

Consultation on devolution for York and North Yorkshire

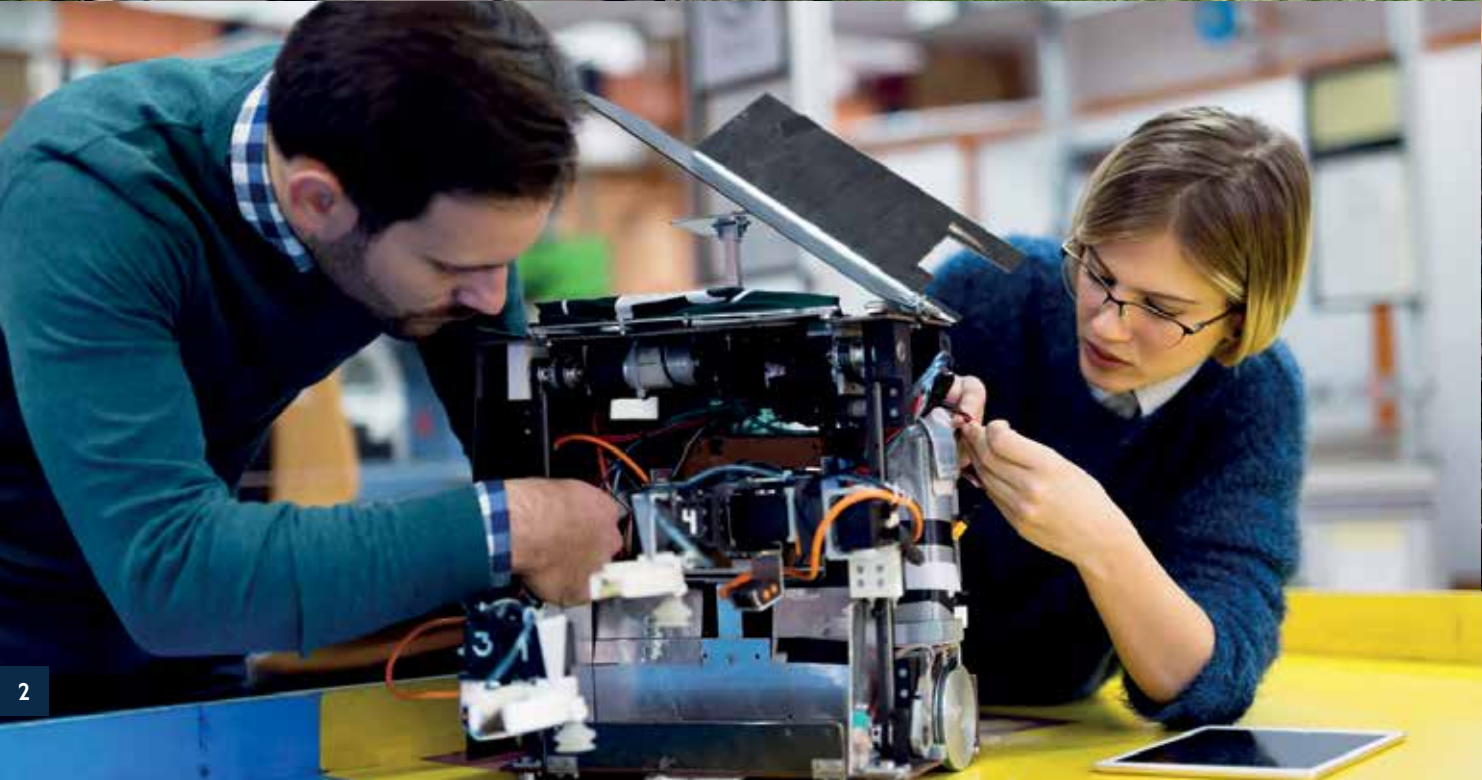
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**YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION**



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A proposed devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire

This document provides details of the consultation on the form and function of the proposed devolution arrangement for the people of York and North Yorkshire, announced on 1 August 2022. Under the proposed deal, the region will gain local control of funding to spend on the things that matter to the people of York and North Yorkshire. This will include £540 million of new Government investment to spend on local priorities to produce growth, together with a range of devolved powers.

The proposed deal means that people who know and understand our area will take decisions across key areas, such as the economy, housing and regeneration, skills and transport, in and for York and North Yorkshire. This will bring greater benefits for our city, rural and coastal communities, improvements to people's quality of life and help to drive green economic growth for a carbon negative future.

This devolution deal is dependent upon establishing a Combined Authority for the area with an elected Mayor.

What is devolution?

