

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

West Yorkshire Combined Authority brings together the public and private sectors in one organisation focused on economic growth and job creation, training and skills opportunities, new, affordable housing and an improved transport network for West Yorkshire and the Leeds City Region.

Its membership is Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds, Wakefield and York Councils and the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

Manifesto

West Yorkshire Combined Authority's manifesto is to:

- become the most enterprising part of the UK and become an overall contributor to the national economy within five years;
- create 20,000 job opportunities, equip 50,000 people with the skills our economy and public services need and enable 200,000 new, affordable houses to be built, so that every young person is guaranteed either a job or training opportunity and no one is homeless;
- invest £1 billion for the long term to create a smart Metro-style transport system that gets people around quickly and comfortably, so that everyone is closer to our City and Town centres and travel between them is simple and we live in a cleaner local environment, with access to superfast broadband;
- transform public services and show how local government, the NHS and police can provide the best care and support that keeps older people independent in their homes for longer and keeps children safe from harm;

- expect newly-elected Government to back our unique team of council and business leaders by giving us more powers and responsibilities over transport, jobs, skills and housing.

Successes

In its first year, West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the LEP have:

- been awarded almost £630m from the government's Local Growth Fund to unlock jobs and growth, in line with the ambitious agenda outlined in the Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan (SEP);

- uniquely secured £420m to deliver a West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund over 20 years.

In 2015/16 we will:

- be starting work on a £1.4bn programme of almost 40 West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund projects - including road improvements, a new junction on the M62, rail line upgrades and increased opportunities for park and ride at more rail stations, scheduled for completion by 2025;
- start implementing over £14m of Local Growth Fund support for housing - and regeneration projects in Bradford, Calderdale, Craven, Leeds, Wakefield and York;
- continue our landmark programme to help residents install energy efficiency improvements in 12,000 homes across the Leeds City Region through the 'Better Homes Yorkshire' project which will bring over £20m of investment into the region.

Other areas of work the West Yorkshire Combined Authority will be developing with the LEP over coming months include Skills Investment, Business Growth and Energy Hubs.

Find out more

Details of West Yorkshire Combined Authority and its projects can be found at www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk and you can follow @WestYorkshireCA on Twitter.

Funding of Transport

Budget	2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m
Gross expenditure	198.6	178.5
Budget requirement (gross expenditure - income)	160.4	140.4

Where the money comes from	2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m
Government grants	64.2	43.2
Transport levy	101.1	101.4
Other	38.2	38.1

How your money will be spent in 2015/16

	£m		£m
Rail support	43.2	Passenger facilities	12.9
Concessionary fares	55.5	Development and other support	8.2
Prepaid tickets	31.0	Financing and contingency	6.7
Subsidised bus and AccessBus services	19.6	Pensions	1.4

