



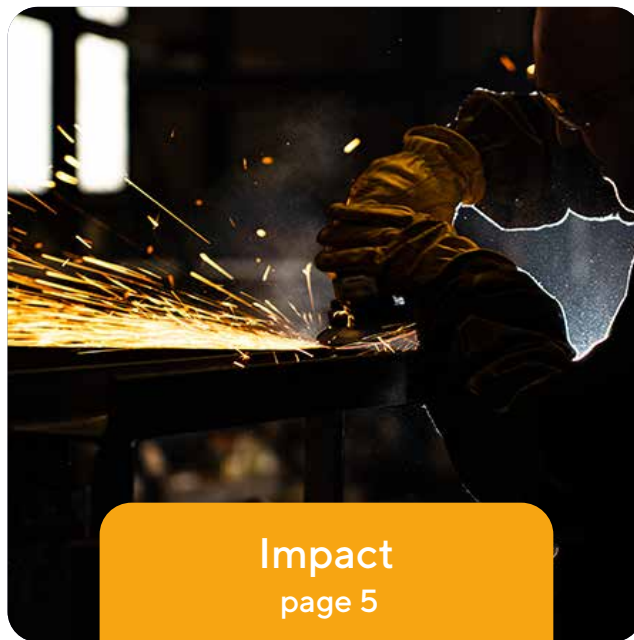
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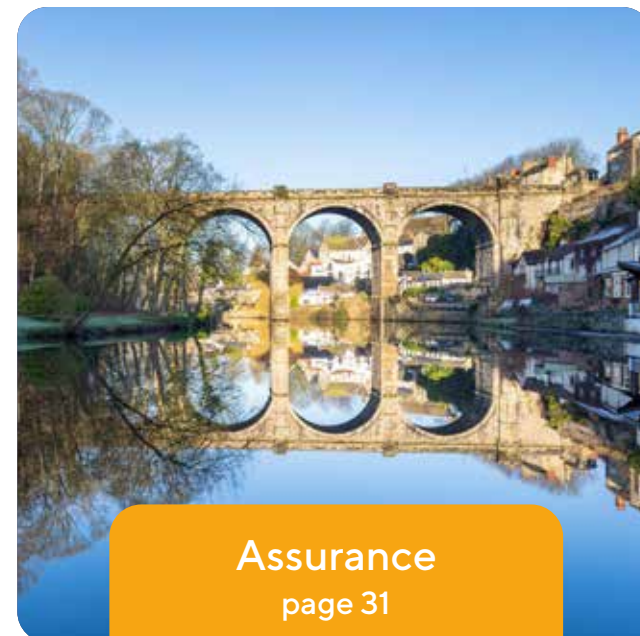
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Welcome

Helen Simpson OBE

Chair of the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Main Board

This has been a remarkable period for our region. Remarkable in some ways that have been sad and challenging for individuals and for businesses, but also remarkable, as we have discovered together the impact that the Yorkshire spirit of resilience, community mindedness and sheer tenacity. Yorkshire people are amazing, especially when we work together to deliver innovation and hope for the future in our region. This report shares some of the work we have done together and I hope you enjoy it.

Clear economic strategy, enabled by a clear business voice, has successfully secured funding. Over the last eleven years the LEP, working with partners and businesses, has secured over £240m of funding into York & North Yorkshire. I am proud of our track record of delivering projects and programmes on time and on budget.

Businesses have shared with us the urgent need to attract talented and ambitious young people, so

we have worked together to address this and help businesses innovate and grow. Our Careers Hub ranks as one of the best performing in England and connects every high school in the region to businesses through Enterprise Advisors, who help raise their aspirations. Digital skills are key, so this year we will launch a £2m Bootcamp programme delivering those essential digital skills into workplaces.

The LEP, with a great range of heritage and culture partners, has led on work about historic assets and how they can contribute to economic growth. This can be seen in action in the investments that we have made in local heritage assets, such as the Treadmills site in Northallerton (with Hambleton and C4Di) and the Guildhall in York, (with the City of York and the University of York). It is exciting to see these historic buildings start to deliver new life into the economy, as creative spaces for business incubators and educators.

Our business support service, the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub, continues to reach more businesses every year. Business relationship managers advise and mentor businesses one-to-one on issues, for example, how to get started on decarbonisation. Successful partnerships with local authorities, as

in Craven and Scarborough, and with York St John University in York, are supporting the Growth Hub team to get to know and support local business communities better. Our recent focus on the 'Invest in York & North Yorkshire' is looking good in developing a region-wide collaboration to drive up investment into key sectors, as we support the best businesses to find their home here.

York & North Yorkshire has the aspiration to be England's first carbon negative region. If the UK is going to achieve Net Zero, as a largely rural geography, we have to be carbon negative. The LEP team have been working with broad, cross sector partnerships to develop a route-map to carbon negative that can tell us how we can get there, and crucially, where the economic opportunity lies, for example that carbon negative energy generation can reduce the cost of energy and put money back into businesses and households. This has secured funds from the Community Renewal Fund to produce Local Area Energy Plans to identify long-term strategic approaches to local decarbonisation challenges.

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Our Getting Building Fund allocation of £15.4m, awarded in 2020, has successfully completed, with some significant projects that deliver locally across the region. One example is the town centre WI-FI roll out in 18 of the region's towns, which we have been delighted to support with over £3.5m. We are excited to share updates from some of our past Local Growth Fund projects within this report and show you how they are delivering impact.

There are significant changes happening in our region, in North Yorkshire as they undergo reorganisation to form a single unitary for North Yorkshire and for York & North Yorkshire on Devolution. The LEP team are working hard to support these developments and we are excited for the future.

We are also working in partnership to support major strategic programmes that can drive future growth and offer significant potential to boost the region's economy, including:

- York Central – the reinvigoration of a key brownfield site in the heart of York,
- BioYorkshire – a ten year programme to accelerate the translation and application of research discoveries into full scale biotechnology applications.

- Grow Yorkshire and work with local nature partnerships to unleash the potential of our rural powerhouse
- Building capacity and enabling growth in existing businesses, especially in food and farming and in the visitor economy.

Underpinned by strategic analysis of where the best prospects for economic growth can be found these innovations are putting our region on the map with investors and with government.

It has been a joy to get to know so many York and North Yorkshire people this year. Thank you to the LEP Board members and particularly to Peter Emery and David Dickson (Deputy Chairs), Sue Jefferson and Sam Alexander (Chairs of the Business and Skills Sub-Boards) and all the members who serve on them. Also to our public sector leaders, including North Yorkshire, the City of York and all Districts Councils, as well as our many partner organisations, particularly our great businesses, universities and colleges, business networks and charities. Finally a massive thank you to James Farrar, our Chief Operating Officer and all of his team at the LEP. Thank you for your knowledge, passion, commitment and sheer hard work.



Impact

Yorkshire people are amazing, especially when we work together to deliver innovation and hope for the future in our region. These stories share the impact of the work we have done together.

A WORKFORCE FOR THE FUTURE

Yorkshire Dales Cycling Hub praises apprenticeship support

Stage 1 Cycles, a family run cycle business based in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire, has spoken about how hiring apprentices has helped their business to grow.

Being based in a remote location within the Yorkshire Dales has meant that Stage 1 Cycles has previously struggled with recruiting staff. However, through engaging with their local council and The Apprenticeship Hub, the company has filled those gaps with two apprentices, Matt and Lucy.

"We live in a rural area where recruitment can be a challenge," says Helen Pollard, Owner and Director of Stage 1 Cycles. "So, to recruit apprentices and train them to the standards that we wish is an easier way of undertaking that process."

Lucy is currently completing her Level 3 Hospitality Supervisor apprenticeship at Firebox, Stage 1 Cycles' café, while Matt is undertaking a Level 2 apprenticeship to become a qualified bicycle mechanic and coach.

"When people think about apprenticeships, they think of things like bricklaying and carpentry – very manual labour jobs," says Matt. "But what's surprising is the massive range of things you can do. Apprenticeships are available for such a wide range of industries and jobs."



Helen went on to talk about the benefits of hiring apprentices for her business, saying, "It allows us to recruit and train specialist staff and to develop them in the way that we wish our business to operate." This means that, by the time Matt and Lucy complete their apprenticeships, they will have the exact experience and skills that Stage 1 Cycles needs to operate and grow.