Devolution is the transfer of money and functions from Whitehall and central Government to sub-regions, to enable decisions that are a priority locally to be made locally. A Mayoral Combined Authority which will be led by a Mayor, who is elected to serve local people, can make these decisions. In addition, there are a small number of transport functions currently held by York and North Yorkshire councils that will move to the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA).

Where the Mayor or the MCA is given a function or power, this is called "conferring". You will see this word appear several times in this document.

The Local Government Association gives the following definition of what a Combined Authority is:

"A combined authority (CA) is a legal body set up using national legislation that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take / collective decisions across council boundaries. It is far more robust than an informal partnership or even a joint committee. The creation of a CA means that member councils can be more ambitious in their joint working and can take advantage of powers and resources devolved to them from national government. While established by Parliament, CAs are locally owned and have to be initiated and supported by the councils involved."

What is happening?

The devolution process requires several steps, by law. This summer (2022) the York and North Yorkshire constituent councils carefully considered the 'minded to' devolution deal. This can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/york-and-north-yorkshire-devolution-deal/york-and-north-yorkshire-devolution-deal#summary-of-the-devolution-deal-between-the-government-and-the-local-authorities-of-york-and-north-yorkshire-comprising-city-of-york-council-and-north-yorkshire-council>

In addition, a governance review was undertaken to consider options, which concluded that establishing a MCA model of governance for York and North Yorkshire would have a positive impact on the interests and identities of local communities, and support services being delivered efficiently and effectively.

The review also proposed that a document is published that sets out proposed role and functions of a Combined Authority. This is called a scheme. The scheme is a key part of the process required by law to make changes to current local governance arrangements. The scheme forms the basis of this consultation and is available for you to view online or on request as a hard copy from your local library. There is more information on the scheme later on in this document.

This scheme is subject to an eight-week public consultation across York and North Yorkshire. The consultation is running between 21st October and 16th December 2022.

We have set out the detail of how we propose that devolution will work in York and North Yorkshire and we want to know what you think.

Devolution could bring about important change in York and North Yorkshire and therefore it is important for you to have your say. You can have your say by:

- Completing our online survey by visiting www.ynydevolution.com
- Completing a hard copy consultation document and returning it with the envelope provided (addresses are also available at the end of this document) or to the help desk at your local library.
- Emailing us at enquiries@ynydevolution.com
- Attending an event – face to face or online (visit www.ynydevolution.com for a full list of events.)
- Sharing your views by social media or voting in a one of the social media polls (visit www.ynydevolution.com to see our full list of social channels #ynydevolution)

We want to ensure that residents and businesses across York and North Yorkshire are informed and enabled to take part in the consultation. Gathering your views is a vital part of the process and we very much look forward to your responses.



Leader
North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Carl Les



Leader
City of York Council
Cllr Keith Aspden

Background

In April 2023, a new North Yorkshire Council will replace North Yorkshire County Council and the boroughs and districts of Scarborough, Ryedale, Hambleton, Richmondshire, Craven, Selby and Harrogate. City of York Council and the future North Yorkshire Council will represent residents across the county of North Yorkshire. This consultation is on behalf of the future North Yorkshire Council and the City of York Council. In this document these councils will be referred to as ‘the Authorities’.

In publishing a Devolution Deal, York and North Yorkshire want to put in place arrangements that enable social and economic prosperity and increase the wellbeing of our communities. The Authorities believe that devolution can help to make our economy more productive, a place where businesses can have greater confidence to invest through better access to skills and innovation and better infrastructure. The Authorities will work together to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to benefit from and contribute to future growth.

The York and North Yorkshire Deal proposes the following benefits for the region:

£18m per year for 30 years (£540m in total) through a Mayoral Investment Fund to invest in local priorities

Investment of up to £50 million to support and deliver the York Central brownfield regeneration scheme

£7 million investment to enable York and North Yorkshire to drive green economic growth towards the ambition to become a carbon negative region

A commitment to establish a working group to support the development of BioYorkshire

Investment of up to £2.65 million of projects to deliver affordable, low carbon homes

