

# POLICY UPDATE

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## Regional / National

**Transport:** Several Northern Chambers met with Transport for the North and the Northern Regional Assembly to help push the case for improved connectivity and continue building our business case.

Disruption and uncertainty in the Conservative Party and government in recent weeks has led to the planned letter on HS2 and NPR being shelved for now. With a planned statement on the country's finances and tax and spend plans due in the autumn (later set for 17 Nov), a decision will be taken after that.

**Skills & Education:** Staff are being sought to undertake the Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs) project that the Chamber is over-seeing for both West and North Yorkshire.

**Policy Department – new member:** Alice Ingram has been recruited to the team as the Business Engagement Manager for York & North Yorkshire. (Alice, currently with the Ad:Venture team, starts on 1 Nov.)

## Bradford

**Property & Planning:** A meeting has been held with consultants WSP, commissioned by the Council to undertake a significant piece of work that includes assessing employment land and housing need in the future. The Chamber's difference of opinion with the Council on future need has been made clear, and the topic will again be aired at a full Forum event in November.

**Regeneration:** New plans for Odsal Stadium and surrounding area were discussed at Leadership Group. Funding and delivery were among key questions asked by group members, many of whom had witnessed earlier proposals come and go.

## Leeds

**Property, Transport & Planning:** The Property Forum on 18 October was well-attended. Presentations on transport, regeneration and the Local Plan were well-received, as Chamber events returned after a summer hiatus.

**Waterfront:** The Steering Group met after a long hiatus. The Charter is to be updated

## York & North Yorkshire

**Devolution:** The Chamber had a significant presence at the York & North Yorkshire LEP Business Summit on 21 October. The plan to deliver devolution for the area, and the importance of getting businesses involved were common threads throughout the afternoon.

**Property Forum:** Steering Group met on 3 Oct, largely to outline the details of the November event, and consider future topics for next year.

### Media Coverage

<https://share.coveragebook.com/b/e39dd9105c586fae>

## Stakeholder Meetings

03-Oct	York Property Forum Steering Group
04-Oct	British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Youth Skills Group
04-Oct	BCC Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs) Working Group
05-Oct	Yorkshire Vitality Index (Y&H Uni group on economic research)
06-Oct	BCC LSIPs Full Group
07-Oct	Bradford Leadership Group
07-Oct	Y&H Chamber Future Economy Panel
10-Oct	UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Local Partnership Group
11-Oct	Y&NY LEP LSIPs briefing
12-Oct	Yorkshire Business Awards meeting
13-Oct	BAME Committee
13-Oct	LSIPs Weekly Catch-Up
13-Oct	Leeds Manufacturing Alliance
13-Oct	Leeds Waterfront Steering Group
14-Oct	Transport for the North, Northern Regional Assembly and several Northern Chambers
14-Oct	CBI-LSIPs briefing
17-Oct	Transport Group (Review Priority Document)
17-Oct	Leeds Property Forum – Planning meeting with Chair
18-Oct	Centre for Cities webinar: The Cost of Living Geography
18-Oct	BCC LSIPs Working Group
20-Oct	UK In a Changing Europe webinar: What England Thinks of Regional Inequality
20-Oct	BCC LSIPs Weekly Catch-Up
21-Oct	Bfd Property Forum – Planning meeting with Chair
21-Oct	Y&NY LEP Business Summit
24-Oct	Newsquest regarding Bfd Skills Month
24-Oct	Strategic Development Network re. education landscape
25-Oct	BCC LSIPs Working Group
26-Oct	Faum Architecture on possibly joining BPF Steering Group
26-Oct	MYCC Economic Update event
26-Oct	Leeds Business School Introductions
26-Oct	York Council Business Leaders' Round Table
27-Oct	BCC LSIPs Weekly Catch-Up



27-Oct	Ryedale Hospitality Forum
31-Oct	York Council Monthly Update