She also praised the support she has received, saying, "We used advice and guidance from Richmondshire District Council and The Apprenticeship Hub. We were really well supported as a business to take on apprentices."

The Apprenticeship Hub supported Helen to select the right apprenticeships and find an appropriate provider to deliver the training. They also provided full funding so that Lucy could also undertake a Level 2 qualification in Digital Skills for Work to further enhance her skills.

Commissioned by the York & North Yorkshire LEP and launched in Autumn 2021, the Apprenticeship Hub was established to provide businesses with a one-stop shop portfolio of support. The £1.83 million programme, part-funded through the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014–2020, is delivered between Calderdale College, North Yorkshire County Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council.



Local colleges now enabled to train the next generation of electric vehicle technicians

In 2020, two North Yorkshire colleges were awarded funding to provide electric vehicle training in the region. York College and Scarborough TEC received £240,000, secured by the York & North Yorkshire LEP from the government's Getting Building Fund.

This initiative is key to meeting future demands for e-vehicle technicians and contributes to meeting the region's ambition to be carbon-negative by 2040 as well as the government's net zero target by 2050.

This funding has allowed York College to invest in the latest electrical vehicle technology, including two Hyundai electric and hybrid cars and electric vehicle training rigs. With this, the college can fulfil its role in ensuring the region's skills needs are met in what is set to be a long period of change and evolution for the motor vehicle industry.

Josh Isle is a Level 3 Motor Vehicle Apprentice at York College. He speaks about what it's like working with Hybrid and Electric cars and explains how the equipment at college benefits him and his employer.



"My name is Joshua Isle I am 20 years old. I work at Highfield Garage in Bubwith, Yorkshire, I work repairing and maintaining all different makes and models of cars. I am currently studying a Level 3 Standard in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair with the Institute of the Motor Industry with York College.

Before coming on the course I had very little experience or understanding about working on Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (EV) and the on board systems they use. Using the college's EV training rigs has allowed me to understand how the different component parts work and link together throughout an EV vehicle.

The ability to work on the component parts safely on a rig, without fear of electrocution, whilst under training is very reassuring! The critical training in safe shut down and isolation using all the necessary safety equipment and precautions is essential to my career as a motor vehicle technician as I begin to work on hybrid and electric vehicles, this is a major benefit for my employer".

Understanding inclusive workplaces with Autism Plus

Thriving at Work focuses on supporting organisations to become more inclusive and help support staff who are neurodiverse, disabled or experiencing mental health challenges.

Part-funded by the European Social Fund as allocated by York & North Yorkshire LEP, Thriving at Work is supported locally with match-funding provided by North Yorkshire County Council, City of York Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and HEY Smile Foundation.

Autism Plus are a delivery partner on the Thriving at Work Programme. They were approached by Angela from Blue Dolphin Holiday Park after they had seen an advert on social media about the programme. Angela had a number of staff that are neurodiverse and autistic and wanted to know that she was supporting them in the best way she could.

Autism Plus worked with Blue Dolphin Holiday Park to look at their individual staff members needs as well as their organisation as a whole. Better Connect, the project lead for Thriving at Work, spoke to Angela Bland, accommodation coach at Blue Dolphin Holiday Park and Soren, her member of staff that she was looking to support, to find out how Thriving at Work has helped them.

Angela explains –

“When I first met Soren she was here there and everywhere. She didn’t know how to clean a caravan so we came up with a list of all the items that needed cleaning. We worked closely with her to calculate the time it took her to clean each section and then she would put her headphones on and off she went. An alarm would go off each time to tell her whether she was behind and each time she would try and speed herself up. Her first caravan took her four hours to clean and after the support we have received and the work we have put in together she has just got faster and faster and happier in her work.”



Angela was supported by Autism Plus to adapt her working style and set achievable and manageable goals to empower Soren to do her best work.

Soren describes the support she received –

“If I needed help I could just ask straight away. I know other autistic people have different needs and the fact that Angela listens and understands what I particularly need and actually does things to help me is amazing. Someone else who is autistic might need something completely different so it was great to make changes that worked just for me.”

Autism Plus worked with the whole organisation to look at how they do recruitment, training and induction of new staff to make sure they are being as inclusive as possible. Blue Dolphin Holiday Park implemented and actioned every suggestion and were a great organisation to work with as part of the project.

Soren has now worked for Blue Dolphin Holiday park for a year and absolutely loves her role there. She is constantly improving and getting more and more confident as time goes on.

BACKING OUR RURAL ECONOMY

Net zero farm 'more productive, more profitable'

A Wensleydale couple are producing certified 'carbon neutral beef', following a carbon audit which proved a catalyst for big changes to their upland farming system.

Jenny and Lenny Bowes, tenants of the 600 acre Ghyll Bank Farm at Raisgill, have cut sheep numbers by half to 500 breeding ewes while being on course to double the beef cattle herd to 150 beasts.

Ghyll Bank Farm is one of 14 farms in either the Yorkshire Dales National Park or Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to have participated in the 'Farm Carbon Project', designed and funded by a partnership including the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, the AONB, Yorkshire Water and York & North Yorkshire LEP as part of its Grow Yorkshire initiative.

They have stopped using bought-in fertiliser and feed, adopted new grassland management aided by GPS technology, changed sheep breeds to lamb later and outside, created three flower and herb rich meadows, and put together a plan for planting trees and hedges. Other regular inputs such as bedding material, silage wrap and fence posts and wire have been reduced, with wrap and metals all sent for recycling.

The changes mean the farm business is now 'net zero' according to Farm Carbon Toolkit, as it is sequestering as much carbon from the atmosphere as it is adding to it through the release of greenhouse gases.

Jenny Bowes said: "The carbon audit has completely changed the way we do things. Everything we do we think, 'Ooh how's that going to affect our carbon'.



"We've found a way that you can work with the environment, while not letting the environment stop your productivity. I think we've had more productivity on our new system. We're looking at the profit margin. We've got a better deal with the wholesalers, with Lake District Farmers, than we would have had if we hadn't got the carbon neutral beef certification. It's a great market."

York & North Yorkshire LEP board member and vice chair of our Grow Yorkshire initiative, Jan Thornton, said:

"We are currently leading the development of York and North Yorkshire's 'Routemap to Carbon Negative'. Ghyll Bank Farm is a fantastic example of how a traditional farm business can transition to net-zero and in the process become more efficient and resilient through a range of carefully planned and managed interventions."

Courtyard Dairy thriving after LEADER grant

A grant programme for rural development has enabled businesses in the Yorkshire Dales to flourish.

Between 2014 and 2020, £2.7m was invested into the Dales via the LEADER scheme. An award-winning cheese shop The Courtyard Dairy, near Settle, was among those to benefit. Match-funded investment of around £32,000 enabled a move to a larger site, employment of more staff and an expanded offer to customers.

After receiving the investment in 2016, we now revisit The Courtyard Dairy to learn of the lasting impact that the LEADER scheme has had and how the company has gone from strength to strength.

Andy Swinscoe, co-owner, said: “LEADER was key to us. It gave us the ability to put in a museum, lift, stairs, café and cheese-make room – it effectively allowed us to create a new location. Without that investment, we would not have been able to move. We would have stayed in a little shop down the road and we would have been bumbling along – there’s no way we could have achieved the growth to what we have today.”



After receiving investment in 2016, the business went from employing three people to fourteen.

Andy added,

“There wasn’t any other funding option available to us at that time. We had been on a site with other shops, which already had a big draw. With us moving to the new site four miles away, we were by ourselves, so we needed the café and museum to bring people to us. Funding schemes like LEADER help take small businesses to the next level. They are invaluable.”

A total of £138 million was available in England between 2015 and 2020 under the scheme. In the Dales alone, the programme covered an area of 3337km sq across parts of Harrogate Borough, Craven District, Richmond and Hambleton. In other parts of the area, the ‘North York Moors, Coast & Hills’ programme saw LEADER investment of £2.6m from 2014-20.

Executive groups, who oversaw bids and awards of funding, featured private and public sector representation and included the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

Rural business parks benefit from ultrafast speeds

Ultrafast broadband is rolling out across rural business parks.

Twelve business parks will benefit from the improved connectivity, which tech chiefs believe will put the “region on the map for digital services and capabilities.”

Up to 1,000 businesses could potentially benefit from the infrastructure improvements, which is part of the North Yorkshire County Council-led North Yorkshire Digital Infrastructure Programme.