New powers from Government to drive regeneration and build more affordable homes

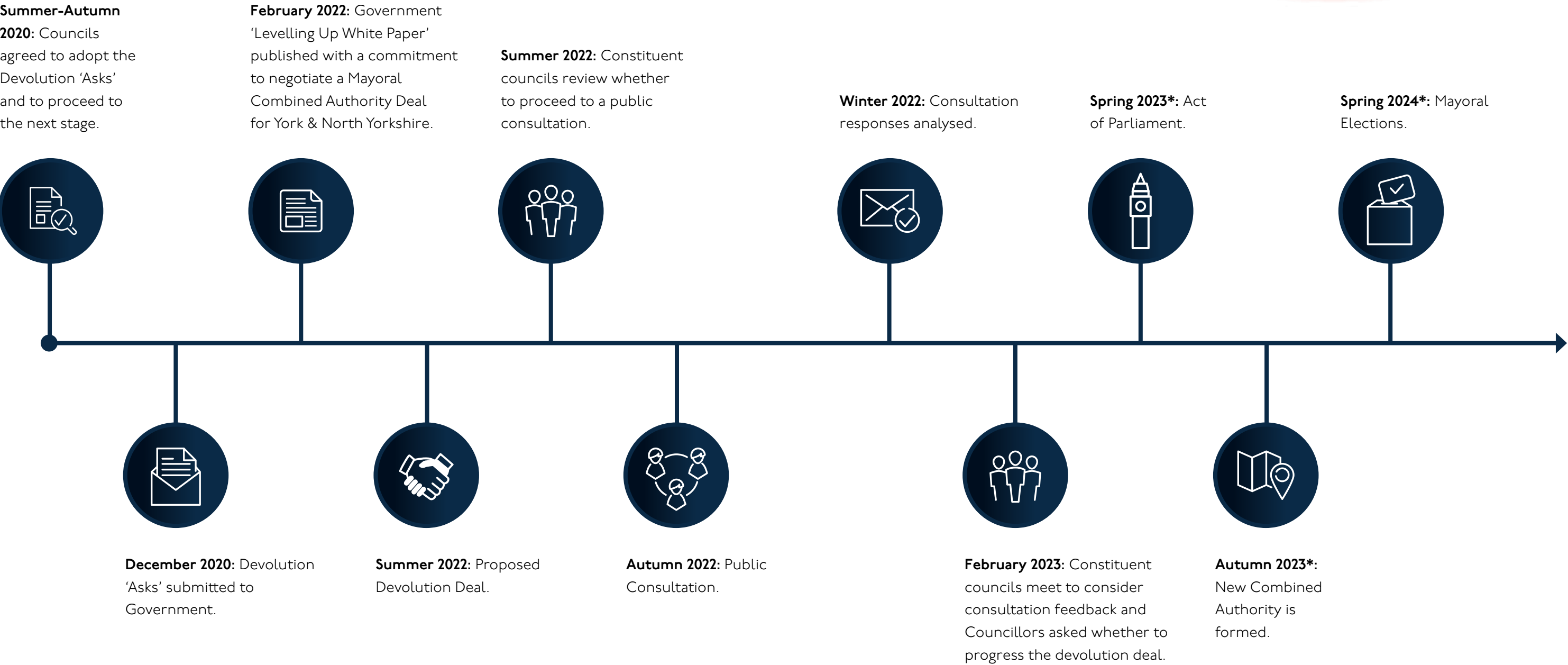
£13 million for the building of new homes on brownfield land across 2023/24 and 2024/25

New transport powers to improve and integrate the regional transport network



Timeline

Yorkshire and North Yorkshire are committed to work together in the interests of the economy of the whole region and all its diverse communities. We have taken the following steps so far as part of our journey to secure the Devolution Deal.



As part of the process, the Devolution Deal secured the collective agreement of elected members from both authorities and was approved by full Cabinet.

What we're consulting on

The eight-week consultation is to gather your views on the scheme. You can read the scheme in full by visiting www.ynydevolution.com or request a hard copy version from your local library. Below is a summary of the key elements of the scheme that are under consultation.

I. New governance arrangements

The proposed Deal requires the York and North Yorkshire Authorities to establish a new Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) that would be led by an elected Mayor. The scheme sets out the details of how this would work. You can read the full details in section 2 of the scheme. Below is a summary:

- A Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) would be created, with the first Mayor for York and North Yorkshire elected in May 2024, by registered voters in the City of York and North Yorkshire Council areas.

- Each mayoral term will last for four years.
- The mayoral combined authority will have a total of 5 voting members, comprising:
 - The elected mayor (who must be in the majority for a decision to pass.)
 - Four elected members, consisting of a Lead Member for each constituent council and one further member appointed by each of the two constituent councils.

- In addition, there will be:
 - One member appointed by the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The LEP Board will become the Business Committee of the combined authority. This member will be non-voting unless the combined authority resolves to give them a vote on any issues.
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions will be passed to the Mayor who will be able to appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime to exercise some of those functions.
- The Mayor will also have functions relating to transport, housing and regeneration, and finance.
- The mayoral combined authority will have responsibility for transport-related functions, adult education and skills functions, housing and regeneration functions, economic development, and finance functions in addition to those exercised by the Mayor.
- The mayoral combined authority will be required to make arrangements for the overview and scrutiny of mayoral and non-mayoral functions, as well as retaining statutory arrangements in relation to audit. The Mayor's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions will be scrutinised by a separate Police, Fire and Crime Panel.

