree to publish Scheme</p> <p>Sept 23 Order Approved</p> <p>Oct 23 MCA Created</p> <p>May 24 Mayor Elected</p> <p>Please note the following key considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Yorkshire County Council and seven North Yorkshire Districts are currently implementing Local Government Reorganisation. Through this process, North Yorkshire County Council and the seven District Authorities will cease to exist on 31 March 2023 and the new North Yorkshire Council will be launched. 2. 3. It would be the desire of Council Leaders to place the responsibilities currently held by a separate Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner with the elected mayor. The PFCC elections are in May 2024 and therefore there is an ambition to align the Mayoral Election with this date. 4. Whilst the constituent authorities of the York and North Yorkshire MCA will be City of York Council and new North Yorkshire Council, the formal process for creating a Combined Authority will require all councils constituted at the time, to approve to undertake a Governance Review and either contribute to the development of a Combined Authority Scheme or approve its publication. Therefore, assuming our preferred timeline is achieved we are planning on approvals from City of York, North Yorkshire County Council and the seven Districts.
Dates of upcoming local government elections	<p>5 May 2022 – North Yorkshire Council Unitary Elections</p> <p>4 May 2023 – City of York Unitary Elections</p>

SECTION 2: LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE MODEL

Please outline core information about your proposal, including which level of devolution you want to pursue (with reference to the devolution framework), across what geography and with what leadership and governance model.

Section 2 not to exceed 2 pages.

Which level of the devolution framework does your proposal current sit in?

Please indicate the level of the framework at which you are seeking to agree a deal, or state if you intend to decide this during the course of negotiations. If you are in the latter category please complete the remainder of this template on the basis of a level 3 deal, indicating which proposals you would expect to be available only with a level 3 deal.

Level 3: Mayoral Combined Authority

Describe your proposed leadership and governance model. Please include reference to:

- (a) the institution you wish to receive devolved powers (e.g. mayoral combined authority, upper tier local authority);
- (b) the membership of the institution (e.g. constituent authorities and non-constituent members);
- (c) the leadership for the institution (e.g. directly elected mayor or otherwise);
- (d) the governance board for the deal (e.g. cabinet and its membership); and
- (e) any required changes to implement these structures (e.g. council resolution on changing governance model).

If you are as yet undecided about which level of the framework you are seeking a deal, please set out the governance you would propose under different scenarios (e.g. level 2 or level 3 deal).

Summary

Institution receiving devolved power	York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
Combined Authority members	City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council
Leadership of Mayoral Combined Authority	Directly elected Mayor
Governance Board for the deal	MCA and Cabinet Cabinet Membership: Mayor, City of York Leader, North Yorkshire Council Leader, LEP Chair????
Required changes to implement these structures	City of York and North Yorkshire Council resolutions to become members of a York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

Our vision and ambitions:

For York and North Yorkshire (YNY) to become England's first carbon-negative economy, where people with the skills and aspiration to reach their full potential, earn higher wages and live healthy lives in thriving communities.

Levelling Up

Wage levels and productivity match the UK average

Global Britain

The world's leading bioeconomy cluster

Net Zero

England's first carbon negative region

With two National Parks, the Yorkshire Coast and City of York, our world renowned historic and cultural assets shape our urban spaces, whilst the scenic beauty of our vast rural landscape and northern coastline define York and North Yorkshire as one of world's most recognised regions.

City of York, pioneering with purpose – as a global knowledge leader, York will drive a regional productivity transformation. One of UK's most connected cities, York provides the science and innovation to unlock the true value of our precious natural resources. York will drive our innovation ambitions whilst high quality industrial sites in neighboring towns will provide the space to grow. Innovate in York, grow in North Yorkshire underpins our integrated plans.

Rural Powerhouse – brings together iconic market towns alongside world-class agriculture and National Parks. However, these natural assets mask structural issues such as high house prices, which coupled with low wages has led to a missing generation of young people who do not live and work in the region. This is unsustainable and leading to a decline in rural communities. Digital connectivity, new income streams from our natural assets and investment in our heritage assets will transform the rural economy creating opportunities for young people and creating resilient, dynamic towns alongside our innovation city.

Opportunity Coast – Our stunning North Yorkshire coast is home to some of the most deprived communities in England. Poor digital and transport connectivity underpins why the area is in the bottom ten percent for social mobility. Raising aspirations takes time and Industry led investment, including a new university campus, investments in further education and community led development have combined to create a new era of opportunity. The Scarborough and Whitby Town Deals provide further momentum, and building on those investments will ignite powerful social change that will address longstanding coastal deprivation.

Connections to Northern Powerhouse – York and North Yorkshire is uniquely located between Tees Valley, Humber and West Yorkshire. The success of some of our key towns such as Harrogate, Selby, Skipton and Northallerton interdependent on our neighbouring city regions. They have extensive infrastructure capacity, opportunities for employment and settlement growth and good connections beyond York and North Yorkshire. Their position and connectivity within the Northern Powerhouse brings out the strength of York and North Yorkshire in joining up scaled growth across the North.

We are committed to securing the strongest possible devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire and propose a MCA with all YNY Local Authorities as constituent members. We will ensure governance arrangements enable strategic leadership at a Mayoral level alongside robust democratic accountability. Our devolution proposals will empower the YNY region by equipping us with funding and decision-making powers, which will allow us to better shape our destiny and make a bigger contribution to the UK economy by:

- Ensuring that the decisions which affect YNY are made by local stakeholders;
- Rapidly directing investment which makes the biggest difference to our economy, people and places; and
- Supporting an economic recovery from COVID-19 by accelerating positive economic, social and environmental change.