Businesses at Thirsk Industrial Park were among the first to receive ultrafast broadband speeds via full fibre provider NYnet Ltd. The company, which is owned by North Yorkshire County Council, works within the public sector providing gigabit broadband to schools, hospitals, GP surgeries and local authorities.

Helen Simpson OBE, Chair of the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, said: “Our region has ambitions to become a greener, fairer, stronger economy and schemes like this will help us get there. Improved digital connectivity is absolutely vital for businesses.”

Speaking at the Thirsk launch earlier in 2022, NYnet’s Chief Executive Officer, Alastair Taylor, said: “We are delighted to be sharing the knowledge and expertise we have developed over more than a decade of working with the public sector to benefit local businesses.

“Our provision of gigabit broadband to schools has recently put the county in the top three in the country for school broadband and we hope that the expansion of our service into business parks will help put the region on the map for digital services and capabilities.”

NYnet is installing Local Full Fibre network to 12 rural business parks across North Yorkshire, which have historically struggled with poor connections.

This is part of a £3.6m investment awarded to NYCC by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership as part of its allocation from the Government’s Getting Building Fund.

NYCC Executive Member for Access Cllr Don Mackenzie said: “NYnet is well established and highly trusted by public sector services in our region. We are delighted that these benefits will now be available to business parks in rural parts of the county that have typically struggled with reliable connectivity.

“The move to expand into the private sector and support rural business is excellent news for our local economy and comes at a time when many organisations are looking to relocate away from big cities, with advances in technology such as this making that possible.”

The full list of business parks to benefit from the scheme is: Airedale Business Centre, Skipton; Roecliffe Business Park, Boroughbridge; Cardale Park, Harrogate; Sherburn Business Park, Sherburn-in-Elmet; Colburn Business Park; Snaygill Industrial Estate, Skipton; Eastfield Business Park, Scarborough; Stokesley Business Park; Leeming Bar Estate; Thirsk Industrial Park; Martree Business Park, Knaresborough and Thornton Road Business Park, Thornton-Le-Dale.



VIBRANT TOWN AND CITY CENTRES

Scarborough embraces the circular economy

Finding ways to adapt to our changing world is crucial to being able to meet the new challenges that face us. In Scarborough, we have been supporting the development of a circular economy, which has united businesses and communities around a shared purpose to make the most of the assets we have.

By being smarter with how we use resources, the circular economy offers a mechanism to meet the cost of living crisis whilst limiting the impact of climate change and emissions. In a circular economy, items are reused, repurposed, refurbished, repaired, and shared amongst people, reducing waste and consumption. Through our Circular Towns initiative, are working across the region bring these ideas into communities in a bid to move towards becoming England's first carbon-negative region.

Following their engagement Circular Towns Guide and with support from the LEP team, Circular Scarborough launched its commitment to become a circular town during Circular Yorkshire Week in October 2021. David Stone, of Coast and Vale Community Action (CaVCA), has been heading up the initiative, which held a Green Christmas Market in December to encourage people to think differently about their festive purchases.

"The emphasis is on buying maybe less and buying locally sourced produce and handmade products and things that are basically good for the planet, good for nature and good for us," explained David. The market attracted many visitors, helping spread the word about Circular Scarborough, and CaVCA were able to make connections with many of the



businesses attending, including local textile expert Carol Eves, who runs Material Moves, a fabric store in the town.

Carol's ethos is based around creating more sustainable, longer-lasting clothing, and she runs various courses to help residents understand how to create, upcycle, and repair their own clothing, keeping textiles in use and moving away from the throwaway model of fast fashion. Carol is one of Circular Scarborough's first Circular Champions, helping people engage with the circular economy in the community.

"Circular Scarborough has been excellent at network building for small sustainable businesses like myself," shares Carol. "We have more power when diverse people who share the same ethos and mission are able to come together, which can lead to further opportunities such as creating local supply chains and making joint bids for funding."

The Circular Towns Guide offers a simple, flexible framework for communities looking to explore circular economy ideas within their neighbourhoods; **it is free for anyone to access at <https://www.ynylep.com/strategy-detail/id/4130>.**

Treadmills development connecting businesses and students in Northallerton

In 2021, a new tech hub, C4DI Northallerton, opened as part of the major Treadmills redevelopment of Northallerton's former prison.

York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership supported this initiative with £1.8m secured from the Government's Local Growth Fund. Its aim was to bring advanced digital skills and jobs to the area, enabling the local economy to thrive through technology.

In March 2022, attended by Rishi Sunak MP for Richmond, Barclays launched their first Barclays Eagle Lab in North Yorkshire at the C4DI Northallerton hub. Run in partnership with tech incubator specialists C4DI, the Eagle Lab will support start-ups and entrepreneurs to scale and grow and includes co-working and business space.

Amy Morgan comments:

"As the Ecosystem Manager for the Barclays Northallerton Eagle Lab, it has been an amazing journey since we launched. The talent and entrepreneurialism within the Eagle Lab is phenomenal and it has been inspiring to meet so many innovators, collaborators and influencers from the Northallerton network and wider areas.

"The site has enabled likeminded individuals to collaborate and innovate in a unique environment full of tailored support from our Eagle Labs proposition, which includes mentoring, dedicated events, programme support and access to funding through our network of investors within the ecosystem.

Our support also extends to working very closely with the Barclays High Growth & Entrepreneur team and we benefit from the support of John Hunter who provides dedicated expertise for entrepreneurs and scaling up businesses."

Martin Platt is CEO of AmbaSat Ltd, a business that enables school pupils, students and space enthusiasts to build and launch their own space satellite for little more than the cost of a games console. Ambasat already works with Barclays Eagle Labs @ C4DI Northallerton. He says,

"Amy, Louise and the whole team at Barclays Eagle Labs @ C4DI Northallerton have been a real powerhouse of inspiration and support for AmbaSat. What we've lacked in the past is a strong network and the ability to call upon a solid pool of resources to help drive the business forward.

"Barclays Eagle Labs @ C4DI Northallerton have those qualities in spades but more than that, their commitment to local businesses and resources is a key quality. In every aspect of our business we look to use local people and businesses, from satellite manufacture to prototyping and design, all of these we undertake right here in Northallerton."





York city centre gets ready for the future

Businesses have moved into York's historic Guildhall following a major redevelopment of the site.

The £21.7m project to revitalise the 15th century building has seen it become a modern, multi-use space which includes a business hub.

Among the businesses on site is cyber security firm Phishing Tackle. Having previously run with a blend of teams working at home or at London offices, the company chose The Guildhall as their first regional base.

Emma Hollinrake, Head of Sales at Phishing Tackle, said: "The great thing about this building, and what attracted us to it, is that the train station is 10 minutes away.

We've got a direct line to a huge talent pool of staff from across the North. We knew that presented us with an exciting opportunity for growth. We have a team of 15 overall, and four have joined as a result of us being based here.

"We felt a city centre space offered us vibrant surroundings, which is great for staff. We have a hybrid working approach here, three days in the office and two at home, so that people have that flexibility. However, from a sales and management perspective, it is worth its weight in gold to have the bonding and camaraderie that being in the same space provides. Staff training is also more effective in-person. Overall, the site enables us to be a slick and focussed sales team."

A variety of businesses are using the office spaces, and weekly networking events have been taking place.

Emma added:

"Through these events, I've met some really interesting people, discussing women in tech, and getting women into the cyber security industry. I've become an ambassador for Aspire2Lead – a project providing free support to women to boost their skills and confidence and achieve their potential in business. That was a direct result of networking in this building. We've all felt a great atmosphere here."

Looking ahead, Phishing Tackle are exploring opportunities to host cyber security events at The Guildhall and continue to progress their scaling-up ambitions.

The Guildhall complex is owned by City of York Council and is made up of Grade I, II* and II listed buildings. Restoration was completed in April 2022, with the building now featuring revamped offices, meeting rooms and conference space, a café and a separate riverside restaurant.

Business and events space have been leased to York Science Park, a subsidiary of the University of York. York Science Park offer support for entrepreneurs and start-ups looking to grow.

Funding for the restoration and redevelopment work was provided by City of York Council, West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership through respective HMG Growth Deal contributions and the Getting Building Fund.

The project received £2.34 million from the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership, delivered in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority through the Leeds City Region Growth Deal.

A total of £300,000 was secured by the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership through the Getting Building Fund. This funding supported the fit-out of offices.

