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future



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Tracy
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Mayor of
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A brighter future

We have a large and growing economy that is creating good jobs and opportunities for people across the region.

From banks to bed manufacturing, legal firms to aerospace manufacturing, screen production to precision engineering, West Yorkshire's businesses are thriving across our towns and cities.

That success is underpinned by investments in infrastructure that help people move more easily around the region. New housing development to make sure that people have somewhere warm and safe to live. And new flood protections, to ensure that our region is protected from the worst aspects of the climate emergency.

As Mayor with the Leaders of our region's five local authorities, we are helping people gain the skills that will set them on the right path in life, supporting the communities, culture, and sport that makes our region a place people are happy to call home.

To ensure our region continues to thrive, we're setting out how we will continue to invest in the future of West Yorkshire.

This year, we will receive West Yorkshire's first Integrated Settlement, a game changer for our region, bringing billions of pounds of investment and greater powers over how and where it is spent directly into the hands of local leaders, which means we can get on and deliver the things we know our region needs.



Building a Mass Transit system that will transform how people travel, a central part of the new integrated Weaver Network which will have franchised electric buses on the roads in 2027.

We will deliver new rail stations to better connect businesses and communities, including at Leeds Bradford Airport. Invest in our roads to make sure that repairs are done quickly, and that bus routes can run freely.

And we will be able to build more high quality, affordable homes where people want to live, in safe, clean attractive communities.

Devolution means the decisions that matter most to the people of West Yorkshire are being made by those who understand the unique needs of our communities. It's delivered so much for our region already, and the best is yet to come.

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The West Yorkshire story

At the heart of the UK, we are home to more than 2.4 million people with a workforce of over 1 million and economy worth over £74 billion.

Our region is brimming with talent with 95,000 businesses and seven world-class universities producing 43,000 graduates a year.

We are proud to be one of the most diverse regions of the UK, connected to communities across the world with over 170 languages spoken.

We've long been known as a region that does things differently.

We are single-minded pioneers, determined and hardworking, ambitious, and creative, and not afraid to take on challenges.

Innovative ideas are our bread and butter, powering the region's success. Our story is filled with ground-breaking inventions and transformative discoveries.

We are the region that got people and goods moving with the first commercial steam locomotive, kept people safe on the roads with the invention of cat's eyes and kept people mobile with hip replacements and next-gen technology.

Our iconic industrial heritage has paved the way for the emergence of new industries at the cutting edge of technology.

Here is where the products that will solve the challenges of the future are being invented and manufactured – enabling people to live longer, healthier and greener lives.

Recognising all our region has achieved so far, only fuels our ambition to do things better.

Our Mayoral Combined Authority and five local authorities are already proving that devolution works.

Over the past 14 years, the Combined Authority has driven change across West Yorkshire - making improvements across the economy in areas including transport, housing, regeneration, investment and skills. Investing in projects that create opportunity, strengthen communities and businesses, and make our towns and cities more connected and sustainable.

We're improving transport with the Weaver Network. This includes bringing buses under public control and working towards a game-changing new Mass Transit system – one of the biggest infrastructure projects in decades.

Whether it's helping to make it easier to travel across our beautiful region, giving young people the best start in life or protecting the most vulnerable in our society – we're committed to making things better.

This year, the Combined Authority approved a landmark budget of over a billion pounds to boost growth through delivering a better-connected, better-skilled and better-built region, enabling us to build on what we've already achieved.



It will further cement our reputation as a region that delivers for everyone who lives, works, does business and invests here.

And it will unlock opportunities for us to work across the public, private and third sectors to secure the further investment we need to drive forward change.

**Our message is clear –
in West Yorkshire, we are
delivering a brighter future.**



Devolution in numbers

Since devolution, the Combined Authority has used new powers and long-term funding to deliver projects that create opportunities, strengthen communities and connect our towns and cities.

£6.16 billion funding secured since 2021.

132,000 people trained through our devolved adult skills funds.

12,000 people secured jobs since 2021 through employment and skills schemes.

19,300 businesses supported through the West Yorkshire Growth Hub.

180 West Yorkshire secondary schools supported in bridging the gap between learners and the workplace.

63 transport infrastructure projects delivered, worth £430 million and 30 additional projects in the pipeline, including four new rail stations.

17% reduction in adult single and day ticket bus fares per journey through The Mayor's Fares scheme, saving passengers £76 million.

9,500 additional new homes either built or in the pipeline, with nearly 1,800 being 'affordable' to support the least well-off.

Investing for the future

The Combined Authority has recently approved a landmark **£1.2 billion** budget for the coming year, boosting economic growth through major investment in transport, skills, business growth and housing, and delivering a better-connected, better-skilled and better-built region.

This includes:

- **£840 million** investment in transport services, stations, road improvements and support for bus franchising, so people can get around easily, affordably and reliably.
- **£72 million** investment in new and better housing so that more families can have a secure, affordable and energy-efficient roof over their head.
- **£86 million** investment to create a region of learning and creativity, ensuring everyone can get the skills and the employment support they need to secure a well-paid job.
- **£12 million** for safer communities that people can be proud to call home.

Nationally significant projects

Our investment pipeline is anchored by six nationally significant projects, each aligned to our ambitions, scaled to unlock growth and channel private sector investment.

West Yorkshire Mass Transit

The UK's largest local transport programme will drive economic growth and better connections across the region. Operations to deliver the first phase, connecting Bradford and Leeds, are expected to begin in the late 2030s.

Leeds South Bank

One of the largest regeneration initiatives in Europe, if the Leeds South Bank is selected as a 'New Town', the project will continue to double the size of the city centre, create 35,000 new jobs and up to 13,000 new homes.