Our proposed governance model is a directly elected Mayor operating with a Cabinet which comprises the Leaders of City of York and North Yorkshire Councils.

SECTION 3: POWERS AND FLEXIBILITIES

The devolution framework provides an indication of the types of powers and functions that will be considered for each devolution level. These are not minimum offers. Some powers and flexibilities may only be available to certain institutions or geographies. There will also be scope to negotiate further powers and flexibilities on a case-by-case basis.

Section 3.1 provides space to outline which powers and flexibilities listed in the devolution framework you are seeking, and to provide further details where relevant. This is only intended to capture a summary of your proposals. Responses will provide the starting point for devolution deal negotiations, in which we will examine the detail of your proposals in more depth. Please also provide your reasons for not seeking any powers or flexibilities which are available at the level of the framework at which you are pursuing a deal, as this will help us better understand your asks.

Section 3.1 aims to ensure we receive comparable submissions from areas against the devolution framework. However, we recognise that not every area will require the same powers and we want to continue to hear from areas on their priorities and innovative ideas. Section 3.2 provides space to outline powers and flexibilities you are seeking that are not specified in the framework.

Please outline where relevant how your proposals will achieve greater financial efficiency, administrative streamlining and / or more joined up services in an area. All powers and responsibilities will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

SECTION 3.1: POWERS AND FLEXIBILITIES SPECIFIED IN THE DEVOLUTION FRAMEWORK

Section 3.1 not to exceed 6 pages.

Please note, all powers and flexibilities will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

STRATEGIC ROLE IN DELIVERING SERVICES		
Host for Government functions best delivered at a strategic level involving more than one local authority, e.g., Local Nature Recovery Strategies.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
North Yorkshire County Council are currently the responsible authority for Local Nature Recovery Strategies. Following creation of the MCA, the Mayor and Local Leaders will consider the cross authority strategic planning with regard to developing a model for the future.		
Opportunity to pool services at a strategic level.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
The Mayor will work with the Local Leaders to consider where pooling of services will deliver better outcomes for the region, for example Inward Investment.		
Opportunity to identify innovative local proposals that help deliver action on climate change and UK's Net Zero targets.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<h2>1. Energy</h2> <h3>1.1 £100m Funding for a five-year place-based Low Carbon Housing Retrofit Programme</h3> <p>Decarbonisation of existing buildings and homes is a fundamental but challenging requirement in the transition to net zero. Given the upfront costs of retrofit for energy efficient and low carbon heating, public intervention and innovative funding and financing approaches will be required in order to decarbonise the existing property stock at pace and scale.</p> <p>Our region has a high portion of energy inefficient housing, with 68% of our housing stock (257,000) currently below EPC Level C, with a high number of off gas grid properties (~71,000) which face additional barriers to decarbonisation. Whilst YNY are supportive of Government's proposed scheme to support the fuel poor off gas grid properties, this leaves 66% of our housing stock (249,000 homes) still requiring retrofit.</p> <p>There is a strong case for a place-based solution to address this gap; tackling the location-specific characteristics of our housing stock and building a strong local value chain, including maintenance and repair. We are seeking funding for a 5-year, place-based Low Carbon Housing Retrofit programme, commencing in FY22, to provide whole retrofit solutions for private housing targeted at decarbonising heating and achieving a minimum of EPC Level C.</p> <p>This programme will be designed to maximise the use of public funds, unlock additional private capital and will comprise a package of integrated interventions, including: working with industry to achieve cost reduction; establishing low cost financing options; and offering grants to bridge any remaining funding gaps.</p> <h3>1.2 £25m for a Public Building Decarbonisation Programme</h3> <p>Decarbonisation of existing public buildings is critical to reaching regional and national net-zero targets. Government have recognised the importance of decarbonising public buildings within the Net Zero Strategy, Heat and Buildings Strategy, and Green Industrial Revolution 10 Point Plan, which identifies making our public buildings greener, warmer and more energy efficient as a key priority for decarbonisation and job creation.</p> <p>Our region faces a number of distinct challenges in retrofitting our public buildings, including a high proportion of older and rural properties, lack of capacity and expertise to develop retrofit proposals and limited funding availability to implement measures with a high upfront cost.</p> <p>Whilst YNY are supportive of Government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, this will leave a significant proportion of public buildings requiring retrofit.</p> <p>To address these challenges and decarbonise our public buildings at the pace required we are seeking £25m funding to establish a Public Buildings Decarbonisation Programme delivered over a 5-year period between FY23 and FY27.</p> <p>This programme will be designed to maximise the use of public funds and provide a whole buildings approach to decarbonise.</p> <h3>1.3 £8m to develop strategic low carbon energy projects</h3> <p>There is a need to dramatically ramp-up the deployment of low carbon generation in our region from current levels, which are significantly below the national average.</p> <p>Most of the projects within our region remain in concept stage and in the absence of public support to kick-start their development, will not progress to being 'investment ready'. Local funding constraints</p>		

mean we lack sufficient capacity and capability to provide this support. However, this investment pipeline is critical to achieving a green recovery from COVID-19.

We are seeking £8 million in revenue funding between FY21 and FY25 to scale up our strategic capacity at the regional level and provide flexible, wrap-around project development support, covering three different services in the development cycle of projects:

- Pre-feasibility support;
- Funding for feasibility studies; and
- Business case development.

This will support development work for local authority-led projects, non-rural community energy projects and innovative projects which involve private and public sector collaboration.

1.4 £42m for a Low Carbon Energy Generation Demonstrator Programme

Increasing low carbon generation in our region is a key component to meeting our carbon neutral negative ambitions and contributing towards the Government's Net Zero target. However, many projects which represent close-to-market solutions face barriers in accessing funds to demonstrate their innovative business models or trial new technologies.

