

# POLICY UPDATE

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## Regional / National

- LSIPs approved for West and North Yorkshire by DfE.
- Transport Policy Priorities assessed and amended.
- Meeting with WYCA officials on potential launch of Fair Work Charter before year-end.
- Attendance at various British Chambers of Commerce meetings, including Trade Policy, Employment & Skills and Policy Steering Groups.

## York & North Yorkshire

### Anti-racism

Mark C met with Haddy Njie on the ongoing campaign to make York a racism free city.

### Power

Mark C and Donna Morris met with Bruce Heppenstall from Drax about how the Chamber can best serve their ongoing plans.

### Business Breakfasts

The Chamber is partnering with York Minster for some high-level breakfast events later in the Autumn.

### Tourism

Chamber working with FSB to consult on NY Council's Destination Market Plan.

### Engagement

Chamber chats ongoing, event held in Selby with Mark C.

### Development

Mark C met with York Civic Trust members for introductory meetings.

## Leeds

### Mass transit

Mark and Mike, alongside Gerald Jennings, met with two new mass transit leads at WYCA, Simon Warburton and Luke Albanese. Possibility of a wider Chamber members event to be considered.

### Anchors

Leeds Business Anchors officially launched, Head of P&R on panel.

### New chairs

Lisa Littlefair (Mott MacDonald) and Gim Sanghera (AHR Architects) confirmed as new chair and vice chair for the Property and Economic Forum.

## **Flood Prevention**

Met with Leeds Council lead officer (Jonathan Moxon) on potential for Aire Resilience Company for the city.

## **Bradford**

### **Levelling Up**

Mark and Will met with DfT and DLUC officials on a “deep dive” for Bradford.

### **Education/Skills**

Members of the policy and LSIP team met with Andrew Laver (Chair of the Board of Bradford Districts Career and Technical Education Board. This was at the start of the month and involved positive conversations about working closely together and finding out how we can help one another.

The same individuals attended an Employment and Skills Action Planning workshop at City Hall, on the 17th of August. Involving several key players in Bradfords education industry and involved a review of the framework, with special mentions on inclusivity and investment from employers.

### **Investment/Place Marketing**

The policy team attended Bradford District Place Marketing and Investment Partnership Board. Located in Haworth, the group discussed examples of other global cities marketing themselves well and what the next steps for Bradford look like.

### **Engagement/Collaboration**

A meeting took place with some members of the team with the education provider, Maximus. Continuing a productive relationship with education providers and the business community.

## Stakeholder Meetings

2 Aug	Met with Caddick Construction and membership
7 Aug	Met Paul Taylor, Priestley Group
8 Aug	WYCA Lead officers for Mass Transit, Simon Warburton & Luke Albanese
10 Aug	Andrew Laver, Bradford ICE lead
11 Aug	WYCA Fair Work Charter lead officer, James Flanagan
14 Aug	Bfd Place-Marketing & Investment Partnership
15 Aug	Leeds Civic Trust Planning/Transport Officer, Anna Shindler
15 Aug	BPEF Chair/Vice-Chair catch-up re Madisson event
16 Aug	WYCA officer-business rep regular catch-up
17 Aug	Bfd Employment & Skills Strategy session
21 Aug	Arup
22 Aug	BCC Trade Policy
22 Aug	Drax patron catch-up
23 Aug	BAME Committee
24 Aug	BCC Comms Group
24 Aug	Leeds Council re potential 'Aire Resilience Company'
30 Aug	Business Awards catch-up
30 Aug	LSIPs 'next steps' session
31 Aug	Briefing with incoming LPEF Chair/Vice-Chair
31 Aug	Met with training provider Maximus