The existing role of Lord Mayor of York is completely different from a new elected mayor and will continue as it does currently.

City of York Council and the future North Yorkshire Council will continue to deliver the vast majority of existing services, including children's and adults' services, corporate services, communities, planning, highways and street-based services.



2. New transport powers to improve and integrate the regional transport network.

The proposed devolution deal will give the Mayor and MCA responsibilities for investment in transport infrastructure and services, including public transport. This will help York and North Yorkshire develop an effective and efficient transport system for the long term, and provide greater certainty over future funding for transport improvements.

You can find full details in section 3.3 of the scheme and summarised below.

- Development and production of a York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan and related transport strategies.

- Set up and co-ordinate a Key Route Network (KRN) on behalf of the Mayor, enabling a consistent approach to the management of that network.
- Receive transport funding in a single consolidated budget set for a number of years to give greater certainty for the development of future projects.
- Approve a 5 year Strategic Transport Investment Programme for York and North Yorkshire.
- Powers to introduce bus franchising. This is where the authority specifies the bus services to be provided, determines the routes, timetables and fares.
- Enter into partnership agreements with Great British Rail, make agreements with Government, other local authorities and National Highways, and work with Active Travel England.



3. Housing and regeneration

The proposed devolution deal will give the Mayor and MCA responsibilities for housing and regeneration. Full details can be found in section 3.5 of the Scheme.

This will include:

- Land assembly and compulsory purchase powers subject to the approval of the constituent council where the site is located.
- The power to designate a Mayoral Development Area and to create Mayoral development Corporations, which support delivery on strategic sites in York and North Yorkshire.
- Invest £12.7m of devolved capital funding across 2023/24 and 2024/25 to support the building of new homes on brown field land.
- Identify and bring forward a pipeline of strategic housing projects.
- To support investment in affordable, low carbon and quality homes across the area.



4. Skills and employment

The proposed devolution deal will give the MCA powers to help people and businesses in York and North Yorkshire get the skills and support necessary to reach their ambitions, as well as support the region's economy. This will be achieved through control of the government's Adult Education Budget and powers which are outlined in section 3.4 of the scheme. It is proposed that this will work by conferring functions on the mayoral combined authority. This will include:

- Locally provide adult education and training and control the Adult Education Budget (AEB) from the academic year 2025/26, subject to meeting readiness conditions.
- Ensure that adult education and training in York and North Yorkshire promotes high standards, fair access to opportunity for education and training, and fulfils individuals' learning potential.
- Require relevant institutions in the further education sector to provide appropriate education to specified individuals aged between 16 and 18 years.

5. Transfer of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions

The proposed deal includes the transfer of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions and powers to the Mayor. This creates the scope to align police, fire and crime priorities with transport, housing, skills and employment and to improve outcomes for the public. Joining police and crime functions with oversight of other public services in the Mayoral Combined Authority would also promote further collaboration within the region.

The Mayor would become the elected local policing body and the fire and rescue authority.

A Mayor exercising police, fire and crime functions will continue to provide a single, directly accountable individual who is responsible for securing efficient and effective police and fire and rescue services in North Yorkshire, in much the same way as the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner does currently.

Full details are available in section 3.6 of the scheme, with a summary of the functions to transfer below.

The Mayor's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions would include:

- Issuing a Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan.
- Setting the police and fire budgets including the council tax precept requirements.
- Appointing (and if necessary suspending or dismissing) the Chief Constable, Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Chief Fire Officer.
- Being the employer of all Fire and Rescue staff.
- Addressing complaints and compliments about policing and fire services.
- Providing and commissioning services for victims and vulnerable people.
- Working in partnership to ensure that the local criminal justice system is efficient and effective.

The Mayor will appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime (who is not directly elected), to whom they may delegate functions.

Policing, fire and crime functions will be transferred from the existing North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to the Mayor. A Police, Fire and Crime Panel will scrutinise the actions and decisions of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime and support them in the effective exercise of their functions.

6. New funding and finance functions

The proposed deal includes £18m per year for 30 years (£540m in total) through a Mayoral Investment Fund to invest in local priorities. The Mayor would be required to prepare a draft annual budget for their areas of responsibility based on the powers devolved to them as part of this deal. The Mayor's budget is subject to the approval of the Combined Authority.