We are seeking £42million of funding between FY22 and FY27 for a Low Carbon Energy Generation Demonstrator. The 5-year programme will look to support an estimated 15 low carbon energy projects through a grant which will be match funded by applicants.

Candidate projects are expected to be within one of the following areas:

- Community Energy Demonstrator Projects
- Novel technologies demonstrator projects
- Business model innovation projects

The programme will demonstrate projects that operate at an area-wide and/or whole-systems scale; delivering substantial carbon savings, energy supply resilience and employment opportunities through the technology value chain. The programme will also provide an approach that can be replicated in other areas across the country, thus providing solutions that will enable us to 'build back better' both regionally and nationally in a green recovery from COVID-19.

1.5 Joint working with Government to accelerate the roll-out of carbon capture, utilisation and storage technology

Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) is set to play a pivotal role in the decarbonisation of the UK economy, particularly when it comes to decarbonising emissions from the power sector and industry.

Given the scale of the challenge and the need for a national approach, we are seeking to work with Government to accelerate innovation and the roll-out of CCUS technology in our region. With Drax Power Station located in our region, we believe we bring a unique and informed perspective of the specific barriers faced in the nascent industry and through joint working we will identify blockers to change and co-develop policy and industry solutions.

In addition to the proposals above, our over-riding ambition is to realise the potential of York and North Yorkshire to become England's first carbon negative region. There are a number of innovative proposals throughout this proposal which support delivery of our ambitions. These include:

Ask	Section within Devolution Proposals
SECTION 3.1: POWERS AND FLEXIBILITIES SPECIFIED IN THE DEVOLUTION FRAMEWORK	
Ultra-low emission public transport	Multi-year integrated settlement
Roll out of EV Charging	Multi-year integrated settlement
Low Carbon Skills	Role in designing and delivering future employment programmes.
SECTION 3.2: OTHER PRIORITIES NOT SPECIFIED IN THE DEVOLUTION FRAMEWORK	
BioYorkshire – Innovation in Bio-economy	Other Projects of Initiatives Number 4 - BioYorkshire
Development of a Natural Capital Investment Plan working with national partners	Other Projects of Initiatives Number 6 – Natural Capital
Tier 2 ELMs trial and joint working with DEFRA to co-design how ELMs will operate locally	Other Projects of Initiatives Number 6 – Natural Capital
Natural Capital Innovation Challenge Fund	Other Projects of Initiatives

Number 6 – Natural Capital		
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES		
Local Enterprise Partnership functions including hosting strategic business voice.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>The York and North Yorkshire LEP will be fully integrated into the Mayoral Combined Authority, including its delivery programmes including the Business Growth Hub, Careers & Enterprise, Energy Hub and Skills Advisory Panel. The assumption is that the LEP, its delivery functions and all associated budgets/core funding settlements will be allocated to the MCA. This includes LEP Core Funding</p> <p>In line with other Mayoral Devolution Deals, through a devolution deal for YNY we are seeking enhanced joint working with Government to coordinate activity around trade, investment and R&D across our region. This includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Joint working with DIT to coordinate activity around key sector and market priorities across the region; and, 2) Joint working with UKRI to support the development and implementation of our LIS, particularly building on local strengths in the bioeconomy, advanced manufacturing, and high value tourism. 		
LOCAL CONTROL OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT		
Control of appropriate local transport functions, e.g., local transport plans*	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
In line with other Mayoral Devolution Deals, through a devolution deal for YNY we are seeking a range of enhanced local transport powers and joint working with Government to. This includes Statutory Transport Plan Powers to the Mayor, which involve working with the two Local Highway Authorities (LHAs) to jointly prepare and approve a transport strategy and Local Transport Plans for the region;		
Ability to introduce bus franchising	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
It is proposed the Y&NY Mayor has access to bus franchising powers , per the Bus Services Act 2017;		
Defined key route network*	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
The Key Route Network will focus on the key arterial routes connecting into our main city and towns.		
Priority for new rail partnerships with Great British Railways – including local rail offer, e.g., services and stations.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Enhanced joint working arrangements between the MCA and National Highways and Network Rail to determine shared priorities for the region's strategic road and rail networks and better align local and national transport investment plans.		
Multi-year integrated settlement covering core local transport funding for local road maintenance and smaller upgrades.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>In addition to the existing transport funding provided to York and North Yorkshire, We are seeking a 5-yearly integrated transport settlement incorporating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £250m over the period of FY24 to FY28 which can be deployed flexibly against our transport priorities and support our region's economic and spatial plans for growth. We are also seeking revenue funding to provide increased local capacity to develop and oversee the delivering of the 5-year investment programme. This builds on Government's commitment to provide other MCA areas with 5-yearly local transport funding settlements (from a £4.2bn national pot). • £52.5m Funding to deploy ultra-low emission public transport across our region. In addition to the NYCC & COYC ZEBRA bids we are initially seeking funding to commence the first two phases of a three-phase programme for the roll-out of ULEV buses over the next five years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phase 1 – FY23 to FY26 (£52.5m): Deployment of electric vehicles (EV) in York and North Yorkshire and undertaking business case work for Phase 2 		

2. Phase 2 – FY26 to FY27: Deployment of ULEVs in the region's more rural areas –. This will require further funding to deliver, once detailed work has been completed to identify suitable ULEV solutions for use in rural context and a business case has been established. We are seeking a commitment from Government to consider the business case once it has been developed (anticipated by FY24/25).

