

£12.1M EXPANSION OF GROWTH DEAL BOOSTS LOCAL PLAN FOR YORK, NORTH YORKSHIRE AND EAST RIDING ECONOMY

The York, North Yorkshire and East Riding (YNYER) Local Enterprise Partnership has agreed an expansion to its Growth Deal with the Government which will see an extra £12.1m invested in the YNYER area between 2016 and 2021. This is in addition to the £110.1m of funding committed by the Government on 7 July 2014. Over the lifetime of its Deal (2015-2021) the Local Enterprise Partnership estimates that up to 5000 new jobs could be created, 5000 new homes built and that it has the potential to generate £150m public and private investment.

The additional proposed projects include:

- Major transport investment on the A1079, which runs between Hull and York, and the A1/A59 (Junction 47) near Harrogate to enable future housing and employment growth.
- Support for a flood defence project in Skipton, which will enable the development of land to create 500 new jobs.
- Investment in local roads and junctions to enable the creation of leading agri-business facilities in Malton town centre.

The YNYER Growth Deal is part of a long term plan to devolve at least £12 billion from central government to local economies. The plan aims for every part of the country to be a motor of growth for the national economy – building on the strength of the York, North Yorkshire & East Riding area.

Quotes

The Prime Minister said:

“Giving local communities the power and the money to unlock growth and development and make the spending decisions that work for them is a key part of our long-term economic plan to secure a brighter future for Britain and ensure a recovery for all.

“And this is happening right here in York and North Yorkshire, with more money announced today for key projects to boost the local economy as part of the multi-million pound expansion of the Government’s Growth Deals.

“And because the money will be in the control of a partnership of local community, business and civic leaders it means it will go on the things that really matter to people and businesses here.”

“That is what Growth Deals are all about, backing local people and investing in the infrastructure, housing and skills that will drive forward local economies, create more jobs and opportunities for hardworking people and supercharge all parts of our country.”

The Deputy Prime Minister said:

“A quiet revolution is underway in York, in North Yorkshire and across the country, as Growth Deals signal the death of the culture where Whitehall calls the shots. I’ve seen for myself the difference it makes to give the region more power over skills, over business support, over infrastructure spending.

“I am delighted to announce the expansion of the York and North Yorkshire Growth Deal today.

“The Coalition Government has been relentless in our efforts to sort out the public finances and set firm foundations for growth. Growth Deals help create a stronger economy and a fairer society by boosting local economies, and providing more jobs, better transport and affordable homes.”

Barry Dodd CBE, Chairman of York, North Yorkshire & East Riding LEP said:

“We welcome this investment from the Government into key projects within our LEP area.

“As a principally rural LEP with strong food and tourism sectors, it’s important that we have projects that can support the growing ambitions of our small businesses while opening up opportunities around agritech and biorenewables. Ultimately, this will create high quality jobs, additional housing and grow our economy”

Cllr John Weighell, Leader of North Yorkshire County Council said:

“The excellent Growth Deal enables important projects for the whole of the region to move forward for the benefit of both residents and businesses.”

Cllr Stephen Parnaby, OBE, Leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council said:

“Thanks to this investment, we can continue the development of our growing economy of thriving and connected market towns through key projects that will benefit the local economy”

FACTSHEET

1. How much is the Government investing in YNYER as part of the Growth Deal?

	Initial Growth Deal (July 2014)	Expansion – additional funding awarded (Jan 2015)	Total Expanded Growth Deal
Local Growth Fund	<i>£110.1m</i>	<i>£12.1m</i>	<i>£122.2m</i>

2. What proposed projects will this new tranche of funding deliver?

- **A1079 York-Hull Package:** Dualling of part of the A1079 which will enable future employment and housing development.
- **Malton Agri-Business Park:** Investment in local roads and junctions to enable private investment in a new business and technology park, a separate agri-business park, and a new purpose-built livestock market facility in Malton town centre.
- **Skipton Flood Alleviation Project:** Addressing the flood risk issue constraining the development of 8 hectares of land located to the west of Skipton town centre.
- **Harrogate A1/A59 Junction:** Junction improvements to increase capacity of A1/A59 (Junction 47) to enable future housing and employment growth in Harrogate and York.

This adds to the projects that were announced in July 2014, including:

- **Housing and Employment Growth along the A1/A19 Growth Corridor–** The creation of new homes through the funding of growth projects at Catterick Garrison, Northallerton; and Olympia Park in Selby
- **Housing Growth at Middle-Deepdale in Scarborough** - supporting the development of new homes;
- **National Agri-Food Innovation Campus and York Bio Hub** - key projects supporting the LEP's ambitions to be a global leader in food, agricultural technologies, and bio-renewables;
- **Improving vocational skills –** Developing world-class training in agriculture and engineering at Askham Bryan College and upgrading facilities at Harrogate College to provide hands-on training for learners.

- **Maintenance of the existing road network to promote growth** - including the Newland Bridge Maintenance Scheme, which carries the A645 over the River Aire. Closure of the bridge (and therefore the A645) would have a significant impact on the economies of Goole and Hull, and would also impact on the nearby Drax Power Station.
- **East Riding Road Maintenance Programme:** planned highway maintenance works focused on the East Riding 'A' road network;
- **North Yorkshire Growth Town Road Maintenance Programme:** package of highway maintenance schemes on the rural roads connecting into the main road network and growth centres in North Yorkshire.
- In addition, subject to due diligence, £3.460m of loan funding through the Local Growth Fund (Housing Infrastructure) to BOCM PAULS Ltd to accelerate the delivery of 844 homes on the Olympia Park, Selby site.

3. How does this benefit the people of YNYER?

The YNYER Growth Deal focuses on supporting the area's ambition to become a national and international centre for the science of food, agricultural technologies, and bio-renewables. The Deal also builds on a strong local track record in supporting small and micro businesses to thrive and grow, and addresses the key issues of housing availability and affordability in key growth towns across the LEP area, as well as raising skill levels and improving the existing transport network to support growth.

The additional Growth Deal funding will build on this and promote growth in YNYER through investment in key strategic transport and flood defence projects that enable future housing and employment growth across the YNYER area.

According to estimates by the LEP, the Growth Deal could bring to the YNYER area:

- Up to 5,000 jobs
- Up to 5,000 homes
- Up to £150 million investment into the York, North Yorkshire & East Riding economy from the public and private sectors.

4. What is the benefit for local businesses?

As well as much needed transport and flood defence improvements, small businesses will benefit from support from the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Growth Hub, providing specialist advice on how they can grow and access the markets and the government support they need. The additional Growth Deal funding will also enable the creation of leading agri-business facilities in Malton town centre.

5. Facts and figures

The Growth Deal builds on significant recent investment in growth opportunities in the YNYER area including a Growing Places Fund allocation of £9.374m.

Regional Growth Fund: York, North Yorkshire & East Riding LEP area has to date received £4.1m investment from the Regional Growth Fund, and could also benefit from £85.8m invested in neighbouring LEPs.

Coastal Communities Fund: £7,134,373