Bradford City Village and Southern Gateway

An ambitious redevelopment project that will deliver up to 1,000 new homes as well as new shops, cafes, and leisure facilities plus the regeneration of the Southern Gateway providing a new city centre rail station and improving connectivity with other major UK cities.

Huddersfield Station to Stadium

Building on the University of Huddersfield's National Health Innovation Campus – and underpinned by Investment Zone status – up to 30 acres of high-quality employment land will be available to attract health and life science businesses and create high value jobs.

Wakefield city centre

A once-in-a-generation masterplan to reshape Wakefield city centre, creating a vibrant new quarter with 1,000 affordable homes alongside a public square, a library and leisure facilities.

Calderdale New Garden Communities and Clifton Business Park

3,000 new homes, community facilities and high-quality green spaces in Wood House and Thornhills with 46,000 square metres of commercial floorspace at Clifton Business Park and a £75 million investment in the A641 scheme to improve connectivity.



Photo credit: The University of Huddersfield

Bradford

Bradford has the eighth largest economy in England, worth over £12 billion. It boasts one of the youngest populations in the UK with a third of residents aged under 30. The city is the world's first UNESCO city of film and last year, three million visitors celebrated Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture.



To support growth in Bradford, we delivered

- The award-winning Darley Street Market, the regeneration of the iconic Bradford Live and grade A office space at One City Park.
- The multi-award-winning transformation of Bradford city centre, removing traffic and putting green space in the heart of the city including the expansion of Norfolk Gardens.
- New rail stations at Apperley Bridge and Low Moor.
- Investment in the district's vibrant and unique towns including the new Shipley market square and the restoration of the 10,000-year-old Bingley North Bog wetlands.

The next big projects

City Village

This ambitious redevelopment project will deliver a new city centre neighbourhood with up to 1,000 new homes through family-oriented townhouses and apartments as well as new shops, cafes, leisure facilities and green spaces.



Southern Gateway

One of the UK's largest regeneration sites, the Southern Gateway will create the infrastructure that modern businesses demand, while unlocking land for thousands of new homes, offices and vibrant retail and leisure spaces.



Bradford Rail Programme

Part of the transformational £45 billion Northern Powerhouse Rail scheme, the new city centre station will reduce journey times, improve reliability and connectivity to Leeds, Manchester and beyond with links to the region's first Mass Transit line.



Forster Square

The £17 million redevelopment of Bradford Forster Square station will create a modern, welcoming gateway with vastly improved facilities, enabling passengers to switch between bus, rail and future mass transit services.



Bradford Bus Station

Significant plans are underway to investigate relocating Bradford's city centre bus station, providing better connectivity and modern, accessible facilities for passengers as well as retail and leisure space.



Bradford Low Carbon Hydrogen

The planned flagship plant will be one of the largest low carbon hydrogen production facilities in the UK.



Bradford capital projects

1) We have delivered

- A650 Hard Ings Road improvement – reducing congestion and improving safety.
- Harrogate Road / New Line junction improvements – road widening and new signals.
- Bradford Interchange Station access – improving the approach and entrance.
- Accessibility scheme at Menston rail station.
- Remediation works at Gain Lane and Parry Lane Enterprise Zones.
- A new link road at Great Horton Road / Horton Grange Road, junction and green space.
- New homes at High Point, Conditioning House and New Bolton Woods.
- Chellow Dene flood alleviation scheme.
- Walking and cycling improvements in Saltaire, Baildon, Thackley, Holmewood, Manningham and Leeds and Liverpool Canal towpath.

2) Projects in delivery

- West Bradford Cycle Superhighway – delivering a segregated cycle route, improved bus facilities and new pedestrian crossings.
- Bradford University Digitilisation Hub – facility for SMEs for product development.
- New electric vehicle charging points in areas with limited residential parking.
- Walking and cycling improvements – including Bradford city centre, St Luke’s Hospital, Lawkholme Lane in Keighley and Broadstone Way in Holmewood.
- Projects at Cottingley Park, Langford Lane, and St Stephen’s Road – helping more people walk and cycle to school.

3) Next projects for delivery*

- Airedale General Hospital – A new state-of-the-art, cleaner greener hospital is planned in Keighley, as part of the Government’s New Hospitals programme. It will provide a safer, modern environment that’s fit for the future.
- The next phases of Bradford City Village.
- A6177 Thornton Road – providing additional lanes and links to cycle superhighway.
- Pitty Beck natural flood management.

4) Future pipeline

Additional strategic regeneration sites

- The next phases of New Bolton Woods.
- Mixed used scheme in Shipley – a former HMRC office site.

Transport

- Renewal of Commercial Street Bridge in Shipley.
- A new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the A629 between Steeton and Silsden.

Flooding

- Keighley and Stockbridge flood alleviation.

Calderdale

Home to stunning landscapes and entrepreneurial communities, Calderdale offers a thriving cultural scene and a diverse £4.5 billion economy, driving SME-led growth and the creative and digital economy.

To support Calderdale’s growth, we delivered

- The award-winning £20.5 million Halifax Bus Station.
- £4.9 million investment in Calderdale College.



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The next big projects

Clifton Business Park

46,000 square metres of commercial floorspace with the potential to create 1,300 high-quality new jobs and attract significant investment into the region.

New Garden Communities

More than 3,000 new homes including community facilities and high-quality green space in Woodhouse and Thornhills.

A641 Improvement Scheme

A £68 million scheme to improve walking, wheeling, cycling, public transport and driving around the Brighouse area, supporting local businesses, creating new jobs and opportunities for new housing.

Elland Station and Access Package

A new rail station for Elland will be added to the Calder Valley line, supported by a scheme to improve existing transport links and create new walking and cycling routes.

Dean Clough

Exciting plans to add new homes, retail and leisure space to the Grade II listed mill complex near Halifax town centre which is already home to a vibrant community of modern and diverse businesses employing more than 4,000 people.