- **£50m Funding for the roll out of publicly available EV charging facilities across our region.**

YNY is the largest MCA in terms of both geographical area and road length. The resultant long journey distances alongside the relatively sparse population and limited nature of the electrical grid infrastructure make delivering the necessary step change in EV charging infrastructure to meet our carbon negative region ambition expensive and difficult to deliver.

We are seeking up to £50m funding over the next three to five years to deliver a programme for the roll-out of public EV charging in our cities, towns and rural areas across our region. This will allow us to provide for visitors and workers in our town, our resident population and people undertaking longer distance trips, especially to our remoter areas. This will increase the uptake of electric vehicles in our region, reducing carbon emissions and support a green economic recovery from COVID-19.

- **Full funding for the COYC & NYCC BSIP proposals plus £36m revenue funding for bus services to support covid recovery.**

The impact of COVID-19 on the bus market will be more keenly felt in our region given the significant areas of sparse rurality; potentially leading to a permanent loss of services and smaller operators (which make up a significant proportion of our bus market). This will hamper the post COVID-19 recovery of our visitor economy, stall housing development and growth, and risk social isolation of our deprived and vulnerable communities. As part of our COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan, we are seeking:

- 1) £36m of funding over the 5-year period of FY23 to FY28 to help secure the recovery of our bus market to pre pandemic levels. £2m funding would be used to pump-prime services in response to COVID-19; £33m would be used to develop existing areas of under bus provision in North Yorkshire; and £1m would be used to develop and implement technology-based solutions, based on the principles of Mobility as a Service (MaaS); and
- 2) Local flexibility over ENTS statutory requirements, such as enabling the use of technology (e.g. smartphones), instead of the statutorily required pass, as well as the ability to accept a contribution from passengers for concessionary travel which would provide a critical source of additional funding to aid the recovery of our bus market.

GIVING ADULTS THE SKILLS FOR THE LABOUR MARKET

Devolution of Adult Education functions and the core Adult Education Budget.

Yes

No



To receive devolved adult education funding for £21.4m per annum

Ten combined authorities are now in receipt of a devolved AEB grant. We propose that the AEB grant awarded per head of the working age population should reflect the average of all areas with devolved AEB as shown below. This average is £42.66 across the ten devolved areas.

Current AEB allocations include a historic weighting to account for local deprivation levels, however there is no uplift to account for the added costs of delivering training in rural areas. Increased costs are incurred in rural areas due to smaller class sizes, hiring training rooms, tutor mileage etc). Rationale for increasing our AEB ask would be to account for the additional cost per learner in York and North Yorkshire over other urban areas.

Providing input into Local Skills Improvement Plans.

Yes

No



The York and North Yorkshire LEP will be the MCA's Business representative arm. The -Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) will be delivered through the LEP.

DfE is piloting new employer-led Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs) in 2021-22 and supporting providers with Strategic Development Funding to help shape technical skills provision to better meet local labour market needs. The UK Government will now roll out these employer-led LSIPs across England, together with supporting funding, looking to prioritise areas with the most pressing skills needs.

Employers, convened by employer representative bodies, will work with providers, MCAs where relevant, and other stakeholders to develop LSIPs, setting out the key changes needed in a place to make technical skills training more responsive to skills needs. The UK Government is also legislating to put these employer-led LSIPs on a statutory footing through the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill.

The Skills Bill identifies that's LSIPs must be led by an employer representative body.

Role in designing and delivering future employment programmes.

Yes

No



£25m National Skills Fund Devolved

To deliver our ambitions for skills we require the ability to plan longer term and strategically, providing stability for stakeholders and to allow the region to can quickly meet the emerging needs of our region, which is not possible through traditional mechanisms. Within this, we will establish a new, place-based and industry-led Local Carbon Skills Programme, which we will develop and implement to support those businesses whose employees need to re-train to meet the future needs of a carbon negative region. To deliver this, our ask of Government is:

The York & North Yorkshire share of the National Skills Fund (£25m including bootcamps and L3 entitlement), to up-skill the existing workforce, returners and jobseekers and help them gain the vocational skills in immediate demand; and

Skills Capital Funding Devolved

Currently, all skills capital funding is allocated centrally with no local strategic ~~Input-input~~ from local areas. A local ability to link capital funding decisions with revenue funded skills projects would ensure the necessary capital infrastructure is in place to meet strategic need for skills and animate skills training ambitions. This should include:

- £13m skills capital funding
- TBC T-Levels capital funding
- Skills Accelerator funding

Enhanced Joint Working with Government

In line with other Mayoral Devolution Deals, through a devolution deal for YNY we are seeking an enhanced working relationship with Government across the skills agenda. This includes:

- 1) Joint working with the Careers Enterprise Company and National Careers Service to ensure local priorities shape the provision of local careers advice;
- 2) Influencing spend on unutilised apprenticeship levy funding to maximise investment in apprenticeships and promote the benefits of apprenticeships to local employer; and,
- 3) Co-design with DWP for the future employment support for the hardest-to-help claimants.

LOCAL CONTROL OF INSTRUCTURE DECISIONS

Homes England compulsory purchase powers (held concurrently)

Yes

No



Our ask is for Homes England compulsory purchase powers to be used as part of the formal partnership with the agency to unlock barriers and accelerate development across YNY. We would be seeking for these powers to complement our Town Centre and Place asks.

Ability to establish Mayoral Development Corporations (with consent of host local planning authority)

Yes

No



YNY seek to receive MDC powers to progress a series of regeneration & development projects across the region, which include large brownfield sites, Town Centre re-development and new settlements as highlighted within our Place, and Town Centre asks.

Devolution of locally-led brownfield funding

Yes

No



Our ask is £8m based upon our population of 830,000 and is comparable with the North of the Tyne MCA allocation provided with the launch of the Levelling Up White Paper.