ENABLING TRANSFORMATION ACROSS THE REGION

Flood alleviation works keep businesses above water

Dalton Industrial Estate is a strategic employment site located in the A1/A19 growth corridor but for many years, the main access road to this suffered significant flooding from the Cod Beck and the River Swale.

Due to climate change, the flooding was occurring with increased frequency and severity and was seriously impacting businesses, resulting in lost production days, penalties and increased haulage costs. During the floods, traffic diversions added substantial distance and caused severe congestion in neighbouring villages causing damage to other roads and health and safety concerns when HGVs were re-directed onto minor roads that were no more than farm tracks.

The LEP invested £1.8m of Local Growth Funds and worked in partnership to secure £2.46m of funding with other public and private partners to develop a scheme to fix this serious problem. A new wider bridge was built that can now accommodate commercial and industrial access and egress without bottlenecking. As well as this, 350 metres of elevated road and flood embankments were put in place to provide a 1 in a 100 year flood protection.

Roy Fishwick, MD of Cleveland Steel, one of the many businesses operating from this industrial site was involved throughout this flood resilience project.

“You cannot underestimate just how big a problem this flooding was. 500 vehicles an hour move around the estate. Imagine this being underwater for a fortnight.



Businesses were forced to shut down and even if they could remain open, loads were stuck or could only be moved using local farm tracks that were not designed for this process”.

Roy continues, “The impact of fixing the bridge and the road was immediate and massive. We haven’t had to use the temporary access we had to use during flooding for the past 5 years. It’s achieved everything that it set out to achieve which has had an enormous positive economic impact. Businesses have been able to expand, increase production and take on more staff.

This includes businesses who at the time were considering re-locating due to the flooding. Off the back of this project, new businesses have been attracted to the site and the potential for more has grown, with developers now looking at the usage of nearby land”.

The Dalton Bridge Flood Alleviation Scheme is one of nine projects that received support and investment from the LEP and key strategic partners. Evaluation of this activity has concluded that it represents excellent value for money, with an overall Benefit Cost Ratio of 9:1.

East-west connectivity leads to major expansion

Opportunities for economic growth are being unlocked thanks to improved east to west connectivity in our region.

Two major infrastructure projects have reached key milestones – an upgrade to junction 47 of the A1(M) has been completed and extra train services launched on the Leeds-Harrogate-York route.

Junction 47 on the A1(M) links with the A59, which serves key destinations including York, Skipton and Lancashire. The A59 corridor has been identified in Harrogate's Local Plan as an area of rapid increase in residential and business growth.

Barrie Mason, Assistant Director for Highways and Transportation at North Yorkshire County Council said: "This important scheme has the aim of supporting the future growth and prosperity of Harrogate and Knaresborough. We anticipate significant residential and commercial development along the A59 corridor, resulting in many more people using this key link road."

"It has been a huge project, involving the widening of three of the four slip roads onto and off the roundabout to increase capacity, as well as a number of junction improvements. The junction suffers from congestion at peak times so it is a great example of how we are improving east to west connections across the county."

Work on the project began in September 2020 and the junction was fully operational by April 2022. The project has been supported by £2.47m from the Government's Local Growth Fund, secured by York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, along with contributions from North Yorkshire County Council, National Highways and developer Forward Investment LLP.



Extra rail services were launched in December 2021, following a £10m infrastructure upgrade to the line between Harrogate and York. The upgrade enabled an increase in frequency to two trains an hour to run reliably all day between Leeds, Harrogate and York.

Speaking as the new services were introduced by Northern, David Dickson, Chair of the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Infrastructure and Joint Assets Board, said:

"This landmark moment is the culmination of a great deal of partnership work and technical collaboration. This is an important rail link and the extra capacity will support and drive growth and help create a greener, fairer and stronger economy along the corridor and for the region."

The additional services have been enabled by works carried out by Network Rail and funded by North Yorkshire County Council and York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. A total of £9.6m was secured by Y&NY LEP from the Government's Local Growth Fund to support the infrastructure works.

Invest in York & North Yorkshire puts the region on the map for investors

In early 2022, a new 'Invest in York & North Yorkshire' partnership was created to promote the region's inward investment opportunities at an event in May, the UK's Real Estate Investment & Infrastructure Forum (UKREiF).

Comprising the York & North Yorkshire LEP and six local authorities, the partnership collaborated to create a new exhibition stand, Invest in York & North Yorkshire webpage and a range of other promotional materials to highlight the region's USPs.

The event attracted over 3000 visitors, including investors and developers, as well as organisations from both public and private sectors. The 'Invest in York & North Yorkshire' stand was visited by the Minister for Science, Innovation and Research, George Freeman MP who congratulated the team on getting their proposition 'spot on'.

As well as hosting several sessions focused on the York Central opportunity, the partnership took to the Cinema Stage to present 'York & North Yorkshire: More than just a pretty place' in front of a packed out and highly engaged audience. Presenters Sarah Thomas from the Y&NY LEP, Kathryn Daly from Harrogate Borough Council, Bruce Heppenstall from Drax and Dave Caulfield from Selby District Council showcased how many global brands have made the region their home, that there is a commitment to become England's first carbon-negative region and how many diverse development opportunities exist in the region. This session was one of the best attended events on the Cinema Stage at UKREiF 2022.



David Dickson, Deputy Chair of the York & North Yorkshire LEP, comments, "This has been a great event and has well and truly put York & North Yorkshire on the map for investors. Everyone knows that the region is a great place to live with fantastic cultural heritage and amazing landscapes. What people don't know is that we are open to do business. We have a talented workforce and world-leading research and educational institutes on our doorstep that can support business and industry innovation. We have an infrastructure that is established and ready to work with investors to create economic growth for the region and for them too."

'Invest in York & North Yorkshire' is now ready to do business with investors, from home and abroad. As a newly independent trading nation with Investors seeing the UK as the most attractive place in Europe to invest, Trade & Investment activity in the UK is set to thrive and in York & North Yorkshire, we are ready to work with partners to make our economy **greener, fairer and stronger**.

HELPING OUR BUSINESSES GROW

Peer support programme reinvigorates creative businesses in Craven

In October 2021, the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub funded Innovate Educate Ltd (IELTD) to launch and run its first 'The Artery Peer Support Programme'. Having identified a gap in the support landscape, the scheme specifically focused on a network of creatives and micro businesses working in and around the Craven District.

"We had previously carried out research into the importance of business skills for those working in the creative and cultural sectors," says Karen Merrifield, Director of IELTD. "We found a lot of government support for start-up and growth businesses but very little tailored to the needs of freelance, micro and creative ones.

"Often it's thought that these businesses are not scalable, which is a misunderstanding. They are scalable but just in different ways because they collaborate well together, and they can also bring investment into areas.

"Having heard through the Growth Hub-led Business Engagement Forum that they were looking to develop peer support opportunities, I connected in with the Growth Hub's Manager, Andrew Raby. The Artery at the time was an idea that I'd been developing for some time so the funding allowed me to take it from an idea to reality."

Karen teamed up with Leo Devine, former Head of BBC South West who led Project Spark which transformed local and regional news operations. Together they delivered six peer support workshops and three one-to-one mentoring sessions.



The programme blended themed activities focused on business strategy, the Story of Change model and action learning to help participants work to their strengths, share, collaborate and form strong partnerships.

For Skipton-based website and marketing business SBC Marketing, The Artery was a timely scheme, as owner Sarah Collett explains: "After Covid, home schooling with my daughter sat next to me doing her classes, and me trying to work, I got into a bad place and absolutely hated what I was doing. I was going to quit and just work in a shop or find a business to go and work in just give me a break. However, deep down, I knew I didn't really want to do that so signed up to The Artery.

"The first session was great because we got to know everyone so well by sharing a story about ourselves through a single object. It became a bit of a therapy session and we realised that we're all in a similar boat. We were a bit tired of what we were doing, and in need of new inspiration and teamwork.

"The group Zoom sessions were accompanied by three mentoring sessions with Karen which allowed me to dive deeper into what I needed from my business. This helped me to realign what services I was offering, so that I could focus more on web design, which is the area of the business that I feel most passionate about.

"The Artery was the main reason why I turned things around. I found a new focus, started enjoying it again, and obviously started making more money from it, which was great. The practical side of what Karen and Leo deliver as well as the camaraderie between the businesses has definitely been a big factor in that."

