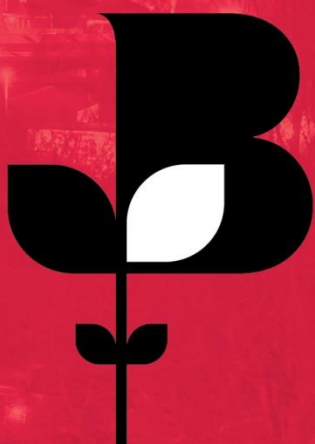


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GENERAL

Planning – Amanda Beresford represents the Chamber on the BCC Expert Planning Panel, and the group last met on April 25th to put together BCC's response to the Government's consultation on reform of the National Planning Policy Framework. The NPPF has a strong influence on local planning policy in England, especially if no Local Development Plan is in place. A copy of the response is being uploaded to the Chamber's website

QES – Initial results from the QES show the regional economy remains positive with sales both home and abroad at high levels. The report will be published in w/c 9th July.

Transport - The Permanent Secretary from the DFT met with the Chamber and a small group of members on June 8th in Leeds.

Transport (2) - Chris Grayling MP, The Secretary of State for Transport announced on the 4th of June that the Office for Rail & Road (ORR) will undertake an inquiry, led by ORR Chair Stephen Glaister, into May 2018 rail timetable implementation. The inquiry will focus on how things could be better in the interests of passengers and will consist of three stages:

1. Evidence gathering,
2. Diagnosis – what went wrong and why,
3. Develop recommendations

The final report will be published by the end of the year.

Devolution -WYCA have commissioned Steer Davies Gleeve to carry out an independent economic review of the case for One Yorkshire, the Chamber has been asked to contribute to this study.

BRADFORD

Property Forum - BPF launched its first policy report entitled 'Creating space for future success' and which provides a case for reviewing employment land allocations in the district. A copy is available [here](#). Mike Cartwright has since met with Julian Jackson and some of his team to talk through what needs to happen next, including a formal acknowledgement and consideration of the issues raised, and a debate/dialogue at the next BPF.

Judith Cummins MP – Mike Cartwright has helped put together a business round table in Bradford South, on Friday 29 June. Chaired by Judith, and hosted at Yorkshire Water, attendees will include BASF, Borg Warner, the

university, Northern Powerhouse Partnership and WYCA. The President and Vice-President, as well as Labour's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Peter Dowd MP, will also attend.

Annual Election Meeting & Lunch – 11.45, Tuesday 24 July at the Midland Hotel. This is the election meeting to join Bradford Chamber Leadership Group, followed by a lunch. One third of the group is up for re-election each year, serving a maximum of nine years (pending company support). The wider Chamber membership is encouraged to nominate. Speaker at the lunch will be Dave Baldwin, Chair of Bradford Economic Partnership.

Bradford Medical School – The University's recent bid to establish a medical school was unsuccessful. Interested parties (NHS, Council, politicians) have considered the decision and concluded that, due to the population's health needs and the shortage of doctors, the need for a local medical school will not go away. They will now look address the next steps in moving forward with a new plan, including:

- To finalise a business case;
- To establish a single contingency school;
- To seek further feedback on the bid directly from the GMC;
- To continue to address the outcomes of the GMC phase three feedback;
- To work with the LA on the submission of a collaborative bid;
- To continue to prepare for a further call for additional training places for medical students.

LEEDS

Waterfront – Leeds City Council exec board will look to agree a new Waterfront Investment Fund, including a £100k payment in response to last year's Chamber report. The council want to see private sector to match fund with their own contributions with the aim to improve public realm, environment and create more cultural opportunities along the waterfront. Sign off was delayed due to local elections but is expected to take place on 27th June.

Housing – The Chamber launched its latest policy report, 'Liveability Leeds' which looks at the relationship between housing and economic growth strategies and attempts to reconnect the two. The report was prepared by the Chamber's Housing Group, a sub-group of the property forum and includes members from right across the sector, including volume house builders such as Persimmon and Barratts to SME developers and housing associations.