Strategic partnerships with Homes England across the Affordable Housing Programme and brownfield funding

Yes

No



<p>YNY request a formal partnership with Homes England and Local Leaders of YNY to include the MOD/DIO and take on their sites into the Mayors ownership. This would also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commitment to higher grant rate per plot for rural affordable homes • A £45m revolving credit fund to accelerate the delivery of OSM and • £50m funding to address viability challenges driven by infrastructure enabling costs. 														
KEEPING THE PUBLIC SAFE AND HEALTHY														
Clearly defined role in local resilience* (subject to National Resilience Strategy)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>												
The Mayor will work with existing agencies to define a role in local resilience.														
Mayoral control of Police and Crime Commissioner functions where boundaries align^	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>												
It would be the desire of Council Leaders to place the responsibilities currently held by a separate Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner with the elected mayor and would wish to engage with Government to implement this as part of the devolution arrangements. As detailed in the preferred timeline, our ambition is for the Mayoral election to take place in May 24, the planned PFCC election date.														
Where desired, offer Mayoral Combined Authorities a duty for improving the public's health (concurrently with local authorities)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>												
Whilst York and North Yorkshire may wish to revisit this at a later date, there are no proposals within our current proposition with regard to this duty.														
STRATEGIC ECONOMIC INVESTMENT														
UK Shared Prosperity Fund planning and delivery at a strategic level	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>												
<p>The draft prospectus indicates that the SPF will be allocated to the MCA or lowest tier Local Authority where no MCA exists. As North Yorkshire works through Local Government Reorganisation, to mitigate risk and maximise the deliverability we are proposing we operate separate SPF Investment Programmes for York and North Yorkshire in 2022/23 and 2023/24 coming together under the Mayor from 2024/25.</p> <p>Within that we propose that a single North Yorkshire Investment Plan is agreed for 2022/23 and 2023/24 as a collaboration between North Yorkshire County Council and the seven Districts. Within this we will retain the district level allocations anticipated in the SPF Guidance due shortly. We therefore propose:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2022/23</td> <td>York SPF Investment Plan</td> <td>&</td> <td>North Yorkshire Investment Plan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023/24</td> <td>York SPF Investment Plan</td> <td>&</td> <td>North Yorkshire Investment Plan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024/25</td> <td colspan="3">York and North Yorkshire Investment Plan</td> </tr> </table>			2022/23	York SPF Investment Plan	&	North Yorkshire Investment Plan	2023/24	York SPF Investment Plan	&	North Yorkshire Investment Plan	2024/25	York and North Yorkshire Investment Plan		
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Long term investment fund, with an agreed annual allocation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>												
<p>£750m of funding in the form of a Gain Share / Investment Fund settlement, comprising £25m per annum over a 30-year period. Providing this settlement as revenue funding would provide us with maximum flexibility to invest on an integrated basis and drive economic growth. We are seeking a funding split of 25% capital, 75% revenue.</p> <p>£1m Annual Mayoral Capacity Funding</p> <p>Both the above will be available on passing of the Order to create a Mayoral Combined Authority</p>														
FINANCING LOCAL INITIATIVES FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS														
Ability to introduce mayoral precepting on council tax*	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>												
It should be noted that there are no current plans to implement a mayoral precept														
Ability to introduce supplement on business rates (increases subject to ballot)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>												
It should be noted that there are no current plans to implement a business rate supplement														

SECTION 3.2: OTHER PRIORITIES NOT SPECIFIED IN THE DEVOLUTION FRAMEWORK

We want to continue to hear from areas on their priorities and innovative ideas. Please outline any powers and flexibilities you seek which are not specified in the devolution framework, along with any projects or initiatives you wish to discuss as part of the devolution deal. You may wish to align these proposals with the 12 levelling up missions announced in the White Paper.

Section 3.2 not to exceed 6 pages.

OTHER POWERS OR FLEXIBILITIES

OTHER PROJECTS OR INITIATIVES

1. Digital

We have three key digital proposals:

1.1 Devolution of national DCMS funding for fibre connectivity

Given the scale of the challenge, and the limitations of a 'one-size fits all' centralised gap-funding approach, **we are seeking to devolve DCMS/BDUK delivery programmes, supported by £520m in capital funding over the period of 2023/24 – 2035/36 to deliver the rapid completion of 100% Superfast broadband coverage, and working to meet the Government's national target of 100% Gigabit broadband by 2025.** We will build on our track record of delivery via York's gigabit City and the Superfast North Yorkshire (SFNY) project to roll-out this devolved programme, where we have developed both the capacity and capability to deliver broadband infrastructure at scale.

1.2 Co-design of the rollout of the Shared Rural Network in the YNY region

Whilst YNY is supportive of Government's response to the rural digital divide via the Shared Rural Network, we believe local input is required to inform roll-out in our region to maximise VfM from Government's intervention and ensure our region does not fall further behind the levels of mobile connectivity enjoyed by other parts of the country. **We are seeking to work with Government and industry partners to co-design the roll out of the Shared Rural Network in our region.** We believe we bring an informed, local perspective of where investments should be made and how they should be prioritised in order to ensure VfM and maximise the programme's potential contribution to the region. We also believe through joint working this will in turn identify good practice which can be used more broadly to inform Government's approach to supporting mobile connectivity roll out to the UK's other rural regions.