Copley Data Centre

A fully operational, cutting-edge campus facility offering a versatile mix of offices, data halls, warehousing, and a dedicated standalone energy centre.

Minster View

A plan for new homes in the heart of Halifax, close to the Minster and The Piece Hall with improvements to the surrounding roads, walking and cycling routes.



Calderdale capital projects

1) We have delivered

- A629 walking, cycling and bus improvements from Salterhebble to Shawhill.
- Calderdale College investment.
- Walking and cycling improvements to Ash Green, Mixenden and Moorfield Street.
- Flood alleviation schemes including Mytholmroyd and the Colne and Calder.
- New office and retail space at Northgate House including a sixth-form college.
- New affordable housing and improvements to existing homes at Beech Hill.
- 122 new build to rent apartments at Bolt Works.
- Brighouse A6025 reconstruction.

2) Projects in delivery

- £64 million improvements across Halifax town centre including better bus access.
- Flood alleviation schemes including Erringden Hillside and Hebble Brook.
- Elland Town Hall residential development.
- Calderdale bus hotspots, improving bus times and reliability.
- Further walking, cycling and bus improvements to the A629 and across Halifax town centre.
- New electric vehicle charging points in areas with limited residential parking.
- Junction improvements and road crossings at Ling Bob and Christ Church schools.
- Improved infrastructure to Withinfields, Abbey Park and Ripponden schools.
- Stripe Up Calderdale, a project to improve zebra crossings outside schools.
- Improvements to accessibility along the Rochdale Canal towpath, including fully accessible bridging of the weirs.

3) Next projects for delivery*

- North Halifax – a new cycleway connecting north Halifax to the centre.
- Improvements to surfacing of the Rochdale Canal towpath between Todmorden and Walsden.
- Walking, cycling and wheeling improvements on the A629 from Halifax town centre into North Halifax.
- Improvements to walking, cycling and wheeling in the Skircoat area.
- Improvements along Hollins Mill Lane.

4) Future pipeline

Additional strategic regeneration sites

- Toothill Lane.
- Kershaw Drive.

Flooding

- Hebden Bridge flood alleviation scheme.
- Copley flood alleviation scheme.

Transport

- A641 Brighouse transport improvements.
- Pedestrian access improvements at key points along the A629 corridor in North Halifax as far as Illingworth.
- Shared transport hubs pilot, starting with hubs in Hebden Bridge and Todmorden.
- Repairs to A58 Burdock Way flyover.
- Walking, cycling and bus improvements in West Halifax around the areas of Gibbet Street, Hanson Lane and Parkinson Lane.
- Extension of the Hebble Trail from its current terminus at Phoebe Lane to Halifax town centre.
- Bus, walking and cycling improvements on the A58 at New Bank and towards Shibden Hall and Stump Cross.
- Walking, cycling and pedestrian safety improvements in and around the village of Cornholme.

Kirklees

With a £9.7 billion economy, over 15,000 businesses and an iconic heritage in textiles, Kirklees is an industrial powerhouse with strengths in advanced manufacturing and engineering, health and life sciences. Alongside excellent road and rail links, the £11.5 billion

Transpennine Route Upgrade underpins and unlocks multiple regeneration schemes across the district.

To support growth in Kirklees, we delivered

- National Health Innovation Campus.
- The A62 smart corridor programme.
- Dewsbury Arcade.
- Dewsbury Learning Quarter, Kirklees College.
- Huddersfield Engineering Centre and the Process Manufacturing Centre at Kirklees College.



The next big projects

Huddersfield Station to Stadium Enterprise Corridor

Building on the University of Huddersfield's National Health Innovation Campus – and underpinned by Investment Zone status – we will bring forward up to 30 acres of high-quality employment land to attract health and life science businesses and create high value jobs.

Turnbridge Mills

Strategically positioned close to the National Health Innovation Campus, major roads and the rail station, this site will support growth in health, wellbeing and advanced manufacturing sectors.

Heckmondwike Bus Station

The £10.5 million Heckmondwike Bus Station will open in 2026 as the first Weaver Network bus station, with additional bus stops, indoor seating, accessible facilities and a green roof with solar panels.

Dewsbury Bus Station

Scheduled to open in 2027 as part of the Weaver Network, the £23 million project will create a modern bus station with improved passenger facilities, refurbished retail units and energy saving and environmental improvements, such as solar panels and a living roof.

New Waterfront

Set in a waterside location between the River Colne and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, with the town centre only a one-minute walk away, this development will create high-quality business space with direct rail links across the North.

Whitehall Road, Cleckheaton

This site along the M62 corridor presents a significant opportunity for businesses within precision engineering and advanced manufacturing, leveraging the local strengths in these sectors.

Dewsbury Riverside

3,000 new homes to the south of the town centre, creating a network of new garden communities with new infrastructure and access to nature. Transport connectivity to this site will be unlocked through the Transpennine Route Upgrade.

A62 Cooper Bridge Corridor

The £53 million scheme will help unlock housing growth across North Kirklees through infrastructure and highway improvements.



Kirklees capital projects

1) We have delivered

- National Health Innovation Campus – Daphne Steel and Emily Siddon Buildings.
- Huddersfield Incubation and Innovation project at the University of Huddersfield.
- Dewsbury Arcade – a refurbished Victorian arcade in the town centre.
- A62 Huddersfield smart corridor – junction upgrades, cycle lanes and bus shelters.
- Improvements to walking, wheeling and cycling along the Huddersfield Narrow Canal towpath.
- A walking and cycling safety scheme at Lydgate Primary School in Batley.