Following The Artery, Sarah remains in regular contact with the group to gain support and also champion the successes of the other members. She is also getting support from Business Relationship Manager Alison Laws who joined the Growth Hub team earlier in the year to specifically support Craven-based businesses.

"When I first spoke to Alison, I was thinking about recruiting someone on a part time basis," says Sarah. "Alison researched schemes that I could use to get people on board, whether it was through apprenticeships or through grant schemes. Also, when I feel like I don't have enough experience, she reminds me to put that to one side and to do it anyway. She's just a great cheerleader, encouraging me to apply for stuff and throw my hat in the ring."

Over the last year, the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub has supported over 60 businesses in York and North Yorkshire through The Artery and Small Business Peer-to-peer scheme, as well as the national Peer Networks programme.

Find out more at www.ynygrowthhub.com

Grant support for businesses in Scarborough

In the latter half of 2021, local councils were given an amount of funding under the government's Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) scheme. For Scarborough Borough Council this presented an opportunity to help local businesses overcome pressures caused by Covid-19 and to thrive beyond the pandemic.

Simon Middleton, Business Relationship Manager from the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub, helped administer this support. One of the organisations to benefit was Dexter's Surf Shop and School who used the funding to improve the physical and mental health of people in the community through offering free lessons.

Dexter's Surf Shop and school is a family run business located on the North Bay in Scarborough offering surf, paddle boarding and kayaking clubs and lessons to all ages and abilities. Affected by the mental and physical burden of active military service, the family's vision for the business is to be a community hub that connects people through being active and learning a new skill.

"We would love it if one day we didn't have to sell anything," says co-owner Steve McNamara.

"Dexter's would be a place that people could come to, and we could offer surf therapy and free lessons. But, to get that we would need to be funded, so during Covid we wanted to do as much as we could to help the community by offering free lessons to charities and NHS workers."



Dexter's surf school has delivered lessons to over 60 NHS workers, as well as to local organisations such as Andy's Man Club and IDAS. "It has been a really moving experience," continues Steve. "We had one guy who said that going out in the water that day had stopped him from harming himself. I was like – wow, this is really powerful! People go in to the water really reluctant but we see them come out almost different people. It focusses the mind on the activity and takes them away from the problems that they have."

However, the overwhelming demand that the surf school was generating had started to put a strain on the existing equipment and resources. This is when Steve heard about the grant funding available through Scarborough Borough Council, which was being facilitated in partnership with the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub.

"We received an email from Simon Middleton at the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub," explains Steve.

"The funding looked like it ticked a lot of boxes, so we got in contact and Simon helped to guide us through the process. Having never applied for a grant before, we were a bit worried but the way in which it was set up and with the help we received, it was surprisingly straightforward."

The successful application has meant that Dexter's has been able to extend its free and low cost lessons to more organisations, as well as grow its kids club. Steve is continuing to get support from Simon, which has led him to access free social media training through the Digital Advantage Scheme, as well as gain an understanding of what other funding options might be available to make the family's vision for the business a reality.

"We'd love to open the free lessons up to so many more people, such as scouts groups, people with mental and physical disabilities, or really anyone who is feeling overwhelmed, isolated and feel they would benefit," concludes Steve. "We are also receiving comments from locals about how good it is to see people in the water enjoying surfing, paddle boarding and kayaking, and how great that is for the North Bay area as a whole."

Alex Richards Head of Regeneration and Economic Development at Scarborough said:

"The ARG programme was put in place to assist businesses, during what for many has been the most challenging time in their history. The support of the Growth Hub and Simon in particular has helped us to ensure we targeted local businesses in greatest need and supported those organisations who in turn provided services, support and employment to our community."

Fully funded support gets Harrogate businesses fired up

At the start of 2022, the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub team partnered with Harrogate Borough Council to deliver a range of dedicated business support funded through the government's Covid-19 business recovery grants.

This included online group sessions and 1-2-1 coaching on areas including marketing, workplace culture and employee retention, finance, and digital compliance, as well as the StriveLive start-up programme designed to help grassroots entrepreneurs launch their business.

Fourteen people joined the seven-week programme which consisted of a series of workshops, advice sessions and start-up challenges delivered by experts from Enterprise Cube who have successfully run businesses, as well as worked with nearly 4,000 entrepreneurs. At the end of the programme, participants could also compete to impress business experts at the project finale to win a share of £2,500 in funding.

Karen Allen, from Kidzplay Play Box joined the StriveLive programme and was successful in picking up two awards for being the most customer orientated and having the best business concept. With years of experience running preschool sessions in play centres, Karen co-founded Kidzplay Play Box during lockdown, with play centre owner Lisa Mee. They put their creativity into an activity box for children.

"StriveLive popped up on my social media at a point when I was searching for support with the business," explains Karen. "I was looking to get to know other entrepreneurs in the local area, looking to increase my knowledge and understand how I could progress.

"The programme gave me the confidence to move forward, the understanding to face the challenges, and the connections within the local area to continue the support after the course finished.

Strive for me allowed me to step up and to move the business on thanks to the supportive team and experienced entrepreneurs with years of experience, knowledge and stories."

Kidzplay has featured at Springtime Live and boxes are stocked in local farm shops like Fodder and a variety of garden centres across the county, with plans to launch a subscription service soon.

Also involved in the programme was Hanna Dilley, founder of Benji's Bites Toddler Food who picked up the award for Best Marketing. "I really enjoyed the Strive course, the subjects we discussed, and meeting fellow local business owners," says Hanna, whose product is stocked locally in Crimble Foodhall. "Starting and running a food business by yourself is really tough so it's great to connect with other people going through similar challenges as me, and share ideas.

"I was delighted to have won the prize for 'Best Marketing' and the funding will enable me to reach more busy parents in need of a helping hand at toddler mealtimes!"

For Chihuahua Lounge owner, Caroline Leather, the course helped her make useful connections which contributed to the successful launch of her business: "StriveLive proved to be particularly useful," explains Caroline. "Amongst other things, I met another new business owner who has since developed the most fantastic website and booking system for my business, which was something that I had been struggling with.

"In the first week, I sold out my opening weekend and took nearly 100 bookings. My business has also been featured in the Stray Ferret and I have had interview opportunities with BBC Look North and Radio York"