1.3 £20m Mayoral Smart Investment Fund

High quality digital infrastructure, shared data, and new 'smart' solutions have a major role to play in addressing our economic, social and environmental challenges as we build back better in our economic recovery from COVID-19. Smart City technologies – including "Internet of Things" (IoT) devices – have the potential to deliver more innovative, cost-effective services in both the public and private sectors. However, across our region, poor network coverage is a key barrier to the development of new products and solutions. A programme-based approach to Smart Investment across YNY will enable us to achieve economies of scale, support the rapid deployment of IoT technologies and a step-change in the delivery of smart solutions in our region.

We are proposing to establish **a new £20m Mayoral Smart Investment Fund** to deliver four key projects:

- 3) **Procuring and deploying an extension of the Low Powered Wide Area Network (LPWAN)** across YNY's urban areas and the wider region;
- 4) **Procuring an initial tranche of sensors** for a variety of use cases across YNY;
- 5) **Running Innovation Competitions** to secure private inward investment, incentivise activity by local businesses and educational establishments, and address our challenges where no commercial off-the-shelf solutions exist; and
- 6) **Establish a Knowledge and Skills Hub** to deliver a combination of roadshows and skills workshops, share knowledge in respect of the Smart Cities investments that we are making, provide visibility of the challenges that we are seeking to address through Smart Cities technologies (including Innovation Competitions), and work with businesses to determine how they can use the LPWAN infrastructure.

2. City & Town Centres

York and our towns are the centres of commerce, culture, learning, health and sustainable living and their success is integral to achieving our inclusive growth and Rural Powerhouse ambitions and levelling-up within York and North Yorkshire. The potential for growth and innovation across the centres is huge, but they have significant structural challenges to address in reaching their true potential. Our place-based asks are part of a long-term, strategic and integrated programme which will drive economic recovery, productivity and levelling-up by delivering across the 12 Missions and by strengthening the 6 Capitals set out in the Levelling Up White Paper. Creating vibrant, successful places will also be critical in retaining young talent, and in strengthening pride in place, health and well-being. We can super-charge delivering of levelling-up by targeted investment in these key centres, which play a critical role as part of a smart, connected and successful region.

2.1 York City Fund

The City of York is the region's principal city, and the cultural and economic engine of the area, with a total GVA of £6.5bn, employing over 118,000, and home to 200,000 people. The city lies at the heart of the region, with exceptional rail and public transport connections making it the gateway not just to the region but across the north east with direct connections by rail to all of the UK's principal city economies. Having successfully navigated the transition from a post-industrial city to a modern knowledge economy, York has sectoral strengths in hi tech rail, finance, bio-science and creative media that are driving regional performance as part of an integrated business ecosystem.

Despite these strengths, the City lags behind southern comparators, and has the potential, with targeted investment, to add another 1.4bn of GVA in the city alone, and significantly improve well-being and pride in place, becoming a globally competitive centre.

Recognising the significant changes facing York the city and its partners have developed a long term vision called My City Centre, which reshapes its form and function, to innovate and grasp new opportunities. This has informed the York City Fund, where we are seeking £62m (£3.5m revenue, £58.5m capital) between FY22 and FY27 for investment in 8 place-led regeneration and cultural activation projects. These projects are:

- 1) Supporting Civil Service relocations to York
- 2) Railway station frontage gateway arrival project and rail station transformation;
- 3) Castle Gateway public realm and regeneration project;
- 4) Parliament Street – transformation of main commercial core;
- 5) My City Centre – delivery of priority 1 and 2 measures for city vision;
- 6) Riverside quarter connectivity – infrastructure within mixed-use regeneration site;
- 7) Delivering key initiatives within York's Cultural Strategy; and
- 8) Transforming secondary centres and flexible remote working/ incubator network.

This pump-prime investment will help to build business, consumer and visitor confidence in the city, supporting economic resilience and growth, whilst also improving well-being and pride in place to establish York as a globally competitive City at the heart of a thriving regional business eco-system.

2.2 Devolved Mayoral Towns Fund

We are seeking £240m of a total £430m to deliver Phase 1 (FY24 – FY28) of our ten-year "21st Century Towns" programme through the establishment of a Devolved Mayoral Towns Fund. This programme addresses both the short-term economic impacts of COVID-19 and the long-term challenges we need to tackle for our towns to thrive as more productive places to live and work. Investment across our towns will be prioritised by the MCA, with targeted and tailored investments in five areas of intervention:

It builds on the best practise developed through the Scarborough & Whitby town deal and planned submissions into the Levelling Up Fund.

- 1) Smart and Enterprising Towns: investment in digital infrastructure and business hubs for businesses to grow and take advantage of new, smart opportunities;
- 2) Active and Transformed Towns: encouraging a shift to sustainable transport through investment in walking and cycling networks, physical improvements to rail stations, and wider place-making and public realm improvements;

- 3) Cultural and Heritage Towns: targeted investments which aim to regenerate and re-energise our cultural, creative and tourism sectors, particularly in the wake of COVID-19;
- 4) Living and Circular Towns: investment in green and blue infrastructure, and testing circular economy approaches at a micro-scale, to make our market towns more sustainable and resilient to climate change; and,
- 5) Growing Towns: targeted investment to pump-prime housing and commercial development through enabling works such as highway and flood management infrastructure.

A place-based investment programme will enable us to prioritise interventions that have maximum impact on economic recovery, achieve cost efficiency, leverage a greater proportion of private investment into our towns and accelerate delivery, thus achieving better VfM.

3. Business Support

3.1 Tourism, Culture & Heritage

York and North Yorkshire Tourism Destination Management Organisation:

York and North Yorkshire is indisputably one of the most beautiful parts of the UK. Given this, and with the historic city of York acting as a particular draw, it is no wonder that the region is a popular visitor destination for both domestic and international tourists. But the region's tourism businesses do not receive the support they need, with the existing Destination Management Organisation (DMO) landscape fragmented and too difficult for most businesses to navigate.

