

MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT

Leeds City Region

Name of Partnership:

Leeds City Region

Participating local authorities:

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, City of Bradford Metropolitan District, Borough Council of Calderdale, Craven District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, Kirklees Metropolitan Council, Leeds City Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council, City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, City of York Council

Other non-Central Government partners:

The MAA has been developed in partnership with Yorkshire Forward, the private sector, the Learning and Skills Council, JobCentre Plus and Metro (West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority/Executive)

Introduction

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Outcomes

The partnership will deliver

Outcome	Baseline (ie 2008)	April 2009	April 2010	April 2011	April 2016	PSA/ DSO
Employment rate per capita, CRDP/MAA 'policy on'/'policy off' ¹	2.99% above	4.18% above	5.44% above	6.78% above	10.99% above	Links to NI 151 Overall employment rate (PSA 8)
GVA growth rate per capita per annum, CRDP/MAA 'policy on'/'policy off' [See above]	1.12% points above	1.27% points above	1.36% points above	1.35% points above	0.06% points above	Links to PSA 7

¹ 'Policy on' describes the expected economic outcomes of the City-Region Development Plan/MAA is fully delivered. 'Policy off' describes current economic trends without additional interventions described in CDRP/MAA.

DIUS DSO – to improve the skills of the population throughout their working lives to create a workforce capable of sustaining economic competitiveness and enable individuals to thrive in the global economy	Estimated baseline, based on economically active adults qualified level 4 (28.1%) and level 3 (48.4%)	Pilot programme designed and implemented .	10% above ²	10% above		DIUS DSO
To sustain economic growth and improved productivity through reliable and efficient transport networks	City Region baseline and target not available until April 2009. NI 167 target to be tracked initially.	Setting the CR baseline	CR target set			DfT DSO + PSA 5
NI 167 – Congestion - average journey time per mile during the morning peak (holding WY/LAA target)	3 mins 42 secs	3 mins 54 seconds	3 mins 56 seconds	3 mins 57 seconds		

Actions

To facilitate the delivery of these outcomes, the Government agrees that:

Skills			
Action	Timescale	Who is directly responsible for agreeing action	Other partners with an interest
Strategic alignment			
Recognition by DIUS of city region priority to address higher-level skills.	From July 2008	DIUS	LSC
DIUS and its agencies will participate	By April 2009	DIUS, CLG	LSC,

² Measurement of additional higher level skills attained/skills gaps reduced through relaxed accreditation, with an annual 10% improvement on established baseline in representative cohort of circa 200 SMEs (both estimated baseline and improvement proposed as a holding measure and subject to review).

in the development of a higher-level skills plan for the city region.			HEFCE, QCA, SSCs
Leeds city region to be consulted on LSC, HEFCE, Integrated Regional Strategy and national skills policy/legislation.	From July 2008	DIUS	LSC, HEFCE, YF, SSC, QCA
A streamlined approach to accreditation and 'credit accumulation'			
Pilot flexibilities in the accreditation of in-house training and credit accumulation within Leeds city region SMEs of level 3 /4+ courses which are relevant to its key economic drivers/sectors.	By April 2009	DIUS	LSC, QCA, YF

Transport			
Action	Timescale	Who is directly responsible for agreeing action	Other partners with an interest
Transport Strategy that delivers aligned Leeds City Region and Government outcomes and priorities			
DfT and its agencies will participate in the development of a cross-modal Leeds city region 10-15 year Transport Strategy consistent with broader regional strategy.	By June 2009	DfT	HA, NR
Leeds city region to be consulted on transport policy proposals which are circulated to local authorities or regional bodies.	From July 2008	DfT	
Delegation to improve the allocation efficiency of agreed transport funding			
DfT to work with Leeds City region to accelerate the delivery of smaller major schemes, e.g. more robust performance management framework, a light touch appraisal process and financial incentives for more efficient delivery (retention of savings within LCR).	October 2008	DfT	DfT
All LTP funding to be made available to individual partners in cash grant subject to decisions on RSG and subject to Leeds City Region developing a joint Transport Strategy	From April 2011	DfT	

which fulfils the same purpose as a joint-LTP.			
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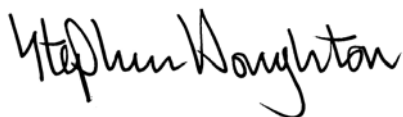
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In signing the MAA, Government confirms it is content with the actions and outcomes described in this summary, and also supports the economic vision and evidence that underpins the proposals contained in this MAA, and with the MAA partnership's chosen governance model.

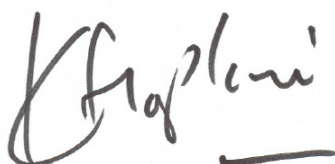
Signed by



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On behalf of Kirklees Metropolitan Council



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City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council



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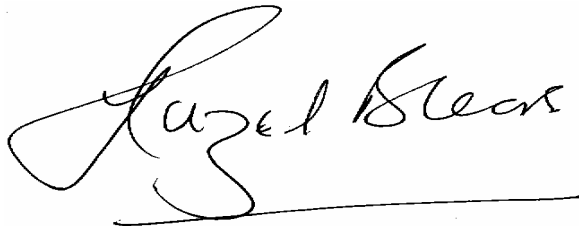
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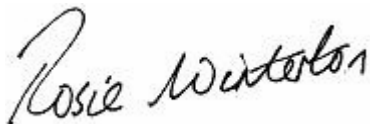
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