Full details are available in section 4 of the scheme and in summary this also includes:

- The government will provide £500,000 Mayoral Capacity Funding in 2023/24 and £1 million in 2024/25.
- The mayor will have the power to issue a precept on local council tax bills to help pay for the mayor's work. This precept can only be raised for mayoral functions.
- The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority will be the lead local authority for the planning and delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) from 2025/26.
- The Combined Authority will be given powers to borrow for its new functions, which will allow it to invest in economically productive infrastructure, subject to an agreed cap with HM Treasury.
- The mayor will have the power to introduce a supplement on business rates for expenditure on a project or projects that will promote economic development in the area, subject to a ballot of affected businesses.



7. Improved funding and working relationships to drive our ambitions for a carbon negative region

The proposed deal contains Government commitment to support York and North Yorkshire's ambition to be Carbon negative. More detail can be found in the devolution deal.

This includes:

- Direct engagement with Government and potential funding to enable York and North Yorkshire's ambition to be carbon negative.
- £7 million investment that will enable the area of York and North Yorkshire to drive green economic growth towards their ambitions to be a carbon negative region.
- Development of a York and North Yorkshire Natural Capital Investment Plan.

Summary of the key consultation documents

This section will summarise these consultation documents:

- **Governance review**
- **The scheme**

All these documents can be viewed in full by visiting our website www.ynydevolution.com

1. Governance Review Summary

The purpose of the Governance Review has been to review the exercise of statutory functions in York and North Yorkshire with a view to deciding whether to publish a Scheme which sets out how these changes will be made and then to undertake public consultation.

The Governance review has found that:

- York and North Yorkshire is a coherent functional economic geography;
- its economic challenges could be best addressed by a Mayoral Combined Authority model, and the associated Deal;
- it would be likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in the area;

The future North Yorkshire Council and the City of York Council now wish to progress these proposals by publishing the requisite Scheme and undertaking public consultation. It is therefore the scheme which is under consultation.

2. The Scheme summary; how will the Mayoral Combined Authority be formed

The Scheme explains the following:

- (a) How the new Mayoral Combined Authority for York and North Yorkshire will be created with the newly created North Yorkshire Council and York as the two local authority Members. The newly created Combined Authority will have the Mayor as the Chair.
- (b) How the Mayoral Combined Authority will make decisions and the powers it will have.
- (c) How transport will be dealt with on an integrated basis.

As set out in the Scheme the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority will be a Mayoral Combined Authority and it is expected that the first elections for the Mayor will make place in May 2024.

This election will replace the 2024 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner election. The Mayor will take over the Commissioner’s responsibilities immediately after they take office.

It is expected that the Combined Authority will be established as a legal body by the end of 2023.

As a Mayoral Combined Authority, the Mayor will make certain decisions on certain functions. The Combined Authority will make decisions on all other matters.

Consultation Approach

The consultation will begin in mid-October and close in mid-December, covering a period of 8 weeks. It is important that the consultation reaches a broad and representative range of responses from across the region and includes the views of people from different backgrounds, groups and organisations, including businesses and other key stakeholders.

The Consultation Institute are providing independent advice to ensure quality assurance of the consultation. The Consultation Institute will also carry out an independent analysis of the consultation and provide a consultation analysis report that will be reviewed by the Authorities.

Further independent advice is in place to ensure a robust approach to equality impact assessment and to help the consultation to reach every demographic in the region. A programme of targeted focus groups will engage seldom heard voices and communities of protected characteristics to take part in the consultation.

What will happen with my response to the consultation?

At the end of the consultation period, based on this information, Independent advisors from the Consultation Institute will analyse and prepare a summary of the responses received to present to the Authorities. A further report will be brought to the Authorities to provide the outcome of the consultation and who will then consider whether to submit the scheme as drafted or amended or at all to the Secretary of State. The conscious consideration of the consultation outcome will be facilitated through discussions at council meetings. These considerations will inform the decision as to whether or not to submit the scheme (as revised if appropriate) and a summary of the responses received to the Secretary of State.

Equalities

From initial analysis, no detrimental impacts to any individual groups of people were identified in respect of the proposed governance arrangements or the powers and funding contained with the Deal. This judgement is based on a consideration of the nature of the powers and changes to governance arrangements, which do not in themselves change services received by people in York and North Yorkshire. Instead, there is potential for the funding and powers to be used to reduce inequalities, based on the decisions that a future Combined Authority might make.

The next stage is to gather evidence to see if this initial assessment is right and ensure we take any opportunities to support equality across York and North Yorkshire. Through the consultation, we are keen to hear from people who can give views on how these governance changes might impact on them. We will be talking to groups representing people with protected characteristics to ensure those views are heard and the consultation provides evidence from all communities.

The information from this consultation will assist in the next stage of assessing the impact of Mayor and Combined Authority, helping to mitigate any negative impacts and building on opportunities to reduce inequalities.