Following the demise of Welcome to Yorkshire, North Yorkshire is developing a DMO to ensure the sector is supported as it recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond. The publication of the de Bois Review of DMOs is therefore very timely – and its finding that the DMO landscape needs to be strengthened is one which clearly applies in the case of York and North Yorkshire. We are seeking to work in partnership with Visit Britain to develop a short and long-term Tourism Plan; increasing the cohesion between national campaigns and local ambitions. Our proposal is:

Ask 1: £1m development funding followed by an annual allocation from DCMS/Visit Britain to support development of DMO's for York and North Yorkshire in accordance with the DeBois recommendations; and in support of our tourism strategy, we propose Visit Britain host the 2023 Visit Britain International Trade Exhibition 'ExploreGB' in YNY.

York and North Yorkshire Culture & Heritage

The Government, City of York Council, North Yorkshire authorities and York and North Yorkshire LEP recognise the central role that culture will play in addressing the long term economic and social needs of the area.

To establish a single conversation with DCMS and other national and regional bodies to develop a unified approach that raises our cultural ambition to create the Northern Capital of Heritage and Culture. Building on established strengths and opportunities and revitalizing our cultural assets, we will see communities in cities, towns and villages be supported to produce and be inspired by excellent art, heritage, and culture.

We will take a collaborative approach. Individuals, businesses, and local and national public bodies shall increase the intensity of cultural activity towards the best performing areas of the country.

Ask 2: Collaboratively, with DCMS and other national and regional bodies, we will develop a plan and new delivery models to build on our creative potential and attract national partners where beneficial, so we can improve our towns, attract, and retain young people, boost our digital and creative industries.

3.2 Support the redevelopment of Harrogate Convention Centre

Support for the redevelopment of Harrogate Convention Centre.

Harrogate Convention Centre represents an important economic asset within the region, bringing an estimated 157,000 visitors per year to the area, generating £35m of economic impact and providing significant local and regional employment.

With investment, the number of events held at Harrogate Convention Centre (HCC), the resulting number of visitors and the wider regional economic impact are expected to increase.

We are seeking to work with Government to address the capital funding gap identified through our business case work to date. This support would align closely with the Government's post-COVID economic recovery approach and help to level up the economic performance of our visitor economy. Upgrading HCC's facilities will increase the physical, human and social capital of York and North Yorkshire through investment in infrastructure, skills and our community.

3.3 Scarborough Cyber Security Cluster Development

York and North Yorkshire's Vision is to create a regional cyber security cluster specialising in industrial control systems (ICS) on the Yorkshire coast.

In partnership with Scarborough Borough Council, Coventry University, GCHQ Scarborough, Anglo American Mining (crop nutrients division) a strategy for establishing the cluster has been drafted. Based on the four pillars of - Citizens, SME's and Industry and Research the cluster will provide:

Working with Government we aim to crystallise our vision, particularly in regards to specialising in an ICS solutions cluster and thus establish Scarborough as the next area for investment within the national cyber security cluster programme, bringing a new industry sector and high value growth opportunity to the North Yorkshire region; In doing so we will also be seeking the support of Government in meeting the identified funding gap required to realise this vision.

4. £171m investment in BioYorkshire over 10 years.

BioYorkshire is a ten year programme that will accelerate the translation of research discoveries into full scale biotechnology applications; using the region's world class science base to deliver profitable bio-based production of chemicals, materials, and fuels, and productive, net-zero food, feed, farming and wider land use practices.

Positive engagement with BEIS & UKRI has commenced through the following;

Government engagement – Mar 22	
Ministerial	George Freeman MP, Minister for Science, Research & Innovation
UKRI	Dame Professor Ottoline Leyser, CEO, UKRI, Emma Lindsell, Director of Strategy, UKRI. Lee Beniston, UKRI-BBSRC Associate Director for Industry Partnerships and Collaborative R&D
BEIS	Paul Drabwell – Deputy Director Science, Research & Innovation
DEFRA	Tamara Finkelstein, Permanent Secretary, DEFRA, Professor Gideon Henderson, Chief Scientist, Defra

The ambitious programme - an innovative public-private partnership - includes the University of York, Fera Science, Askham Bryan College and private sector partners.

BioYorkshire is unique in that it specifically connects chemicals, biomanufacturing and agriculture based industries. Our vision is to create a sustainable bioeconomy that thrives on strategic research and innovation, an outstanding skills and training offer and a commitment to foster and support entrepreneurship for the benefit of society and the environment.

BioYorkshire will act as a centre of gravity for the north of England and wider UK for the bioeconomy, and become a beacon for the UK to attract inward investment in new, productive, bio-based businesses with high-growth export markets.

It will transform the UK's bioeconomy through an 'end to end' programme going from world class research and innovation through to translation facilities that enable development and scale-up then a

network of specialised business incubators, training and skills and entrepreneurial support to create and grow companies and a skilled workforce to support the bioeconomy. BioYorkshire will deliver profitable and sustainable technologies to transform the region extending to the industrial clusters in Humberside, Teesside and the wider North of England.

BioYorkshire comprises three linked elements that combine to support innovation from concept to research to commercial reality:

4.1 BioYorkshire Innovation & Skills Central will comprise a suite of world-leading research and innovation assets and associated training for the bioeconomy workforce including entrepreneurs and innovators. These assets will be industry facing and designed to accommodate both researchers and businesses to maximise opportunities for interaction.

