

POLICY UPDATE

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Regional / National

Northern Voices

The team were present at the most recent gathering of the Northern Research Group conference (a Conservative Party grouping) in Doncaster alongside two other Northern Regional Assembly members. We spoke to rail minister on new station for Bradford and received positive noises (although no announcement as yet).

Engagement with Combined Authorities

Almost 60 attended the last Leeds Property Forum – one of the outcomes was to schedule more frequent high-level meetings with senior West Yorkshire Combined Authority figures. (There is already frequent engagement on an operational level on various matters, this new action would be at a more strategic level.) Meetings will be with either WYCA's MD or the Mayor.

Shadow Transport Secretary

The team attended a Yorkshire Labour Business Forum event at KPMG, Leeds. Shadow Transport Secretary Louise Haigh was the main speaker. Also on the panel were West Yorkshire Mayor Tracy Brabin and Bradford Council Leader Susan Hinchcliffe spoke.

York & North Yorkshire

Reaching Out

Alice attended various meetings and presentations across the area including a presentation of the proposed Brunswick development in Scarborough, meetings to discuss collaboration with CU Scarborough, Make it York, University of York, York BID and Y&NY LEP. Together with Laurence, also attended the launch of the new Arts & Creative Tech facility at University of York.

The Property Forum Steering Group held their first face to face meeting of the year and were hosted by York College who discussed construction and green skills developments and took us on a tour of the new extension and facilities.

Hospitality

The Hospitality Forum continues to gain interest from members and stakeholders. We have expanded membership of the steering group to include Discover Yorkshire Coast/NYC, Make It York and YSJ Uni as well as members that have food and drink establishments. Mark, Alice and Philip met with NFU to discuss partnering on roundtable discussions considering ways to ensure that 'Yorkshire feeds Yorkshire'!

Shared Prosperity Fund

Alice attended meetings for both York and North Yorkshire considering applications received and UK SPF allocation.

Leeds

Skills

Mark Casci spoke on a panel at a Leeds Conservatoire event at Leeds Museum on skills.

Sharing Best Practice

The Chamber has joined the board of Leeds Business Anchors, a new body to share best practice amongst city's big private sector employers.

Bio-Diversity

The Sustainability Sub-Group at Tetra Tech on 19 June focused on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the role of Bio-diversity on sustainability and development. Tamsin Constable (policy officer) from WYCA spoke to the group on this increasingly relevant topic.

Station Redevelopment

Leeds Council presented to almost 60 at the Property Forum (along with WYCA's Liz Hunter – see in 'regional' section above). While much disruption will be caused in the short-term, the work is needed to meet the forecast footfall increase.

Bradford

Southern Gateway

Policy team members attended the latest Southern Gateway board meeting where we heard updates on plans for further regeneration in Bradford city centre. Including presentations from Bradford Council, WYCA and Department for Transport.

Economic Outlook

27 June- Members of the Policy and events team, attended the Bradford Leadership group at Thorite. With focus being Bradford's economy and current trends. Mark Clayton (Senior Economic Officer) from the council presented to the group.

Planning & Land Use

Half the policy team attended Bradford Development Framework Workshop at Margaret McMillan Tower (16 June). Several areas of the region were highlighted, that will see future development. A WSP and Council led event.

Partnerships & Stakeholders

9 June – Policy members visited Odsal Stadium, for Bradford Economic Partnership. Updates from the Council, regarding Bradford's economy, City Live and City Park. With NEC and Muse updating on these projects.

Media

June - <https://share.coveragebook.com/b/c2863e8b23f79c8e>

Stakeholder Meetings

June 1	<p>Yorkshire Business Awards preliminary meeting.</p> <p>Call on BCC roundtable.</p> <p>Philip and Alice met with NYC to discuss involvement in YNY Hospitality Forum Steering Group.</p> <p>Meeting with York based Opportunity Centre regarding helping with outreach</p> <p>ABF Soldiers' Charity Big Curry Lunch</p>
June 2	KPMG business leader's roundtable.
June 5	York and NY business leaders dinner at Scotch Corner
June 6	<p>Y&NY Business Support Professionals meeting</p> <p>Y&NY Leadership Group Meeting</p>
June 7	Attended Kings Award webinar in order to help promote applications
June 8	<p>Leeds and Airedale Manufacturing Alliance</p> <p>Brunswick Centre redevelopment presentation – Scarborough</p> <p>Hospitality Steering Group meeting</p>
June 9	NRG conference at Doncaster Racecourse
June 12	<p>City of York Business Intelligence Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Y&NY LEP Business Board Meeting in Settle</p>
June 13	<p>Met with First Bus</p> <p>NY UKSPF Place Thematic Group Meeting</p>
June 14	<p>Morley Town Deal board</p> <p>Member meetings in Thirsk</p> <p>York Property Forum Steering Group Meeting</p>
June 15	<p>Spent time in Northallerton available to tenants of Evolution, NYC office facility.</p> <p>Laurence and Alice meeting with Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire with Laurence</p> <p>NY UKSPF Local Partnership Group meeting</p> <p>Attended Boroughbridge Chamber of Trade with Growth Hub to discuss support and engagement.</p>
June 16	<p>Podcast with ICS Digital</p> <p>Met with CU Scarborough to discuss collaboration</p>
June 20	Make it York launch event
June 21	Meeting with Aesthetica to discuss UNESCO City of Media Arts designation and supporting a BID creative event planned later in the year.
June 22	<p>Southern Gateway Board</p> <p>Meeting with Y&NY LEP to discuss partnering support for this year's Business Summit.</p>



	<p>Met with student placement and careers office of University of York to discuss support for member businesses</p> <p>Laurence and Alice attended launch of Arts & Creative Tech at University of York.</p>
June 23	<p>External chat with NFU over GYS</p> <p>Chat with Baroness Judith Blake</p> <p>York UKSPF Partnership Board meeting</p>
June 26	<p>Met with Transdev</p> <p>Leeds Business Anchors board</p>
June 27	<p>Y&NY Yorkshire Business Summit focus group</p> <p>Meeting with United by Design and tour of Brew York work space.</p>
June 28	<p>Client meet with KPMG</p> <p>Client meet with Rollits</p> <p>Meeting with Make It York to discuss future collaboration and supporting members across the city</p>
June 29	<p>Attended partnership event for Ad:Venture – past and future</p>
June 30	<p>Lou Haigh event at KPMG</p>