York and North Yorkshire Devolution Consultation Survey

This survey is for consultation on the scheme for York and North Yorkshire Devolution. The consultation runs from 21st October to 16th December inclusively. If you require this survey in another format, such as another language or braille version please contact enquiries@ynydevolution.com You can also access the survey online by visiting www.ynydevolution.com

You may wish to refer to the Scheme, Governance Review and Devolution deal, all available at www.ynydevolution.com

You will now be consulted on the scheme through a series of survey questions. Information is presented before each question to aid your informed response.

How are you responding to this consultation? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- ☐ I am a member of the public, giving my views as an individual
- ☐ I am responding on behalf of, or as a representative of, a business or organisation

Please provide the first half of your postcode: (e.g. YO1)
PLEASE WRITE IN BOX:

I. The Deal and Governance

York & North Yorkshire devolution deal summary:

Leaders of the York and North Yorkshire councils have secured a proposal for an ambitious devolution deal with Government, which will see a significant transfer of powers and investment from Whitehall to our region. It will give local control of at least £750M of funding to be spent on the things that matter to the people of York and North Yorkshire.

The proposed deal means decisions across key areas, such as, the economy, housing and regeneration, skills and transport will be taken in York and North Yorkshire by people who know and understand our area, bringing benefits for our city, rural and coastal communities, improvements to people’s quality of life and driving green economic growth for a carbon negative future.

It will also mean a directly-elected mayor for York and North Yorkshire with the first elections being held in May 2024 and then every four years.

In summary the deal includes

- £540 million (£18 million per year) in Mayoral Investment Funding over 30 years to invest in local priorities;
- Investment of up to £50 million to support and deliver the York Central brownfield regeneration scheme;
- £7 million investment to enable York and North Yorkshire to drive green economic growth towards the ambition to become a carbon negative region;
- Investment of up to £2.65 million to deliver affordable, low carbon homes;
- £13 million for the building of new homes on brownfield land across 2023/24 and 2024/25;
- A commitment to establish a working group to support the development of BioYorkshire;
- New powers from Government to drive regeneration and build more affordable homes;
- New transport powers to improve and integrate the regional transport network.

Governance summary

In order that these powers and funding are available, York and North Yorkshire must put in place suitable governance arrangements which provide Government with assurance that funding will be spent appropriately, and statutory functions will be delivered effectively and efficiently.

We are proposing the following, which are outlined in more detail in section 2 of the Scheme:

- A Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) is created, with the first Mayor for York and North Yorkshire elected in May 2024, by registered voters in the City of York and North Yorkshire Council areas.
- Each mayoral term will last for four years.
- The mayoral combined authority will have a total of 5 voting members, comprising:
 - o The elected mayor (who must be in the majority for a decision to pass.)
 - o Four elected members, consisting of a Lead Member for each constituent council and one further member appointed by each of the two constituent councils.
- In addition, there will be:
 - o One member appointed by the York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The LEP Board will become the Business Committee of the combined authority. This member will be non-voting unless the combined authority resolves to give them a vote on any issues.
- Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions will be passed to the Mayor who will be able to appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime to exercise some of those functions.
- The Mayor will also have functions relating to transport, housing and regeneration, and finance.
- The mayoral combined authority will have responsibility for transport-related functions, adult education and skills functions, housing and regeneration functions, economic development, and finance functions in addition to those exercised by the Mayor.
- The mayoral combined authority will be required to make arrangements for the overview and scrutiny of mayoral and non-mayoral functions, as well as retaining statutory arrangements in relation to audit.

The Mayor’s Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions will be scrutinised by a separate Police, Fire and Crime Panel.

What won’t change:

City of York Council and the future North Yorkshire Council will still deliver council services and invest in local projects.

You find full details in section 2 of the scheme.

Q1. Please consider the details of governance arrangements and the devolution deal as laid out above.

Do you support or oppose our proposals for the governance arrangements in the scheme, including an elected Mayor and a Mayoral Combined Authority, to unlock the benefits of the devolution deal?

Strongly Support	Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know

Why do you think this?

2. Finance and Finance Functions

The proposed deal includes £540m (£18m per year for 30 years) from central Government to spend on local priorities. The Mayor would be required to prepare a draft annual budget for their areas of responsibility based on the powers devolved to them as part of this deal. The Mayor’s budget is subject to the approval of the Combined Authority.

This is summarised below and full details are available in section 4 of the scheme.

It is proposed that the Mayor would have the following functions:

- Power to set a precept on council tax to fund mayoral functions (resulting from the setting of the mayoral budget as set out below).
- Power to charge business rate supplement (subject to ballot).

The Mayoral Combined Authority would have the following functions:

- Power to borrow up to an agreed cap for non-transport functions.

The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority will be the lead local authority for the planning and delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) from 2025/26.