2) Projects in delivery

- A638 Dewsbury to Cleckheaton bus, walking and cycling improvements.
- A629 Ainley Top walking, cycling and driving improvements.
- New homes through a Brownfield Housing Fund project at Plane Street.
- Renovation of the George Hotel to be managed by the Radisson Hotel Group.
- Boosting climate resilience along the Upper Calder and Colne valley.
- District-wide review of speed limit outside schools.
- Holmfirth Town Centre – improved walking routes, EV charging and cycle parking
- Walking and cycling improvements at Lockwood Bar and Huddersfield Broad Canal.

3) Next projects for delivery

- Refurbishment of Huddersfield bus station.
- A652 Dewsbury to Batley walking and cycling improvements.
- Dewsbury town centre walking and cycling improvements.
- Meltham Greenway extension – 700m added to the existing traffic free route.

4) Future pipeline

Additional strategic regeneration sites

- Trinity West mixed-use development site.
- Chidswell housing and employment site.
- Lindley Moor East, part of the Enterprise Zone programme.

Energy

- Huddersfield district energy network.

Flooding

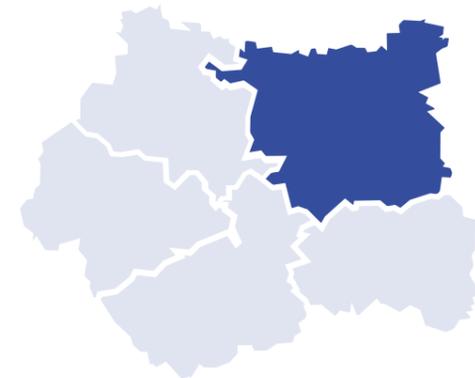
- Batley viability and debris screen study to reduce flood risk for homes and businesses.

Transport

- Calder Hebble Towpath improvements.
- A62 Cooper Bridge corridor scheme.
- Brunswick Street footpath improvements, near Huddersfield train station.
- Kirklees Bus Hotspots - a package of interventions to improve bus journey times and reliability.

Leeds

Boasting an extensive talent pipeline, five world-class universities, a vast range of sectors and an economy worth £40 billion, Leeds is a hotspot for business, finance and technology.



To support growth in Leeds, we delivered

- A new rail station at Kirkstall Forge.
- £46 million investment in Leeds Rail Station to create a multi-modal gateway including a pedestrian priority area, improved accessibility, segregated cycle lanes, a 700-space cycle hub and infrastructure for ebikes.
- The £200 million Leeds Public Transport Investment programme to improve public transport and active travel.



The next big projects

Leeds South Bank

The Government's announcement that the South Bank be considered as a potential 'New Town' location adds to the real momentum in this area.

The area includes Vastint's Aire Park and residential developments, as well as two major investments in cultural anchors – the Royal Armouries and the opportunity for a new home for British Library North, and landmark regeneration schemes including Caddick's South Village.

Northern Square Mile

The aim is to double the rate of growth of the city's thriving financial services cluster to create an additional 50,000 new jobs in the finance and professional services sector. The strategic economic zone is closely linked to the ongoing development of the South Bank, accelerating the expansion of the city centre.

Leeds Innovation Arc

Brings together a series of innovation neighbourhoods, formed around the natural anchors of universities, the proposed adult and children's hospitals and major private sector partners.

Set across 150 hectares of the city centre the Arc will stitch together some of the most significant innovation assets in the north of England.

Leeds Innovation Village

A key area within the Innovation Arc and a flagship project of the West Yorkshire Health Innovation and Digital Investment Zone, it will offer offices, lab space and homes and accelerate high-growth sectors like HealthTech and MedTech.

The Old Medical School is a significant investment to accelerate delivery.

Elland Road

A landmark 30-acre regeneration project, anchored by Leeds United Football Club's ambitious plans to expand its stadium and create a vibrant, year-round destination for Leeds with the potential to unlock billions in the neighbourhood.

Temple Works

A new major mixed-use development, with potential for housing, innovation space and other destination uses, including the opportunity for a new home for British Library North – this Grade I Listed building is a landmark regeneration scheme.

Leeds-Bradford Airport's Vision 2030

Backed by £200 million in private investment, the strategy is to improve passenger experience and drive sustainable growth as the airport reaches an anticipated seven million passengers a year by 2030.

The aim is to create up to 5,500 new jobs and contribute £1 billion to the local economy. A new Parkway Station will serve the airport and there are proposals for a 36 hectare North West Leeds employment hub.

Skelton Grange

This site is an important industrial and logistics space, a 100MW battery energy storage system, energy and waste facility and a hyperscale data centre as part of Microsoft's recent next-generation AI investment in the UK. This puts Leeds in the global tier two for such facilities.

This will be part of a new AI Opportunity Zone that has the potential to become a major data and technology cluster and unlock skills, jobs and innovation opportunities.

Royal Armouries

An ambitious refurbishment and redevelopment plan which will deliver a new riverside cultural heritage, events and conference space along with a new 150 bed hotel, providing a culture-led anchor for the regeneration of Leeds South Bank and guaranteeing the long-term sustainability of the Royal Armouries Museum.

Leeds rail station programme

Ahead of the completion of the Transpennine Route Upgrade, this scheme will add a new bridge between platforms, a new southern entrance, an improved concourse and an extended platform 14 so that Leeds station can accommodate the increasing passenger demands for the busiest rail station in the north.