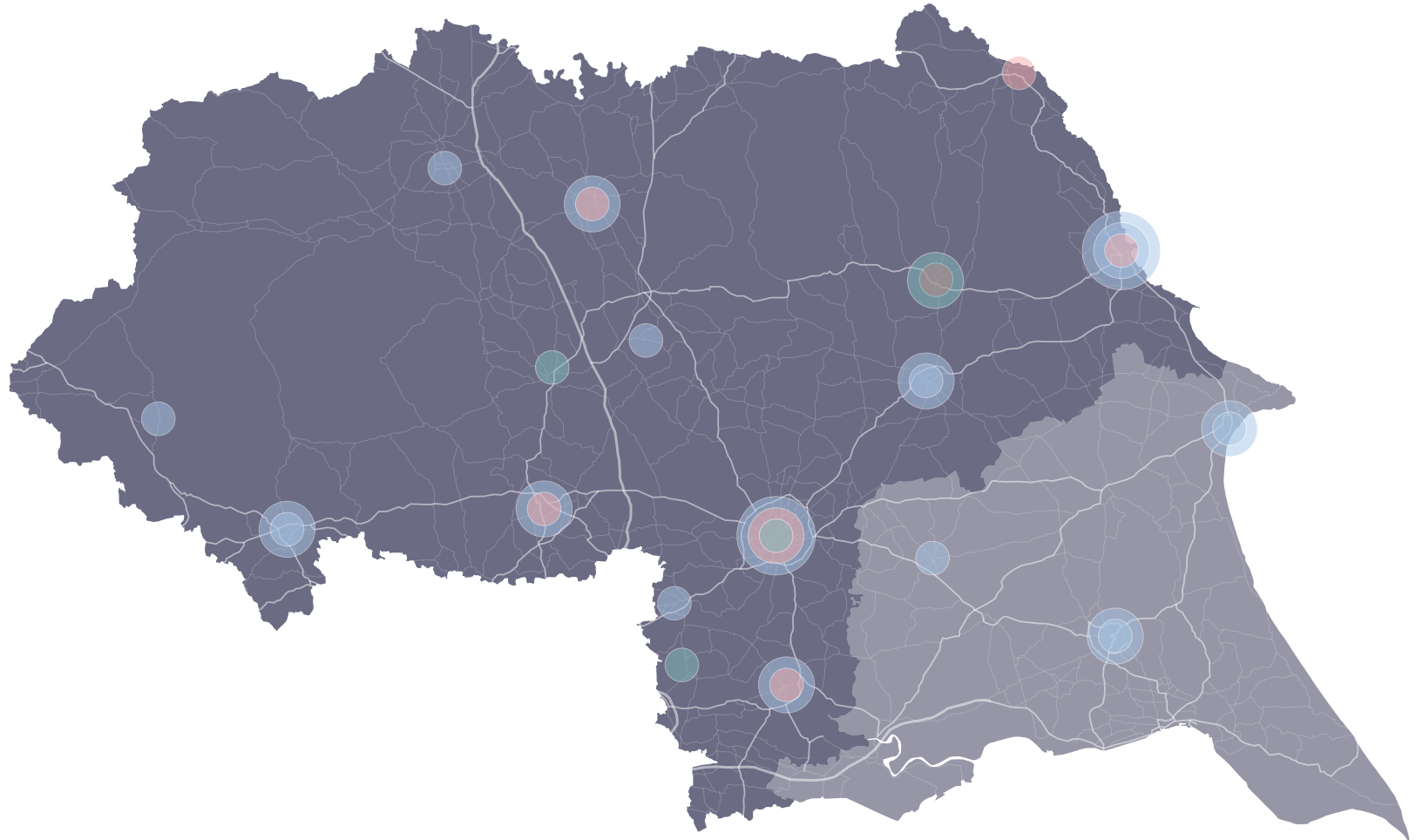


Following its success, the York & North Yorkshire Growth Hub team are looking to fund more opportunities for Harrogate entrepreneurs to join dedicated start-up programmes and extend it to York-based businesses as part of a wider scheme of support.

Find out more at www.ynygrowthhub.com

Investments

Over the last eleven years the LEP, working with partners and businesses, has secured over £240m of funding into York & North Yorkshire. This has been led by clear economic strategy and enabled by a clear business voice.



Local Growth Fund



Getting Building Fund



Growing Places



European Union



Local Growth Fund



Whitby

Whitby Harbour and Piers

Funding committed to project: £500,000

Project: Project to repair Whitby Pier structures to protect town from coastal flooding/tidal event.

Whitby Church Street Flood Protection

Funding committed to project: £1,100,000

Project: Replacing railings along the quay side with a raised wall structure of various heights and flood gates dependent on the topography over a 410m frontage.

Catterick Garrison

Growth at Catterick Garrison

Funding committed to project: £2,000,000

Project: Improved road junctions to increase capacity on the network to unlock employment and housing development sites in Catterick.

Northallerton

Housing and Employment Growth at Northallerton

Funding committed to project: £6,000,000

Project: Construction of link road to facilitate major housing development at north Northallerton.

Central Northallerton highway and footpath improvements

Funding committed to project: £3,167,450

Project: Improvements to the highway and footpath network around the centre of Northallerton.

Northallerton Digital Hub

Funding committed to project: £1,781,764

Project: Redevelop the former HMP Northallerton prison site to provide facilities and services that will enhance and complement the current town centre offer and benefit the economy of the town.

Scarborough

Housing Growth at Scarborough Middle-Deepdale

Funding committed to project: £2,319,345

Project: New junction and link road to unlock major housing site south of Scarborough.

Scarborough TEC (ELITE Skills)

Funding committed to project: £3,345,000

Project: ELITE (Engineering, Logistics, Information Technologies and Enterprise) will provide vocationally specific accommodation to underpin the growth in high quality post-16 provision. This project will help service the needs of the 'opportunity coast' with both primary skills and further education. It will place a strong focus on key skills that are most in demand including: construction; engineering; manufacturing; cyber security; logistics; health and safety; hospitality; visitor economy; digital technology; creative and cultural; health and social care; childcare; and business skills.

Scarborough Housing and Employment (Junctions)

Funding committed to project: £3,500,000

Project: Junction improvements to increase capacity and support future growth (employment & housing) as set out in Local Plan.

Scarborough Construction Skills Village

Funding committed to project: £320,000

Project: The project will increase capacity to deliver construction related education, training and employment activities to address a skills shortage in the construction industry, to meet local housing demands.

Scarborough Housing and Employment (Plaxton Park)

Funding committed to project: £2,832,031

Project: The road is a key section of strategic infrastructure necessary to facilitate the wider economic and growth plans for the Borough.

Dalton

Dalton Bridge near Thirsk

Funding committed to project:
£1,800,000

Project: New aligned road and bridge to make Dalton industrial estate more resilient.

Harrogate

Harrogate College

Funding committed to project:
£3,000,000

Project: Major refurbishment of existing college building and construction of new technology training centre.

A1/A59 Improvements to Jct 47

Funding committed to project:
£2,470,000

Project: Signalisation and slip road widening at Junction 47 A1(M).

Harrogate - York Rail Improvements

Funding committed to project:
£9,600,000

Project: To enable the frequency of train services between York and Harrogate to 2 trains per hour. Investment in the line infrastructure.

Langcliffe

Langcliffe Quarry Business Park

Funding committed to project: £1,645,708

Project: Development of a brownfield site to create a purpose built rural enterprise facility that will accommodate a cross-section of SMEs.

Bridlington

Bridlington Harbour and Marina

Funding committed to project: £131,586

Project: The project will expedite the delivery of this key strategic element of the Strategy for Regenerating Bridlington (2004), for the development of Harbour and Marina Improvements at Bridlington.

Bridlington Town Centre Improvements

Funding committed to project:
£2,000,000

Project: Scheme to develop Bridlington Town Centre.

Bridlington Housing Roundabout

Funding committed to project: £1,226,737

Project: Development of a new roundabout to open up a new housing development in Bridlington.

Skipton

Major Employment Growth Skipton flood alleviation

Funding committed to project:
£1,200,000

Project: Flood alleviation scheme to unlock potential development land.

Craven College (Animal Management Centre)

Funding committed to project: £800,520

Project: New build of Animal Management Centre at Craven College.

Craven College (Electronic and Computing Lab)

Funding committed to project: £35,000

Project: This project will provide specialist equipment for electronic and computing engineering.

Skipton Employment and Housing Growth

Funding committed to project: £4,563,154

Project: Construction of new link road to open up employment and housing land in South Skipton.

Malton

Agri-Business Park at Malton

Funding committed to project:
£2,100,000

Project: The project involves the provision of local infrastructure to facilitate private investment in a major new employment development opportunity in Ryedale. The development will provide a new business and technology park, a separate agri-business park, and incorporate a new purpose-built livestock market facility (to replace an existing outdated facility in Malton town centre).

Malton Norton Flood Protection Scheme

Funding committed to project: £499,931

Project: Flood protection scheme in Malton/Norton.

Yorkshire Arboretum Tree Health Centre

Funding committed to project: £285,897

Project: Investment in a tree/plant health centre to meet urgent skills need in this area.

York

York Bio-Hub

Funding committed to project: £1,000,000

Project: Specialist equipment to support innovation that will drive the growth of the biorenewables and wider bioeconomy sector.

Askham Bryan College (Agricultural Skills)

Funding committed to project: £1,000,000

Project: New Agri Tech Building, Silage Clamp and Heffer Shed at Askham Bryan College, York.

Askham Bryan College (Engineering Skills)

Funding committed to project: £600,000

Project: New build of engineering centre at Askham Bryan College, York

Askham Bryan College (Future Farm)

Funding committed to project: £430,590

Project: To digitally enable the development of a connected farm to deliver current and future applied digital technology to inform improved farm productivity and output.

York Central (Scarborough Bridge)

Funding committed to project: £1,500,000

Project: Improved cycle infrastructure to link York Central with city centre.

York College (Internet of Things)

Funding committed to project: £16,995

Project: The 'Internet of Things' will help the college meet the growing demand for higher technical and professional skills in IT.

York Central (Development Stage)

Funding committed to project: £4,470,000

Project: Further investment in the development of York Central Enterprise Zone.

York Cycleway

Funding committed to project: £201,858

Project: This project is the final phase of delivery of an off-road route for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians between the villages of Rufforth and Knapton which are currently severed by the A1237 York outer ring road.

York Central Infrastructure (IP1)

Funding committed to project: £1,530,000

Project: Preliminary site works.

