

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (YNYLEP)

The Government launched the concept of Local Enterprise Partnerships as a new approach to put private business in the driving seat to support business expansion and remove barriers to growth.

The York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership was recognised by Government on 10 February 2011 and Barry Dodd OBE, CEO of GSM Group was appointed as Chairman in April.

A new Board, with a majority of private sector members, is now in the process of being established to push forward actions to support enterprise, increase business opportunities and secure investment.

YNYLEP will concentrate on 'making things happen'. The proposal to Government set out nine initial objectives but the new Board will review these objectives and narrow them down to three or four key economic priorities that the Board will then drive forward. The nine current objectives are;

- 1. Secure investment in the provision of next generation broadband**
- 2. Promote enterprise and raise aspirations**
- 3. Support the food and the agricultural sector**
- 4. Invest in business tourism and the visitor economy**
- 5. Enable the care sector to meet rising demand**
- 6. To invest in the role of York as economic driver for the sub region -**
- 7. Reduce the barriers restraining high growth businesses**
- 8. Deliver rural programmes**
- 9. Support for a coastal regeneration package**

The first Board meeting will take place in early June and the main business will include deciding on the Enterprise Zone for York and North Yorkshire as well as agreeing strategy.

YNYLEP will work closely with the Leeds City Region LEP and the emerging Hull, East Riding and Scarborough LEP. The City of York, Harrogate Borough and the Districts of Craven and Selby are also in the Leeds City Region LEP. Scarborough is involved in the Hull, East Riding and Scarborough LEP and East Riding is a full member of the York and North Yorkshire Partnership.

The relationship with the LEP in the TEES valley will also be important for the northern areas of North Yorkshire.

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