

Financial Statement for Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership 2018/19

The Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was launched to create the conditions for our region to be recognised globally as a strong, successful economy where everyone can build great businesses, careers and lives.

Covering the entire Leeds City Region - the 10 districts of Barnsley, Bradford, Calderdale, Craven, Harrogate, Kirklees, Leeds, Selby, Wakefield and York. The LEP was in the first tranche of partnerships approved by the Government in 2010, joining some of the country's urban powerhouses at the cutting edge of economic development. There are now 37 LEPs across the UK, each tasked with driving economic growth in their region.

By leading co-ordinated action to stimulate economic development, through programmes and projects focused on transport, infrastructure, broadband availability, inward investment and skills, the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership is aiming to transform the City Region economy, specifically focusing on four key areas: supporting growing businesses, developing a skilled workforce, increasing energy efficiency and improving the region's infrastructure.

The LEP receives funds from the Government which have been made solely available to LEPs to address priorities identified in the Strategic Economic Plan. Once this funding has been secured it is contracted to a wide range of delivery partners including local authorities, universities, colleges and private training partners to deliver projects that address the economic needs of the Leeds City Region area.

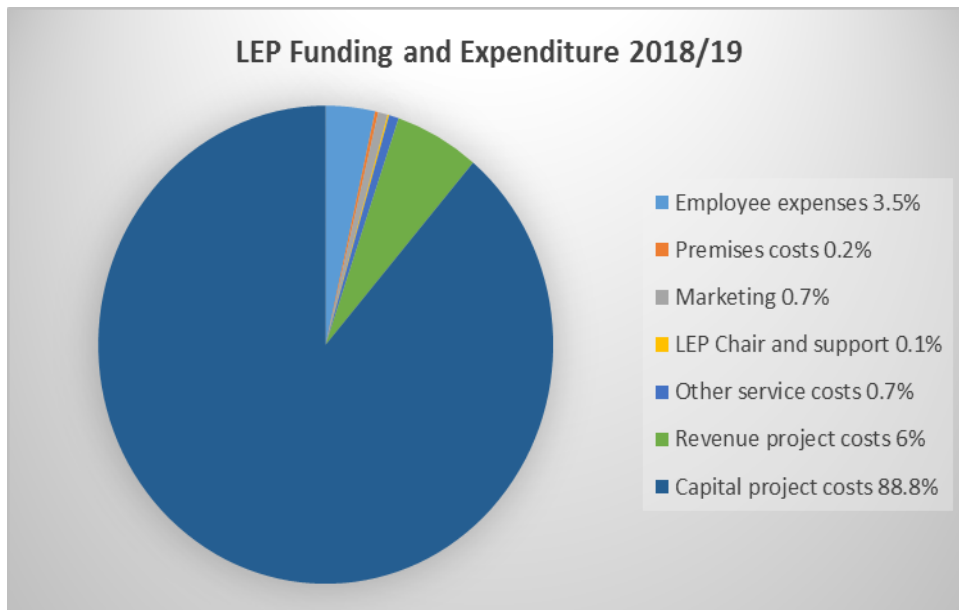
The Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership is an unincorporated partnership. West Yorkshire Combined Authority acts as the Accountable Body for the partnership. This means that the Combined Authority receives funds and makes payments on behalf of the LEP, oversees contract management with suppliers and ensures the Partnership has sufficient cash flow. Officers support both the LEP and the Combined Authority in achieving their objectives and this close joint working enables greater efficiencies and effectiveness in delivering the priorities for the region.

During 2018/19 the LEP continued to support projects including Growth Deal and Growth Hub. Details of the funding and expenditure allocated to the different projects can be found below.

Funding and Expenditure for 2018/19

	2018/19 £000
Expenditure	
Employee expenses	3,143
Premises costs	207
Marketing	603
LEP Chair and support	108
Other service costs	622
Revenue project costs	5,433
Capital project costs	80,027
Total Expenditure	90,143
Income	
Government grants and contributions	(81,427)
Interest and investment income	(706)
Enterprise Zone Receipts	(1,761)
Other service income	(5,267)
Total Income	(89,161)
(Surplus)/Deficit	(89,161)
Funded by the Combined Authority	(982)

The income stream from business rates received from the Enterprise Zones is intended to support the activities of the LEP. At present these are not achieving the required levels to do so but it is expected over time that the income level will increase significantly. A capital programme is underway to invest in the remediation of the sites and this will assist in unlocking the sites to enable new business to invest.



Revenue Expenditure

The revenue expenditure for the LEP in 2018/19 was £10,116k. The following income streams have been received/applied to support the expenditure in year:

- Core Grant from the Government of £500,000
- Growth Hub Grant from the Government of £512,500
- Application of £386,000 in specific grants
- £706,000 of interest receipts earned
- £733,875 of contribution from the Leeds City Region partners
- £6,295,000 of other external funding and contributions
- £982k from the Combined Authority's own reserve.

Capital Projects Expenditure

Capital Grant of £74,349k was made to the LEP to deliver the Growth Deal in 2018/19. A further £5,677k capital grants were carried forward from 2017/18 to be applied in year. Of the total £80,027k capital spend, £32,177k were invested on Transport, £47,849k were spending on Economic regeneration projects.