



POLICY UPDATE

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Autumn Statement: The Chamber, via the P&R Department, circulated a detailed but fair reaction to the Government's Autumn Statement on 17 November. Disappointment over a lack of 'levelling up' commitments was balanced with the welcoming of some new business support measures.

Skills & Education: A temporary Project Co-ordinator has been taken on to oversee and support the roll-out of the Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs) project that the Chamber is delivering for both West and North Yorkshire. Iola Shaw can be contacted at skills@wnychamber.co.uk on LSIPs-related matters.

Bradford

Property & Regeneration: A successful Property Forum had almost 50 attendees, at only the second one in the city this year. The Steering Group are keen to keep momentum going to repeat the success. Feedback on the event was overwhelmingly positive.

Economy: New head of Policy & Representation, Mark Casci, met with lots of members at the annual three-way meeting of the Chamber, University and Bank of England economic briefing.

Rail: Mark attended a photocall at St James Market with shadow rail minister Lou Haigh, Northern Powerhouse Partnership and Susan Hinchliffe.

Leadership Group: Successful meeting at Devere House that heard from Andrew Milnes, Mortgage Advice Bureau.

Leeds

Property: A review of the Steering Group and its objectives is continuing under the chairmanship of Gerald Jennings.

Roundtable: Held a joint roundtable with Britain Remade at Leeds BID's Engine Room.

York & North Yorkshire

Economy: The Bank of England presented to the Leadership Group, confirming member concerns on recent political instability and economic insecurity.

Property Market: Work has been completed on a report into the local commercial office market for City of York Council.

Property Forum: The forum heard from Alex McCallion of the York Minster Estate and Andrew Morrison, chief executive of York Civic Trust. Alex ran through the plans for a great deal of development on the Minster estate while Andrew ran through ways in which York can better welcome development whilst keeping it in sync with York's unique heritage.

Housing: Mark and Alice attended a York Agents Forum on planning in York.

MP roundtable: Mark, Alice and Laurence attended a roundtable event with Rachael Maskell and Nigel Adams on hospitality.

Media Coverage

Sat 5 Nov – letter to PM on rail made front page lead in the YP.

Weds 23 Nov – Mike Briffett OPED piece in the YP on optimism.

Thurs Nov 23 – Chamber reaction to Budget in T&A

Stakeholder Meetings

01-Nov	Resolution Foundation online event, 'Under New Management'
01-Nov	York Skills & Employment Board
03-Nov	Climate event (at Produmax, Shipley)
03-Nov	BCC Climate Group
04-Nov	York MPs Round Table
07-Nov	Bradford Skills Team Update
08-Nov	Quarterly Update with Bfd Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw
08-Nov	BCC Employment & Skills Group
08-Nov	Y&NY Leadership Group
09-Nov	BAMA Steering Group
10-Nov	LPF Steering Group
10-Nov	Bank of England Briefing
10-Nov	BCC Weekly LSIPs Brief
15-Nov	Business Reps Group meeting with WY Mayor & LEP Chair
15-Nov	LSIPs Catch-Up (BCC)
16-Nov	York & North Yorkshire Property Forum
18-Nov	Leeds Leadership Group
18-Nov	'Britain Remade' event, Leeds
21-Nov	Leeds PF Chair Planning meeting
22-Nov	Bradford Property Forum
22-Nov	Morley Town Deal Board
22-Nov	Bradford Economic Partnership Strategic Review
22-Nov	BCC LSIPs Catch-Up
23-Nov	Y&NY Business Intelligence Group
23-Nov	BCC Policy Steering Group
23-Nov	BPF Chair de-brief
23-Nov	York Digital Update
24-Nov	Teesside Airport Roundtable
25-Nov	Bradford Sustainable Development Partnership brief
28-Nov	Bradford Employment & Skills Board
28-Nov	Y&NY PF Steering Group
29-Nov	Bfd Leadership Group
29-Nov	LSIPs Catch-Up (BCC)
30-Nov	BPF Steering Group

