



Spring Budget 2020 - Yorkshire and the Humber

Today's announcements for Yorkshire and the Humber include:

- The government will invest a further £200 million over six years to pilot innovative actions that improve the long-term flood and coastal resilience of 25 local areas across the country, to ensure that they can better prepare for and adapt more quickly to flooding and coastal erosion. Funding, which will be around £6m per area, will be awarded to places at a strategic scale (reflecting county and river catchment boundaries), including those that contain communities which have repeatedly flooded, such as the Calder Valley, Severn Valley and Airedale.
- In Yorkshire and the Humber, the increase to the National Living Wage (NLW) this April is expected to benefit around 198,000 people.
- In Yorkshire and the Humber, the increase to National Insurance thresholds to £9,500 in 2020-21 will result in a tax cut for 2.4 million people and will lift 85,000 people out of paying Class 1 and Class 4 National Insurance Contributions.
- A five-year, intra-city transport settlement for Sheffield City Region and West Yorkshire Combined Authorities from a **£4.2 billion** envelope, starting in 2022-23 and subject to the implementation of their Mayoral Devolution Deals. While it will be for Mayors to come forward with plans, this could fund renewal of the Sheffield super-tram and support development of a modern, low carbon West Yorkshire mass rapid transit system.
- **£400 million** spending on strategic road schemes between 2020 and 2025. This includes building the A63 Castle Street improvement in Hull. We will also develop plans to upgrade the Doncaster bypass and to finish turning the A1 in Yorkshire into a motorway.
- **£166 million** for Sheffield City Region from the Transforming Cities Fund including **funding** for a new Bus Rapid Transit link in Barnsley and a new tram stop on the Tram-Train line to Rotherham at Magna.
- **£317 million** for West Yorkshire from the Transforming Cities Fund, including **£30 million** for active and sustainable travel across Bradford and **£39.9 million** for Halifax to deliver a new bus station and other public and sustainable travel schemes.
- **£53 million** additional funding for local road maintenance through the Potholes Fund in 2020-21
- **Up to £500,000** to support Bradford to develop plans to maximise the benefits of potential Northern Powerhouse Rail connections.
- Announcing the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal, which will increase local growth and investment through the creation of a Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) across West Yorkshire. Along with a directly-elected Mayor, the region will receive new government funding of **£38 million per year** for 30 years for local priorities, as well as a five-year transport settlement starting in 2022-23 from a **£4.2 billion envelope** across eight city-regions. In addition, Government will devolve significant new powers and budgets across transport, skills, and planning.

- Up to **£95 million** for British Library storage facilities at Boston Spa to underpin plans for a new British Library of the North in Leeds, and a **£25 million** Heritage Fund for the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to support the British Library in establishing this new site.
- A share of the next **£5.2 billion** flood and coastal defence investment programme starting in 2021. These locations will benefit from at least the following levels of funding as a result of this programme: **£20.5 million** for Cleethorpes, **£26 million** for Goole, and **£25 million** for Sheffield to better protect over 9,500 properties.
- Yorkshire and the Humber will benefit from a share of the **£640 million** Nature for Climate Fund, including further funding for the Northern Forest.
- East Riding has successfully bid for **£1 million** of funding from the third wave of the Local Full Fibre Networks challenge fund.
- Yorkshire and the Humber will benefit from a share of **£2.7 billion** for six major hospital schemes as part of the Health Infrastructure Plan, one of which is in Yorkshire and the Humber: Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.
- **£77.1 million** funding to deliver housing in York Central.
- Eligibility for a fund to decarbonise industrial clusters through Carbon Capture and Storage – in leading areas such as Humberside, Teesside, Merseyside and Peterhead.
- The Northern Powerhouse will benefit from a share of **£5 million** for increased DIT face-to-face support for exporters.
- The Northern Powerhouse will benefit from a share of **£2 million** for regional champions at key overseas posts.

Yorkshire and the Humber will also benefit from its share of:

- **£5 billion** to support the rollout of gigabit-capable broadband in the most difficult to reach 20% of the country, particularly benefiting rural areas.
- **£510 million** to support the Shared Rural Network to extend 4G mobile coverage across the UK, particularly in rural areas.
- **£1.5 billion** over five years to return the entire Further Education college (FEC) estate to a good condition.
- **£400 million** Brownfield Housing Fund, as part of the wider housing package.
- **Up to £400 million** immediate boost for world-leading research, infrastructure and equipment in 2020-21.
- At least **£800 million** in a new blue skies research and innovation agency. This ground-breaking institution will provide new funding for high-risk, high-reward science across the UK.
- **£80 million** will be made available over the next five years to support the UK's foremost specialist institutions build on their global influence.
- **£13 million** to expand the British Library's network of Business and Intellectual Property Centres to 21 cities and 18 surrounding local library networks across the UK, including Leeds.
- **£90 million** Cultural Development Fund for cultural and creative-led regeneration outside of London, to be allocated by competition.

- **£10 million** additional funding for Growth Hubs to increase the number of business advisors by over a third and ensure that high quality advice and guidance is available across all regions.
- **Over £500 million** to cement our world-leading position in cutting edge technologies including space, electric vehicles and life sciences.
- **£387 million** in 21-22 to continue priority Local Growth Fund projects before decision on the Local Growth Fund are made at the Spending Review. MHCLG will provide further guidance on how the department will work with places to identify relevant projects.