Leeds capital projects

1) We have delivered

- Elland Road, Temple Green and Stourton Park and Ride facilities.
- Leeds Bus Station refurbishment.
- New East Leeds Orbital Route and improvements to North Leeds Outer Ring Road.
- Armley Gyrotory upgrades.
- City Square – new public space with walking, wheeling and cycling routes.
- Junction improvements – A660/A658 Dyneley Arms and the A6120 Fink Hill.
- Flood alleviation scheme from Leeds City Centre to Calverley and improvements to Wyke Beck and Sheepscar Beck.
- Brownfield Housing Fund projects at Regent Street and Railway Street.
- Grey to Green urban regeneration project including installation of David Oluwale Bridge.
- Improvements to terraced housing in Holbeck to help reduce energy bills.
- Leeds PIPES district heat network.
- New housing at Leeds Climate Innovation District including a new footbridge.
- New housing at Garnett Mill in Otley.
- Improvements to walking and cycling routes in Mill Hill and the Leeds and Liverpool Canal towpath.
- East Leeds Orbital Route – seven kilometres of highway infrastructure which has unlocked the delivery of over 5000 new homes as part of the East Leeds Extension.

Leeds capital projects

2) Projects in delivery

- Leeds Rail Station Sustainable Travel Gateway – boosting walking and cycling access to the station.
- Dawsons Corner and Stanningley Bypass improvements.
- A660 Headingley bus priority and cycle corridor improvements.
- Leeds City Links walking and cycling improvements.
- White Rose Rail Station.
- Brownfield Housing Fund projects including Seacroft and Gipton, Hough Top Court, Middlecross, Leeds City Village, Citu, Points Cross, Sky Gardens, Dycoates, Saxton Lane, Kirkstall Road and Water Lane.
- Flood alleviation schemes at Wortley Beck and Farnley Wood Beck.
- Refurbishment and conversion of the Carnegie School to create a Sport HealthTech Incubator.
- New electric vehicle charging points in areas with limited residential parking.
- Thorpe Park development of a mixed use business and residential area.

3) Next projects for delivery*

- New Thorpe Park Rail Station – between Cross Gates and Garforth.
- Inner Ring Road repairs – maintaining and upgrading tunnels.
- Flooding alleviation scheme for Thorner Beck.
- Refurbishment of Leeds Old Medical School to create a health tech innovation hub.
- Woodhouse Lane Gateway and Beckett Street walking, cycling and bus improvements.
- Leeds Healthier Streets – walking and cycling improvements in Cross Gates, and Armley.
- Improved cycle and walking routes and crossings on Park Lane and Burley Street.
- Brownfield Housing Fund projects including Wellington Square.

- Otley Town Centre walking improvements.
- Armley Town – bus, walking and cycling improvements.
- Improving infrastructure to help more people walk, wheel and cycle to school.

4) Future pipeline

Additional strategic regeneration sites

- Campus Reimagined – The University of Leeds’s emerging masterplan framework.
- East of Otley – plans to deliver a new neighbourhood with new homes, school and green space.
- Leeds Transformational Regeneration across six key city centre neighbourhoods; Mabgate, Eastside and Hunslet Riverside, South Bank, Holbeck, West End.
- National Poetry Centre proposal to redevelop a former church into a centre for poetry and creative writing.
- North-West Leeds Employment Hub to develop business space close to Yeadon and Horsforth and in close proximity to Leeds Bradford Airport.

Energy

- Next phases of Leeds PIPES district heat network.

Transport

- North-West Leeds Growth Hub – development of an employment site at the airport.
- A new Leeds-Bradford Airport Parkway Station.
- A639 and A61 – walking, cycling and bus improvements at Jumbles Lane on the A61 and a segregated cycle lane from Thwaite Gate to M1 junction 44 on the A639.
- A64 bus, walking and cycling improvements.
- Otley Shared Transport Hub – access to support including car clubs.

Flooding

- Wyke Beck flood alleviation scheme.

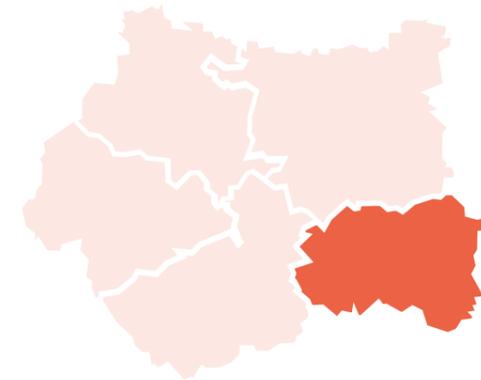
Wakefield

With a £10.25 billion contribution to the national economy, Wakefield is a significant economic driver in the region and across the North. As identified through its emerging Economic Growth Plan, its strength in manufacturing, creative and logistics positions

Wakefield as a critical supplier and enabler within the regional economy, underpinning supply chains and supporting growth.

To support growth in Wakefield, we delivered

- Tileyard North, transforming the Grade II listed waterfront warehouses into a hub for business and creativity.
- A new and improved £6 million bus station in Castleford.
- The Wakefield Eastern Relief Road, unlocking the eventual delivery of over 2,500 new homes on the edge of the city.



The next big projects

Cathedral Quarter

The Wakefield Cathedral Quarter development is an ambitious, once-in-a-generation regeneration project aimed at transforming the city centre into a vibrant, sustainable, and modern space.

In partnership with Muse, this 10 to 15-year masterplan will replace underused buildings with a high-quality, mixed-use environment featuring over 1,000 new homes, green spaces and enhanced leisure and cultural facilities.

Kirkgate Neighbourhood Gateway

This exciting regeneration project will see the creation of brand-new homes and public space in the city centre, increasing urban living opportunities. Following the acquisition and demolition of existing buildings, a platform for housing growth and development has been created and the project is progressing.

Old Westgate Station

The transformative redevelopment of the old Westgate rail station, led by developer ION Developments in partnership with Wakefield Council, promises a major boost to the city's economy and regeneration.

This exciting project will replace the long-vacant site with a high-quality 110-room hotel, designed to meet the growing demand from business travellers and tourists. By integrating with the surrounding area, including new green spaces, the development is set to create new jobs and enhance the city centre's appeal as a premier destination.

Supported by £8 million in government funding, this initiative represents a significant step forward in unlocking the potential of the Westgate gateway and strengthening the local hospitality sector.