York EV Charging Project

Funding committed to project: £1,350,000

Project: EV charging hyper hubs at sites around York city centre

Selby

Selby College (new equipment)

Funding committed to project: £109,903

Project: Specialised equipment for skills development.

Selby College Trailblazers

Funding committed to project: £48,247

Project: Equipment to meet the demands of food and drink and agri-tech industries at Selby College.

Newlands Bridge Drax M62

Funding committed to project: £1,500,000

Project: Strengthening and repair to road bridge between M62 and Drax.

Pocklington

A1079 junction improvements - Shiptonthorpe Roundabout

Funding committed to project: £3,123,200

Project: Improvements to Shiptonthorpe roundabout on the A1079.

Pocklington Flood Alleviation

Funding committed to project: £500,000

Project: Construction of Pocklington FAS.

Tadcaster

Tadcaster Bridge

Funding committed to project: £1,400,000

Project: Reconstruction and widening of main road bridge through Tadcaster. The original Bridge was destroyed in the floods of December 2015.

Tadcaster Flood Protection Scheme

Funding committed to project: £759,423

Project: Preparation of business case for Tadcaster Flood Protection Scheme.

Beverley

East Riding College Mechatronics

Funding committed to project: £225,000

Project: Building refurb and investment in mechatronics equipment at Bridlington College.

Beverley Grovehill Road Widening

Funding committed to project: £333,374

Project: Early work to widen road in preparation for future site development.

East Riding College (Digital Workplace)

Funding committed to project: £161,206

Project: The to create three workplace-like facilities to meet employers' increasing needs for higher-level digital skills.

Bishop Burton College (Digital Platform)

Funding committed to project: £400,000

Project: The College is seeking funding to provide a 21st Century high performance digital education platform to enhance the learning experience and improve access to learning.

A1079 junction improvements – Killingwoldgraves Roundabout

Funding committed to project: £915,938

Project: Improvements to Killingwoldgraves roundabout on the A1079.

Getting Building Fund

Whitby

Whitby Business Park

Funding committed to project: £1,079,058

Project: Creation of 10,000sqm of new b1,b2,b8 business space within Whitby business park. Business units will be small flexible industrial units ranging with modular dividing walls and can accommodate 1,300m2 to 5,000msq. Units will provide essential space for Whitby's small / micro business economy. Significant latent demand exists for such business space as there is no existing available provision within the town constraining economic growth potential. All units have be prelet prior to commencement of works and demand remains post Covid.

Selby

A19 Chapel Haddlesley

Funding committed to project: £6,000,000

Project: The project involves reconstruction of the embankments and carriageway of the A19 between Eggbrough and Chapel Haddlesley, which was severely damaged during storms and flooding in February 2020. The road has been closed to all traffic since then. Completion of the project will allow the A19 to fully reopen.

The road carries 13,000 vehicles per day and provides a key link between Selby, the M62 and Doncaster.

The improvements would enhance access to a significant brownfield development site at Eggborough Power Station, which could has the potential to deliver 3,862 jobs and over 2million sqft of commercial floor space.

Northallerton

Enhancement to the Digital Hub Central Northallerton – eCampus

Funding committed to project: £725,000

Project: A town centre building will be re-purposed as an e-Campus that will provide the local community with a micro-university environment. Combining high quality, contemporary physical learning and collaboration space, with on-line learning, knowledge transfer and outreach, the e-Campus will offer a combination of academic and commercial programmes tuned to local requirements and contexts. Commercial training provision aids sustainability by providing local flexibility to develop and deliver programmes independently of core University provision. Knowledge transfer capacity provide access to HE RD&I expertise. Access will be provided to training that is accredited / non-accredited and at all academic levels, up to and including Level 7.

Scarborough

Electric Car and Green Skills (Scarborough)

Funding committed to project: £97,000

Project: Extending IOT investment (underway now) through Scarborough TEC, this project will support the purchase Electric Car/Training equipment so that low carbon Motor Vehicle Maintenance Courses and charging bays can be installed to promote green transport (education and training and Employability). In addition, the project will provide new engineering technologies, to introduce Hybrid/Electric transport courses from Sept 2020. There is immediate training demand on the forecourt and in garages.

Harrogate

Harrogate West Business Park

Funding committed to project: £1,500,000

Project: This project is to facilitate the new road infrastructure, site access and utilities at a key site west of Harrogate. The project will address a lack of employment opportunities. Units from 2,500 to 25,000ft to provide starter units and grow-on space for local SME's will be built. The delivery of new industrial floorspace will safeguard existing jobs; allow for the creation of new job opportunities and inward investment opportunities.

York

Digital Skills Academy at Askham Bryan College

Funding committed to project: £1,000,000

Project: This project is to build a Digital Skills Academy to ensure the future workforce has the digital skills expected by employers as we move into a more digitally focused era. It will also provide facilities to upskill the current work force in emerging digital technologies. The construction of a purpose built digital learning space specifically designed for digital teaching and learning will ensure all students have access to the training and facilities required to enable them to proceed into work with the digital skills required by industry.

York College - Increasing technical skills capabilities in Electric Vehicle technologies

Funding committed to project: £150,000

Project: York College is investing in low carbon electric vehicle skills development through an extension to existing workshop space and state of the art technologies. The project intention is to increase skills and knowledge of individuals in the sector (of circa 180,000 known vehicle technicians in the UK, only c21,000 hold an EV qualification, and only 5% hold a Level 3/4 qualification) and those wishing to reskill to contribute to the Government net-zero carbon target. In the current climate this project will contribute to an increase in capacity for individuals to up/reskill to access the low carbon jobs market.

Pickering

Thornton Rd Business Park Phase 3

Funding committed to project: £880,000

Project: Site preparation and servicing to enable development of business park, including remediation, installation of service infrastructure (gas, electric, communications, water, drainage, site roads). All to facilitate subsequent development of serviced plots to provide additional jobs.

York Guildhall

Funding committed to project: £300,000

Project: This project is for the internal fit out of the historic Guildhall building in York for use as high-quality office space and business start-up location.

The project is for the internal fit out of the historic Guildhall building in York for use as high-quality office space and business start-up location. It will provide up to 1,300m² high quality accessible office workspace with associated facilities and with access to the highest levels of digital connectivity to suit the demand profile of early stage/high growth business. This will be key to supporting the local economy of York in the post Covid 19 recovery phase.

Growing Places



Pickering

Railway Infrastructure Improvements (Strengthening Structures)

Funding committed to project: £500,000

Project: Capital infrastructure upgrades to the railway, facilitating the opening up of the direct route from Pickering to Whitby.

Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey

Funding committed to project: £500,000

Project: Contribution to Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey project (£10m) match with £4.5m National Lottery Heritage Fund, £1.74m EAFRD Rural Tourism Grant, £3.3m own funds from NYM Railway.

Ripon

A1 (J50) Melmerby Business Park

Funding committed to project: £900,000

Project: Design and construction of infrastructure extension to employment land at Melmerby Business Park.

Whitby

Whitby Business Park Phase 1

Funding committed to project: £2,500,000

Project: Design and construction of infrastructure to service employment land at Whitby Business Park including marketing/sale for business occupants.

York

Digital Skills Academy at Askham Bryan College

Funding committed to project: £1,000,000

Project: This project is to build a Digital Skills Academy to ensure the future workforce has the digital skills expected by employers as we move into a more digitally focused era. It will also provide facilities to upskill the current work force in emerging digital technologies.

The construction of a purpose built digital learning space specifically designed for digital teaching and learning will ensure all students have access to the training and facilities required to enable them to proceed into work with the digital skills required by industry.

FERA Sand Hutton

Funding committed to project: £2,700,000

Project: Site infrastructure upgrade and development works at the National Agri-Food Campus at Sand Hutton.

Sherburn-in-Elmet

Sherburn 2 Business Park

Funding committed to project: £2,600,000

Project: Site infrastructure works to develop a new warehousing business park, Sherburn2, Sherburn-in-Elmet.