4.2 BioYorkshire District Incubator Hubs located across the length and breadth of York and North Yorkshire will link local bioeconomy start-ups and business scale-ups with the facilities and training at Innovation & Skills Central, fostering cross fertilisation of knowledge and innovation across sectors.

4.3 The BioYorkshire Accelerator will provide advice, expertise, networks and promotional opportunities for businesses across the region, accelerating the deployment of bioeconomy innovations right through from development to commercialisation.

We need the Government to commit to investing in BioYorkshire over the next 10 years.

The BioYorkshire partnership is seeking £171 million of public sector investment over a 10 year period, which will yield £1.4bn GVA. Our early work on cost benefit analysis suggests a return of investment of 8.3 to 1, showing how seed funding, in an area of natural assets, can transform a region. This public sector funding will allow us to unlock and crowd in investment from our private sector partners and beyond, creating a cluster of innovation excellence in York and North Yorkshire.

	Innovation Central	District Hubs	Accelerator	Total
Capital	-£98.57m	-£8m	£0m	-£106.57m
Revenue	-£127.80m	-£10.63m	-£10m	-£148.43m
Income	£75.16m	£6.02m	£2.60m	£83.78m
Total (C+R-I)	£151.21m	£12.61m	£7.40m	£171.22m

We are ambitious about the potential size and scale for BioYorkshire.

We see the benefits of this programme spreading far beyond the York/ North Yorkshire regions, including strengthening partnerships and bioeconomy innovation clusters in Teesside and the Humber.

How will BioYorkshire develop over the next 10 years?

BioYorkshire's partner institutions are ready now to deliver a programme of business focused strategic research, development and demonstration as well as specialist skills support using existing facilities. The proposed programme will be delivered in three phases over 10 years.

- Phase 1 (3 years) – delivered between 2023 and 2025 if funding available from (August) 2022. Phase one will see the construction and establishment of new innovation facilities (BioYorkshire Innovation & Skills Central), new BioYorkshire District Incubator Hubs for start-up and established small businesses and an innovation programme (BioYorkshire Accelerator) that will support the bioeconomy ambitions of BioYorkshire.
- Phase 2 (3 years) – delivered between 2026 and 2028. From 2026 onwards, the new facilities will deliver significant GVA and inward investment, yielding multiplier benefits for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and reduction/ upcycling of organic waste, an increased number of spin-outs, start-ups and scale-ups as well as skilled people and high value jobs both within YNY and in the wider UK, especially the North East. The first incubator hubs and innovation facilities will become self-financing.

- Phase 3 (4 years) – delivered between 2029 and 2032. By 2032, we anticipate public and private match funding to support BioYorkshire projects and facilities. This phase will see the programme becoming financially self-supporting through the additional economic activity it is generating.

5. Natural Capital

We have the ambition to be a circular, carbon-negative region, and pioneer innovative farming and land management approaches and climate change adaptation solutions which supports clean growth and helps to level up our national economy. We are uniquely positioned to meet this ambition – with two National Parks, three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, over 70% of our geography used for agriculture, natural capital representing 11% of our GVA, and the ability to sequester carbon.

We have three key natural capital proposals:

5.1 Development of a Natural Capital Investment Plan working with national partners

There is currently a fragmented landscape for planning, funding and delivering natural capital investments in our region, as well as a lack of quality data for informed decision making. Whilst we work closely with our different national partners, and have invested significant local resource into development of our policy evidence base to date, we need a more strategic, integrated and long-term approach to investing in our natural capital if we are to progress local and national environmental objectives at an accelerated pace.

We are seeking £2m of revenue funding over the next five years (FY22 to FY26). In the first two years we will scale up our capacity at the regional level and develop a Natural Capital Investment Plan by 2024, working in partnership with the Environment Agency, Natural England, Historic England and the Forestry Commission. In FY24 onwards, revenue funding will be used to build our regional capacity to develop and deliver the Plan's pipeline of interventions.

The Natural Capital Investment Plan will provide an integrated spatial plan of interventions in our region over the next 25 years; a framework for prioritising interventions; a funding strategy for delivering our prioritised programme; and a performance monitoring approach.

5.2 Joint working with DEFRA to co-design how ELMs will operate locally

DEFRA's draft proposals for the ELM scheme recognise the role of local areas in incentivising the management of land in a way that delivers locally targeted environmental outcomes, as well as contributing to national objectives.

We are seeking to work with DEFRA to co-design and test the national support programme.

DEFRA has already recognised the significance of our region to the design of the ELM scheme in the 2-year Payment by Results trial managed by Natural England and the Yorkshire Dales National Park and involving over 30 farmers. Building on this and drawing on our vision, established relationships with our farming sector and strong partnership working with DEFRA, we want to provide an exemplar which can drive change across the UK.

5.3 Natural Capital Innovation Challenge Fund

DEFRA's 25 Year Environment Plan recognises the critical need to increase private sector investment in order to enhance our natural capital. However, as public goods, the market undervalues natural capital, leading to under investment and natural capital degradation which generates negative externalities such as water pollution, deforestation and poor soil quality.

More innovative policy and public sector intervention are required to create market mechanisms which capture and monetises the financial benefits to businesses from investing in the natural environment.

We are seeking £10m over five years (FY23 to FY27) to operate an Innovation Challenge Fund to increase private investment in our natural capital. The Fund will:

- Support engagement and set-up costs to establish a Landscape Enterprise Network in our region; and
- Support two forms of funding competitions: small scale grants of up to £25,000 for smaller projects to develop new concepts over a short timescale; and up to 50% match-funding of between £25,000 and £500,000 for larger projects. These funding competitions will be open to businesses, NGOs and public bodies, however all proposals will be specifically targeted at identifying and demonstrating new models for increasing private investment in natural capital.