Castleford town centre regeneration

The Council is seeking to appoint a dedicated Strategic Regeneration Partner to accelerate the long-term, 10–15 year transformation of

Castleford, aiming to unlock its potential as a vibrant, sustainable and distinctive riverside market town.

The aim is to drive significant economic growth, boost footfall and deliver a mix of high-quality retail, commercial, leisure and residential developments that serve local needs. This will seek to harness Castleford's excellent connectivity and heritage, creating new jobs, building homes and enhancing the town center to create a better future for residents and visitors.

Ferrybridge Knottingley Industrial Corridor

Comprising a number of prime development sites, the Yorkshire Employment Hub site sits at the interchange of the A1(M) and M62 and delivers up to 4 million square feet of industrial use space. Mountpark Ferrybridge site offers good access to power and rail freight links making it an ideal location for high power and high movement needs.

Wakefield District Energy Network

A £104 million partnership with Wakefield Council to provide clean, reliable heat to businesses and residents. As part of its drive towards net zero by 2038, Wakefield Council is exploring how it can use district heat networks to create reliable, affordable and clean energy for its residents and businesses.

Newton Bar bus depot

The first, purpose-built Weaver Network bus depot on the former highways maintenance depot site will create a modern base for up to 125 electric buses, improving reliability and helping deliver cleaner, more efficient bus services in Wakefield. Sensitive design and introduction of landscaping will ensure the depot achieves an 'excellent' sustainability rating and minimise the impact on nearby residents.

Wakefield capital projects

1) We have delivered

- Improvements to energy efficiency through the Wakefield Warm Homes Fund.
- Regeneration of the Wakefield South East Gateway including Tileyard North.
- A650 Newton Bar roundabout improvements.
- Kirkgate Rail Station walking, cycling and bus improvements to the centre.
- New roads – Wakefield Eastern relief and Glasshoughton Southern link.
- Langthwaite Business Park – site preparation and new road.
- Wakefield College.
- New homes at the Civic Quarter, the former Prince of Wales Colliery and at the former Pontefract fire station.
- Remediation works at Knottingley East and Glasshoughton.
- Granstand Road improvements for walking and cycling.
- Car park extension schemes at Normanton, Castleford, Fitzwilliam and South Elmsall rail stations.

2) Projects in delivery

- Improved safety for pupils and parents through the School Streets programme.
- Brownfield Housing Fund projects including Jackson Quarry, Kirkby Road and Civic Quarter.
- New EV charging points through the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure programme.
- Horsefair Streets for People scheme – walking and cycling improvements.

3) Next projects for delivery*

- Developing industrial units at Langthwaite Business Park.
- New homes on the former Castleford swimming baths.
- New cycling and walking routes through the Castleford Growth Corridor scheme.
- New walking, cycling and bus routes through the A639 Park Road scheme.
- Ackworth to Fitzwilliam, walking, wheeling and cycling link.
- Castleford Three Lane Ends, delivering cycle tracks and crossings.
- Accessibility scheme in Pontefract Monkhill.

4) Future pipeline

Additional strategic regeneration sites

- Axiom.
- Broad Cut Farm.
- Castlegate.
- City Fields.
- Havertop Lane.
- Silkwood Park.
- Switch 490.

Energy

- Wakefield District Heat Network.

Flooding

- Bleakley Lane.
- Horbury.
- South Elmsall.

Transport

- A638 Ossett Bypass reconstruction.
- Wakefield Bus Station improvements including city centre access.
- A638 Doncaster Road.
- A61 bus, cycle and walking improvements.
- Horbury and Ossett to Wakefield bus improvements.
- Heath Common to Knottingley bus priority package.
- Ings Road – better traffic signals, pedestrian crossings, cycle facilities.

*These are additional to the next big projects on the previous page.

The journey has started

The Weaver Network

We have agreed the **Local Transport Plan** which enables delivery of the Weaver Network. It provides an evidence-led framework to guide investment and ensure improvements are coordinated, value-for-money and aligned with regional priorities.

The **Weaver Network** is the new name for transport in West Yorkshire. It will join up bus, rail, walking, wheeling, cycling and the future Mass Transit system to create a transport network that is reliable, efficient and easy to use. Our vision is that, wherever you live, opportunities across the region are within easy reach of your door.

From 2027, buses will come back under public control, with a fully franchised network in place by the end of 2028. This will put passenger need – not private profit – at the heart of decisions, with any surplus reinvested to improve services.

We are already making major investments in better buses – upgraded bus stations, new depots and a cleaner, low-emission fleet. We are also improving bus, walking, wheeling and cycling routes while laying the foundations for a future Mass Transit system that will transform the way people travel across our region.

Bradford

- We will develop a new Bradford bus station to replace Bradford Interchange.
- Over £24 million investment in road improvements to make bus journeys more reliable, adding bus priority, protected cycle lanes and journey time reliability improvements along key commuter routes.
- A £17 million redevelopment of Bradford Forster Square Station will create a modern, welcoming gateway with vastly improved facilities.
- Upgrades to active travel infrastructure including Silsden – Kildwick Towpath, Steeton and Silsden cycling and walking improvements and Darley Street footpath enhancements, will make it easier to walk, wheel and cycle.

Calderdale

- Alongside the £20.5 million investment in a new bus station in Halifax, we're investing £64 million across Halifax town centre to improve bus access and passenger waiting facilities.
- To support connections to new housing sites at Woodhouse and Thornhills and employment growth at a new business park planned for Clifton, we're investing over £75 million in improvements across Brighouse as part of the A641 scheme, as well as upgrading cycling and walking routes.
- Making train travel more accessible with upgrades to lighting, signage and facilities.