Clean Air Zone - The statutory consultation on the proposed clean air charging zone in Leeds will launch later this month. Following the first phase of the consultation, which the Chamber responded to, the Council has reduced the size of the zone and reviewed potential charging rates. Details can be found [here](#)

YORK

Harrogate – The Chamber has been invited to take part in a study looking at traffic congestion around the district. This follows on from representation made in 2017 relating to the Harrogate economic growth strategy in which we said that the low level of higher skilled jobs in the town and the lack of affordable housing meant severe congestion at peak times due commuter flows in and out of the district.

Property Forum – on June 4th, YPF hosted Campbell Robb, CEO of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation who discussed how York might tackle the city's housing crisis. The forum also heard from Andrew Lawson CEO at York BID about how they are dealing with vacant commercial premises in the city.

Policy Meetings – May / June

Chamber	Date	Policy Group / theme	Activity	Who
June				
York	4/6/18	York property forum		IW
WNY	5/6/18	Economy	BCC Y&H cluster meeting	SN
Leeds	6/6/18	Transport	Leeds Rail Programme Board	IW
WNY	8/6/18	Transport	Meeting with Bernadette Kelly, Perm Sec DFT	GJ
Leeds	11/6/18	Skills	Leeds City College Strategy Forum	MG
WNY	12/6/18	Skills	Future of Workforce Skills summit	MG
WNY	12/6/18	Transport	A66 reference group	IW
York	12/6/18	York Leadership Group		BD
WNY	13/6/18	Transport group		SG
Bradford	13/6/18	Economy	Bradford BID meeting	SN
WNY	14/6/18	Economy	JRF inclusive growth round table	MG
Leeds	19/6/18	Leeds property forum	Launch of Liveability Leeds report	JP
WNY	20/6/18	Economy	BCC strategic policy group	MG
WNY	21/6/18	Economy	BCC board meeting	SN
Bradford	26/6/18	Bradford Leadership group		NG
York	26/6/18	Transport	Harrogate congestion study	IW
WNY	29/6/18	Property	MIPIM summer lunch	PD
July				
Leeds	3/7/18	Economy	Leeds Waterfront Group	TW
WNY	3/7/18	Economy	Martin Taylor, Bank of England	SN
York	4/7/18	York leadership group	Annual election	BD
Bradford	11/7/18	Economy	Bradford BID development meeting	SN
York	12/7/18	Economy	York economic forum	SC
Leeds	12/7/18	Leeds Leadership Group	Annual election	PD
Leeds	13/7/18	Leeds Leadership Group		PD
Leeds	17/7/18	Economy	BID office working group	MG
WNY	17/7/18	Economy	Raising the BAR steering group	SN
Bradford	17/7/18	Bradford Property Forum		AB
Bradford	18/7/18	Local Affairs Committee		SN
Leeds	18/7/18	Transport	Leeds Rail programme board	IW
Leeds	18/7/18	Economy	Leeds BID board meeting	SN
Bradford	19/7/18	Economy	Bradford City of Film	SN
Leeds	19/7/18	Leeds Property Forum	Steering group meeting	JP

Leeds	19/7/18	Economy	Planning group meeting	AB
Leeds	20/7/18	Economy	Team Leeds meeting	PD
Bradford	24/7/18	Bradford Leadership Group	Annual election	NG
Leeds	24/7/18	Economy	Housing group meeting	MG
WNY	25/7/18	Transport	Meeting with DFT / HS2	IW
Bradford	26/7/18	Bradford Manufacturing Week	Steering group meeting	NG
Bradford	26/7/18	Economy	Meeting Kersten England	SN
WNY	27/7/18	Economy	Meeting Lord Mayor, City of London	SN

Key:

SN = Sandy Needham; MG = Mark Goldstone; MC = Mike Cartwright; IW = Ian Williams; JP = Jeff Pearey; EK = Eamonn Keogh; AD = Andrew Digwood; SG = Sara Gilmore; GJ = Gerald Jennings;

PD = Paula Dillon; AL = Andrew Latchmore; NG = Nick Garthwaite; DR = Dave Rolinson; AB = Allan Booth