European Union



European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

Total awarded

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Food Processing | £6,898,914 |
| Business Development | £851,648 |
| Tourism Infrastructure | £5,642,252 |
| European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development Total | £13,392,815 |

European Regional Development Fund

| | Total Allocated (programme ends 2023) | Total awarded (April 2021) |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| Research and Innovation | £12,113,498 | £11,125,605 |
| Enhancing access to, and use and quality of ICT | £1,158,078 | £1,000,000 |
| Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs | £14,937,792 | £14,883,282 |
| Supporting the shift to a low carbon economy | £7,642,283 | £6,458,189 |
| Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management | £5,433,958 | £5,223,567 |
| Preserving and protecting the environment and resource efficiency | £3,341,010 | £3,132,215 |
| Promoting Social Inclusion and Combatting Poverty and Discrimination | £2,980,919 | £2,732,253 |
| European Regional Development Fund Total | £47,607,539 | £44,555,111 |

European Social Fund | Businesses supported 2,823 | Individuals supported 25,958

| | Total Allocated | Total awarded (April 2021) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Social Inclusion | £17,200,000 | £17,200,000 |
| Workforce | £19,300,000 | £19,300,000 |
| Young People | £1,500,000 | £1,500,000 |
| Careers Hub | £640,000 | £640,000 |
| European Social Fund Total | £38,000,000 | £38,000,000 |

Region Wide Investments

| Project | Fund | Location | How much committed by Y&NY LEP (£) | Details |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| North Yorkshire Digital Infrastructure Programme | Getting Building Fund & Growing Places | North Yorkshire | 3,600,000 | This project has 3 interrelated components that will build on existing investment of the Local Full Fibre Networks (LLFN) investment with full fibre provider NYNet and look to deliver: 1. North Yorkshire wide Internet of Things network, delivering new services for Health, Tourism, Agriculture, and Highways. 2. Town Centre WIFI to enable new town centre services and help support businesses in the light of Covid 3. Business Park LLFN investment to enable fibre connectivity to businesses on business parks. |
| Lets Grow Business Grants | Local Growth Fund | York, North Yorkshire & East Riding | 3,226,458 | The programme provides grant support for capital investment projects that will create new, sustainable jobs in North Yorkshire, the City of York and the East Riding of Yorkshire. |
| Improving Mobile Phone Coverage | Local Growth Fund | North Yorkshire | 125,994 | This project will improve mobile phone coverage in rural areas through improved use of public sector land for mast sites. |
| CERES (Circular Economy Resource Efficiency Scheme) | Local Growth Fund | North Yorkshire | 41,470 | SME support programme in Richmondshire, Ryedale, Hambleton and Scarborough. |
| Railway Infrastructure Improvements (Strengthening Structures) | Growing Places | North Yorkshire Moors | 500,000 | Capital infrastructure upgrades to the railway, facilitating the opening up of the direct route from Pickering to Whitby. |
| Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey | Growing Places | North Yorkshire Moors | 500,000 | Contribution to Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey project (£10m), matched with £4.5m National Lottery Heritage Fund, £1.74m EAFRD Rural Tourism Grant, and £3.3m from North Yorkshire Moors Railway. |

Growth Hub Interventions

Low intensity **12,942**
BEIS Target: 8,500

Medium Intensity **885**
BEIS Target: 800

High Intensity **215**
BEIS Target: 200

Local Growth Fund

**Total Spend at
Programme End**
(April 2021)

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Business Growth | £6.1m |
| Flood Management | £6.4m |
| Housing & Employment | £32.7m |
| Skills capital | £10.4m |
| Transport and connectivity | £89m |
| Total investment | £144.6m |

Getting Building Fund

Total Spend at Programme End
(April 2021)

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| North Yorkshire Digital Infrastructure | £3,600,000 |
| Pickering Thornton Road | £880,000 |
| Whitby Business Park | £1,079,058 |
| A19 Chapel Haddlesey | £6,000,000 |
| Askham Bryan Digital Skills Campus | £1,000,000 |
| Scarborough TEC Electric Vehicle Skills | £97,000 |
| York College Electric Vehicle Skills | £150,000 |
| Harrogate West Business Park | £1,500,000 |
| Digital Hub Northallerton eCampus | £725,000 |
| York Guildhall Fit Out | £300,000 |
| Development Costs | £368,942 |
| Total investment | £15,700,000 |

* BEIS award of £15.4m plus £300,000 contribution from Y&NY LEP Growing Places Fund

Future Focus

Our teams are continuing to deliver strategic, future focussed projects in partnership, across the region. Here are some of our current projects informed by what businesses tell us they need to innovate and grow. Together, they give an exciting look into the future at how we will work do business in our region.

Digital skills in a digital world

Starting soon in 2022 is a £2m Bootcamp programme delivering digital skills into workplaces. Businesses can innovate and grow sustainably by engaging with the latest digital technologies. Having digital skills within the workforce is essential to keep pace in a fast moving world.

Carbon negative energy generation

Cross sector partnership working has led the LEP team to develop a significant strategic document that will show how our region can meet the unique opportunity it has to grow our economy whilst reducing our carbon footprint.

These strategic insights have secured funding from the Community Renewal Fund for the project that will produce a suite of Local Area Energy Plans, to identify long-term strategic approaches to carbon negative energy systems and innovate solutions to local decarbonisation challenges.

Carbon negative energy generation can reduce the cost of energy and put money back into businesses and households.

Every high school student connected to business

Our Careers Hub ranks as one of the best performing in England and connects every high school in the region to businesses through Enterprise Advisors. These fantastic volunteers from the business community support young people, helping to raise their aspirations and excite them about their future careers choices.

Getting connected across the region's towns

Our Getting Building Fund allocation of £15.4m, awarded in 2020, has successfully completed, with some significant projects that deliver locally across the region. One example is the town centre WI-FI roll out in 18 of the region's towns, which we have been delighted to support with over £3.5m.

Assurance

York, North Yorkshire & East Riding LEP 2021/22

Income & Expenditure Statement

| INCOME | £000's |
|---|-----------------|
| BEIS Contribution | £500.0 |
| Government Grant/Other Contributions | £1,673.1 |
| Staff Recharges | £221.9 |
| Bank Interest incl from Growing Places | £532.3 |
| Balance Sheet Reserves Utilised | - £1,88.3 |
| Carried Forward Earmarked Reserves Utilised | £385 |
| Total Income | £3,124.0 |

| EXPENDITURE | £000's |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Staffing (Salary + on-costs) | £1,771.0 |
| Secondments | £173.1 |
| Other Hired & Contracted Services | £345.8 |
| Staff Travel | £2.7 |
| Staff Recharges | £222.9 |
| Training | £9.3 |
| Rent | £28.1 |
| Venue/Room Hire | £15.0 |
| Subscriptions/Sponsorships | £17.8 |
| IT | £39.3 |
| Marketing | £94.9 |
| External Audit Fees | £0.0 |
| Other General Expenses | £3.8 |
| Professional Fees | £400.5 |
| Total Expenditure | £3,124.0 |

Assurance

Total Funds Within the Y&NY LEP's Direction or Control

| | Op. Balance £000's | Movement £000's | Cl. Balance £000's |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| GBF Earmarked Reserves Incl GBF | £661.5 | -£385.0 | £280.4 |
| Core | £919.6 | £188.3 | £1,107.9 |
| Growing Places | £3,815.3 | £246.8 | £4,062.1 |
| Total Funds | £5,396.4 | £50.1 | £5,450.4 |

Total Funds Within Committed by Y&NY LEP to External Organisations

| | £000's |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue Grants | £0.0 |
| Getting Building Fund | £7,700.0 |
| Growing Places Fund | £203.3 |
| Total Funds | £7,903.3 |

Total Funds Within Committed by Y&NY LEP to Suppliers to Purchase Goods, Works or Services

| | £000's |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Goods, Works & Services | £926.3 |
| Total Funds | £926.3 |

Total Funds Within Committed by Y&NY LEP in Operating Costs

| | £000's |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Operating Costs | £1,974.9 |
| Total Funds | £1,974.9 |

Board Membership and Structure

Main LEP Board Members:

Public Sector

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|------------------------------|---|
| Helen Simpson (Chair) | Jan Thornton |
| David Dickson (Deputy Chair) | Jonathan Wurr |
| Peter Emery (Deputy Chair) | Kiran Trehan (Co-Optee) |
| Sam Alexander | Keith Aspden (Cllr) |
| Helen Boaden | Mark Crane (Cllr) |
| Jan Garrill | Mark Robson (Cllr) |
| Jane, Lady Gibson | Carl Les (Cllr) |
| Bruce Heppenstall | Stephen Siddons (Cllr) |
| Clare Hutchison | Named Substitutions: Cllr Andy D'Agorne (for Cllr Aspden) |
| Sue Jefferson | |