Kirklees

- We're investing over £60 million to improve bus stations across Kirklees. New bus stations will open in Heckmondwike in 2026, Dewsbury bus station will open in 2027 and the redevelopment of Huddersfield bus station by 2028.
- We're investing over £72 million in road improvements including the Cooper Bridge scheme to make bus journeys across Kirklees more reliable.
- More people will be able to walk, cycle and wheel with projects like Holmfirth Town Centre Access Plan, a £10.3 million scheme for an accessible and green town centre.

Leeds

- We're investing £46.1 million to create a multimodal gateway at Leeds Rail Station, including new pedestrian priority areas, segregated cycle lanes, upgraded accessibility and a 700-space cycle hub.
- Refurbishing Leeds bus station roof at a cost of £4.8 million, providing a safer and more sustainable environment for passengers.
- Active travel investment continues through projects such as Leeds City Centre Cycle Improvements, completing a connected cycle network across the city.

Wakefield

- We have invested £400,000 a year on the Free City Bus, benefiting around 12,000 passengers a month and will extend free travel for disabled pass holders in Wakefield to before 9.30am on weekdays from spring 2026.
- We will build a brand new, all-electric bus depot at Newton Bar for up to 125 zero emission buses for franchised services.
- We're investing over £26 million in improvements to make bus journeys across the Wakefield district more reliable.
- The £2.2 million Horsefair Gateway Street for People scheme will make it safer and more accessible to walk, wheel and cycle between Pontefract town centre and the castle.

Bradford bus plans

1) We have delivered

- Allocating nearly £5 million to protect and improve bus services.
- £1.5 million for Keighley £1 fare, seeing patronage growth of up to 25%.
- Funded the partial electrification of Keighley bus depot and the introduction of new electric buses in partnership with the operator.

3) Next projects for delivery

- Extend free bus travel for disabled pass holders in Bradford to before 9.30am on weekdays from the start of franchising in 2027.
- Introduce a fleet of 158 brand new zero emission buses from the start of franchising in October 2028.

2) Projects in delivery

- Tendering to retain services 615, 616, 619 and 633 after First Bus made the commercial decision to withdraw them from May 2026.

4) Future pipeline

- Deliver a new Bradford bus station to replace Bradford Interchange on conclusion of advanced work to determine its optimal location.
- Investing in road improvement schemes to make bus journeys in Bradford more reliable, including the A650 Tong Street (subject to confirmation of Government funding), and other targeted locations that experience bus delays, such as Westgate.
- Improvements to bus stops and shelters across the district to improve passenger experience.
- Unified bus control centre to manage highway disruption and bus priority.



Calderdale bus plans

1) We have delivered

- £20.5 million on a new bus station in Halifax, opened in 2024.
- £4.9 million a year to protect bus services which would otherwise have been cut.
- £850,000 a year on bus service enhancements.
- £1.5 million on Superbus scheme.

3) Next projects for delivery

- Extend free bus travel for disabled pass holders in Calderdale to before 9.30am on weekdays from the start of franchising in 2027.
- Introduction of a fleet of brand new zero emission buses from October 2028, with future plans to increase the proportion of electric fleet.

2) Projects in delivery

- £64 million improvements across Halifax town centre, including better bus access to reduce delays and enhanced passenger waiting environments.
- Targeted measures to tackle delays and enforce bus lanes, to support bus services.

4) Future pipeline

- Investing in highway network improvement schemes to make bus journeys in Calderdale more reliable, including £75 million across Brighouse as part of the A641 scheme, and other targeted locations that experience bus delays, such as between Orange Street in Halifax and Illingworth.
- Improvements to bus stops and shelters across the district to improve passenger experience.
- Unified bus control centre to manage highway disruption and bus priority.

Kirklees bus plans

1) We have delivered

- £4.65 million a year to protect bus services which would otherwise have been cut.
- £200,000 a year on service enhancements through our BSIP.
- £1.5 million on Superbus scheme.

3) Next projects for delivery

- Extend free bus travel for disabled pass holders in Kirklees to before 9.30am on weekdays from the start of franchising in 2027.
- Introduction of a fully electric fleet of brand new zero emission buses from the start of franchising in 2027.
- Redevelopment of Huddersfield bus station at a cost of £28 million, to open in summer 2028.

2) Projects in delivery

- Round 1 franchising bidding live to meet the key milestone of service launch in 2027.
- Launch new Weaver Network bus station in Heckmondwike in summer 2026 at a cost of £10.5 million.
- Launch new Weaver Network bus station in Dewsbury in spring 2027 at a cost of £23 million.

4) Future pipeline

- Investing in highway network improvement schemes to make bus journeys in Kirklees more reliable, including £53 million across the Cooper Bridge corridor and £10 million between Dewsbury, Batley and Chidswell.
- £14 million improvements across Dewsbury town centre, including better bus access to reduce delays and enhanced passenger waiting areas.
- Improvements to bus stops and shelters to improve passenger experience.
- Unified bus control centre to manage highway disruption and bus priority.

Leeds bus plans

1) We have delivered

- £6.5 million a year to protect bus services which would otherwise have been cut.
- £650,000 a year on bus service enhancements.
- £1.2 million on Superbus scheme.
- Funded the partial electrification of Bramley bus depot and the introduction of new electric buses in partnership with the operator.

3) Next projects for delivery

- Extend free bus travel for disabled pass holders in Leeds to before 9.30am on weekdays from the start of franchising in 2027.
- Invest £5 million in Leeds bus station for roof repairs to extend the life of the building.

2) Projects in delivery

- Round one franchising bidding live to meet the key milestone of the Weaver Network service launch in 2027.
- Round two franchising underway to meet the key milestone of tender launch in summer 2026.

