



## LCR Transforming Cities Fund Appendix 2

### LCR TCF Strand 1: Transforming connectivity on our corridors in greatest need: Corridor Assessment

From initially considering 500 journey to work movements, a long list of 38 corridors were identified. From this the Leeds City Region HS2 Connectivity Strategy<sup>1</sup> identifies a shortlist of 14 corridors across the City Region where there is the greatest economic need and opportunity for transformational connectivity.

The Leeds City Region is a diverse and polycentric economy, made up of major cities and towns and countryside which have distinctive economic roles and priorities. Through the selected corridors, we aim to harness our spatial opportunities to support our region's growth. Strengthened connectivity on our key corridors will enable the diverse opportunities in our places to be realised by all our communities through aligning need and opportunity – for example connecting Bradford (which has strong productivity growth) with Leeds (significant employment opportunities).

A range of criteria have been used to prioritise the corridors including socio-demographic indicators, transport planning statistics and future growth areas. The assessment and identification of these corridors was summarised in the detailed 'Case for Change' report which accompanied the LCR HS2 Connectivity Strategy.

Building on this, our approach to identifying priorities for investment through the TCF has been shaped by the principles outlined below:

**Principle 1:** Focusing on enabling delivery of our key policies and strategies for the City Region. This includes:

- Enabling delivery of the ambitious West Yorkshire Transport Strategy targets for public transport and car travel by addressing the challenges highlighted in section A4
- Investing in the priority economic opportunity corridors and gateways identified in the Leeds City Region HS2 Connectivity Strategy

**Principle 2:** Based on the conclusions from principle 1, through collaboration with private and public sector partners, we have shortlisted those corridors and gateways where there is strongest alignment with the Transforming Cities Fund guidance criteria, including:

1. Is there potential to deliver transformational change through integrated public transport/cycling improvements?
2. Is there potential to address weaknesses in intra-city transport systems (particularly areas of poor accessibility/ planned housing/employment growth)?
3. Will it connect prosperous cities and struggling suburbs?
4. Is there opportunity to integrate future mobility/technology opportunities?
5. Is there potential to leverage in private sector contributions?
6. How does it align to existing funding and deliverability by 2022?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/transport/leeds-city-region-hs2-growth-strategy/>



