Q2. Do you support or oppose the proposal for a York and North Yorkshire Mayor and Mayoral Combined Authority to have these finance functions?

Strongly Support	Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know

Why do you think this?

3. Net Zero, Climate Change and Natural Capital

The proposed deal contains Government commitment to support York and North Yorkshire’s ambition to be Carbon negative. More detail can be found in proposed devolution deal.

This includes:

- Direct engagement with Government and potential funding to enable York and North Yorkshire’s ambition to be carbon negative,
- £7 million investment that will enable the area of York and North Yorkshire to drive green economic growth towards their ambitions to be a carbon negative region.
- Development of a York and North Yorkshire Natural Capital Investment Plan.

Q3. Do you support or oppose the proposal for a York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to work with Government on Net Zero, Climate Change and Natural Capital?

Strongly Support	Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know

Why do you think this?

4. Transport

The proposed devolution deal will give the Mayor and mayoral combined authority responsibilities for investment in transport infrastructure and services, including public transport. This will help York and North Yorkshire develop an effective and efficient transport system for the long term, and provide greater certainty over future funding for transport improvements.

Below is a summary of how this will work. You can find full details in section 3.3 of the scheme.

It is proposed that the Mayor would have the following functions:

- Power to draw up a York and North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan and related transport strategies
- Powers to introduce bus franchising. This is where the authority specifies the bus services to be provided, and determines the routes, timetables and fares. This would require a separate process and consultation.

The Mayoral Combined Authority would have the following functions:

- The Combined Authority will become the Local Transport Authority for the Combined Area under the Transport Act 2000.
- Transport-related powers to set up and coordinate a Key Route Network on behalf of the Mayor.
- Powers to operate a lane rental scheme in relation to Key Route Network and collect contributions from any works promoter.
- Powers to make arrangements with utility companies for diversionary works needed as a result of highways works carried out on the Key Route Network.
- Powers to operate a permit scheme designed to control the carrying out of works on the Key Route Network (see further paragraph 3.3.3).

Additionally, the government intends to legislate so that the mayor will have a power of direction, allowing them to direct highway authorities on exercising their highway powers with regard to the Key Route Network.

These functions would be supported by the receipt of transport funding in a single consolidated budget set for a number of years to give greater certainty for the development of future projects.

Q4. Do you support or oppose the proposal that a York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and Mayor takes on these Transport functions?

Strongly Support	Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know

Why do you think this?

5. Housing and Regeneration

The proposed devolution deal will give the Mayor and mayoral combined authority responsibilities for housing and regeneration. This will help the coordination of decisions and ensure that decisions are not affected by council boundaries.

The proposal is that this will be done by giving functions to the Mayor and mayoral combined authority to exercise functions alongside City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council, and Homes England, working in partnership.

Full details can be found in section 3.5 of the Scheme.

It is proposed that the Mayor would have the following functions:

- Power to designate a Mayoral Development Area and then set up a Mayoral Development Corporation (with the consent of the relevant Local Authority and National Park Authority members)
- Housing and land acquisition powers to support housing, regeneration, infrastructure and community development and wellbeing.

The Mayoral Combined Authority would have functions that help to:

- improve the supply and quality of housing
- secure regeneration or development of land or infrastructure
- support in other ways the creation, regeneration and development of communities
- contribute to achieving sustainable development and good design

In support of these functions, the MCA would receive £12.7m of devolved capital funding across 2023/24 and 2024/25 to support the building of new homes on brown field land. The government will also make a one-off investment of up to £2.65 million in 2022/23 to pilot new energy efficiency or shared ownership schemes.

Q5. Do you support or oppose the proposal that a York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and Mayor takes on these housing and regeneration functions?

Strongly Support	Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know

Why do you think this?

6. Skills and employment

The proposed devolution deal will give the mayoral combined authority powers to help people and businesses in York and North Yorkshire get the skills and support necessary to reach their ambitions, as well as support the region's economy. This will be achieved through control of the government's Adult Education Budget and powers which are outlined in section 3.4 of the scheme.

It is proposed that this will work by conferring functions on the mayoral combined authority. This will include:

- Locally provide adult education and training and control the Adult Education Budget (AEB) from the academic year 2025/26, subject to meeting readiness conditions.
- ensure that adult education and training in York and North Yorkshire promotes high standards, fair access to opportunity for education and training, and fulfils individuals' learning potential.
- require relevant institutions in the further education sector to provide appropriate education to specified individuals aged between 16 and 18 years.

Q6. Do you support or oppose the proposal to move these skills and employment functions to a York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority?

Strongly Support	Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know

Why do you think this?

7. Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Functions

The proposed deal includes the transfer of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions and powers to the Mayor. This creates the scope to align police, fire and crime priorities with transport, housing, skills and employment and to improve outcomes for the public. Joining police, fire and crime functions with oversight of other public services in the Mayoral Combined Authority would also promote further collaboration within the region.

The Mayor would become the elected local policing body and the fire and rescue authority.

A Mayor exercising police, fire and crime functions will continue to provide a single, directly accountable individual who is responsible for securing efficient and effective police and fire and rescue services in North Yorkshire, in much the same way as the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner does currently.

Full details are available in section 3.6 of the scheme, with a summary of the functions to transfer below.

The Mayor's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions would include:

- issuing a Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Plan
- setting the police and fire budgets including the council tax precept requirements
- appointing (and if necessary suspending or dismissing) the Chief Constable, Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Chief Fire Officer
- being the employer of all Fire and Rescue Authority staff
- addressing complaints and compliments about policing and fire services
- providing and commissioning services for victims and vulnerable people
- working in partnership to ensure that the local criminal justice system is efficient and effective

The Mayor will appoint a Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime (who is not directly elected), to whom they may delegate functions.

These functions will be transferred from the existing North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to the Mayor. A Police, Fire and Crime Panel will scrutinise the actions and decisions of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime and support them in the effective exercise of their functions.

Q7. Do you support or oppose the proposal to move Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner functions to a York and North Yorkshire Mayor?

Strongly Support	Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know

Why do you think this?

Are there any comments you would like to make that you do not feel you have addressed in your response?

About You

If you told us you are responding to the consultation with views that represent a group or organisation please complete questions **A** and **B**.
If you told us you are responding as an individual, please skip ahead to question **C**.

Responding on behalf of a group or organisation

QA. Please select the sector that best describes your group or organisation: PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Voluntary and community sector
- ☐ Elected representative
- ☐ Civil service or government
- ☐ Charity
- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Action group
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Business (**please answer QAI**)
- ☐ Something else
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If 'something else' PLEASE WRITE IN BOX:

QAI. If you selected ‘business’ - please select the sector that best describes your business. PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Food and drink manufacturing
- ☐ Creative and digital
- ☐ Health and life sciences
- ☐ Low carbon and environmental
- ☐ Financial and professional services
- ☐ Something else
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If ‘something else’ PLEASE WRITE IN BOX:

B. Please tell us about the group, organisation, or business you represent:

Name of organisation:

Your position in the organisation:

Responding as an individual

C. What is your age group? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- ☐ 16-19
- ☐ 20-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75-84
- ☐ 85+
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Are you? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ I describe myself in another way
- ☐ Prefer not to say

If ‘other’ PLEASE WRITE IN BOX:

What is your employment status? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- ☐ Working full-time
- ☐ Zero-hour contract
- ☐ Working part-time
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Apprenticeship/training
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unemployed

If ‘other’ PLEASE WRITE IN BOX:

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person or to have a long-term, limiting condition? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- ☐ White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/ British
- ☐ White - Irish
- ☐ White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- ☐ Other White, please describe below beginning “White - ”
- ☐ Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups – White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- ☐ Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups – White and Asian
- ☐ Other Mixed/Multiple, please describe below beginning “Mixed/Multiple - ”
- ☐ Asian/Asian British - Chinese
- ☐ Asian/Asian British - Indian
- ☐ Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi
- ☐ Asian/Asian British - Pakistani
- ☐ Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Caribbean
- ☐ Other ethnic group - Arab
- ☐ Other ethnic group, please describe below beginning “Other ethnic - ”
- ☐ Other Asian, please describe below beginning “Asian/Asian British - ”
- ☐ Other Black/African/Caribbean, please describe below beginning “Black/African/Caribbean - ”
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Preferences and email address

The answers you have provided as part of this survey will be added anonymously to out online survey in order to collate all responses. Please provide your email address and circle your preference of how this can be used, should you wish:

Comment replies

Occasionally team members may respond to comments. If they respond to yours, would you like to be notified by email sent through Commonplace?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Project updates

Team members post news and updates on this project. When they do, would you like to be notified by an email sent through Commonplace?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Data protection

By commenting and providing your details, you agree with the terms of use which can be found here: <https://www.commonplace.is/privacy-policy>

Please tick to confirm approval: ☐

Accessibility and contact information

If you are unable to take part in one of the ways we have suggested, please email us at enquiries@ynydevolution.com or write to us at one of the council addresses listed and we will discuss the best way for you to participate. This may include making materials available in another format, such as large print, braille, or another language.

Abbreviations

CA – Combined Authority

LEP – Local Enterprise Partnership

LTP – Local Transport Plan

MCA – Mayoral Combined Authority

YNY – York and North Yorkshire

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