4) Future pipeline

- Investing in highway network improvement schemes to make bus journeys in Leeds more reliable, including £31 million on Beckett Street sustainable travel corridor, £10 million on the A64 corridor and £8 million on the A639 corridor.
- £20 million improvements across Woodhouse Lane Gateway, including measures to reduce bus delays and enhanced passenger waiting environments.
- Improvements to bus stops and shelters across the district to improve passenger experience.
- Unified bus control centre to manage highway disruption and bus priority.

Wakefield bus plans

1) We have delivered

- £4 million a year to protect bus services which would otherwise have been cut.
- £1.2 million a year on bus service enhancements, with a further £1.4 million on schemes that had to be withdrawn due to operator resource issues.
- £400,000 a year on the Free City Bus and operate it under the franchised bus network from January 2028, benefiting around 12,000 passengers per month.
- Castleford Bus Station.

3) Next projects for delivery

- Extend free bus travel for disabled pass holders in Wakefield to before 9.30am on weekdays from May 2026.
- Purchase land at Newton Bar and build a brand new, all-electric bus depot at cost of circa £60 million.
- Introduction of a fully electric fleet of brand new zero emission buses from the start of franchising in January 2028.

2) Projects in delivery

- £800,000 on a Superbus scheme from May 2026 to enhance services in the Five Towns area, doubling bus frequency during the daytime and a direct connection to the hospital.
- Round two franchising underway to meet the key milestone of tender launch in summer 2026.

4) Future pipeline

- Aspiration to take ownership of Wakefield bus station from the current operator – to be improved as part of the Weaver Network alongside enhancements to access arrangements in the city centre.
- Investing in highway network improvement schemes to make bus journeys in Wakefield more reliable, including £6.3 million on the A638 Doncaster Road and £11.3 million on Park Road, Pontefract.
- Improvements to bus stops and shelters across the district to improve customer experience.
- Unified bus control centre to manage highway disruption and bus priority.

Our impact

Our region is stronger when it works together, united by a shared vision and a commitment to improving the lives of everyone who lives and works here.

Across our diverse geography and communities, the benefits of devolution are clearly visible.

Our West Yorkshire Plan sets out how we will achieve success across five missions – and we're proud of the progress so far.



A prosperous West Yorkshire an inclusive economy with well paid jobs

Our impact

- **19,300** businesses supported through the West Yorkshire Growth Hub, helping them to build skills, explore new ideas and connect to new markets.
- **132,000** people trained through our devolved adult skills funds.
- **2x** growth business productivity compared to the national average rate.
- **162,00** business start-ups supported.
- **74%** growth in our creative economy from £1.5 billion to £2.2 billion.
- **£13 million** invested in culture, heritage and sport, attracting over £300 million in additional public funds and supporting 54,000 local jobs.
- **7.8%** increase in culture-led tourism in 2024 valued at £6.2 billion.

What's next

Over **£300 million** will be allocated to making West Yorkshire a Region of Learning and Creativity, including:

- **£217 million** allocated to training to help adults upskill, re-train and get into work.
- **£55 million** to our Healthy Working Life programme which will support people to overcome health barriers to work.
- Investment in the FE estate to ensure that training spaces and specialist facilities are available.
- Implement a new approach to business support to ensure all businesses can access the support they need to grow.
- Drive growth in our six priority sectors by delivering the Cluster Action Plans.



A happy West Yorkshire great places and healthy communities

Our impact

- **6,400** new homes will be built after funding secured, including over 28% affordable homes.
- **17** venues, programmes and projects made more accessible to disabled artists and audiences.

What's next

- **£3 million** invested to help deliver new housing projects.
- **£180 million** to further increase housing supply and unlock difficult sites.
- **£14 million** to make social housing more energy-efficient and lower peoples' bills.



A well-connected West Yorkshire a strong transport system

Our impact

- **£111 million** investment in two new bus stations in Castleford and Halifax and three new rail stations in Kirkstall Forge, Apperley Bridge, and Low Moor.
- **£20 million** southern entrance to Leeds rail station opening up access to the city's growing South Bank area.
- **13 million** journeys on our cycle routes, including nearly three million journeys on our award-winning Bradford Leeds Cycle Superhighway.
- **£1.7 million** invested in 33 walking and cycling hubs since 2022.
- **A multi-million pound** investment to make it easier, cheaper and more reliable to travel by bus by taking the network into public ownership.
- **£76 million** saved by bus passengers through The Mayor's Fares scheme.

What's next

- **£2.1 billion** committed by the Government for transport including a new mass transit network, with phase one services expected to be operational by the late 2030s connecting Leeds and Bradford.
- **£251 million** invested over the next financial year to keep fares low, alongside the transition to bus franchising and the operation of stations and interchanges.
- **£1 billion** in major improvements to bus, rail and active travel links.



A sustainable West Yorkshire making lives greener

Our impact

- **149km** of new or improved routes making our region one of the top places in the UK for walking, wheeling and cycling.
- **2.4 million** residents have access to Home Energy West Yorkshire – a free, impartial advice service to help everyone in our region lower their energy bills and make their homes more comfortable.
- **500 tCO2e** of greenhouse gas emissions saved by businesses last year.

What's next

- **£16.3 million** to reduce flood risk to homes and businesses.
- **One** joint plan to help protect wildlife and nature through our Local Nature Recovery Strategy.



A safe West Yorkshire a region where everyone can flourish

Our impact

- **£4.4 million** invested in 460 grassroots projects to empower communities and improve public safety.
- **40%** average reduction in investigation times for victims of rape through the West Yorkshire Women's Safety Unit.
- **£100,000** made available to local groups in each district to tackle serious violence through the People's Fund.

What's next

- **0** deaths and serious injuries on our roads by 2040 through our West Yorkshire Vision Zero strategy.
- **15** Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers funded to support safer travel on our region's bus network.

West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the local authorities in Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield work together to build a **West Yorkshire that works for all.**





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