

COMBINED AUTHORITY MEETING

6 SEPTEMBER 2024

MAYORAL INVESTMENT FUND – PROJECT FUNDING DECISIONS

Report of the Head of Delivery and Head of Strategy

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out the projects that have been proposed by North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council for funding from the Mayoral Investment Fund, in response to the original approval in principle to develop a pipeline of investible schemes that will support delivery of the York and North Yorkshire Economic Framework.
- 1.2 The report seeks approvals for specific projects, with the remaining projects will be the subject of a further report to the YNYCA meeting to be held on 2nd October 2024.

2.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that :

- 2.1 the following projects be approved for Mayoral Investment Fund grant :
- Scarborough Harbour Boat Hoist - £700,000
 - North Yorkshire EV Charging Infrastructure Improvements - £175,000
- 2.2 appraisal work be completed to inform recommendations for the following projects be referred to the YNYCA meeting on 2nd October 2024 for decision :
- Harrogate Junction Improvements
 - Selby Station Gateway Contribution
 - York Movement and Place Transport Study
 - York City Centre Regeneration
 - York Cultural Passport for Young People Programme

3.0 Background

- 3.1 At the meeting of the York and North Yorkshire Joint Devolution Committee on 15 December 2023 it was recognised that significant work had been completed to develop the Economic Framework for York and North Yorkshire. To accompany this and to enable first year progress it was agreed that a pipeline of investible schemes would be required to be developed to HM Treasury Green

Book standard “Full Business Case”. This would enable an incoming Mayor the option to consider the opportunities for investment should there be alignment with their manifesto.

- 3.2 An indicative total amount of £2million was proposed for each local authority to enable proposals with supporting project business cases to be developed by North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council for priority projects that showed alignment with the York and North Yorkshire Economic Framework.

4.0 Current Position

- 4.1 The applications received for the proposed pipeline of projects are listed below.

	Mayoral Investment Fund Request
North Yorkshire Council Projects	£000's
Scarborough Harbour Boat Hoist	700
Harrogate A61 Major Junction Improvements	500
Selby Station Gateway Contribution	700
EV Charging Infrastructure	175
Total Requested	2075
City of York Projects	
Movement and Place Transport Study	1000
Our City Centre Regeneration	430
Cultural Passport for Young People Programme	460
Total Requested	1890
TOTAL REQUEST FROM MAYORAL INVESTMENT FUND	£3,965,000

- 4.2 Projects have been referred for appraisal and are at various stages. Meetings have been held with project officers, and further information and clarifications have been requested on a range of issues.
- 4.3 Two project appraisals have been fully completed, and recommendations are now made to approve the requested funding as follows :

Scarborough Harbour Boat Hoist

- New 150 tonne boat hoist
- 15 Jobs Safeguarded
- 1 New Boat Hoist Facilitated
- 70 Businesses Engaged per annum by 2028
- 4 supply chain business created/sustained by 2028
- Increased productivity additional 420 fishing fleet person days at sea by March 2028

- £1 Mayoral Investment Fund levers £2.50 other public funding

North Yorkshire EV Charging Infrastructure Improvements

- Replacement of 37 charging points across Hambleton area
- Replacement of 13 charging points across Craven area
- Co2 savings 353,313 TONS by 2030 (calculated)
- Forecast local increase in EV ownership
(from 0.57% in 2021 to 7.4% by 2025 to 29.7% by 2030)
- Funded entirely from Mayoral Investment Fund

4.3 For the other projects, further work is being carried out to complete appraisals, requiring further clarifications and additional information. This process will be completed to inform a further report to the next meeting of the Combined Authority on 2nd October 2024, when it is expected that recommendations for approval will be made for the remaining projects.

5.0 Programme Monitoring, Evaluation and Development

5.1 Formal programme monitoring and evaluation arrangements will be put in place as part of the Governance and Assurance for the Mayoral Investment Fund. Work will continue to develop a longer-term pipeline and inform future programme design for investments from the Mayoral Investment Fund.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 The total amount of funding requested by the projects listed in the table at Section 4.1 is £3.965m. The project contributions are capped as maximum amounts from the CA, and the respective project sponsors will be liable for any additional costs or increases during the delivery stage.

6.2 The Combined Authority is required to agree a balanced budget annually and to monitor that budget throughout the year. In addition, there is a fiduciary duty not to waste public resources, to secure value for money and ensure that good financial governance arrangements are in place.

6.3 The table below outlines the current position for the Mayoral Investment Fund should the recommendations in this report (and other reports elsewhere on this agenda) be approved.

York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Investment Fund	£m
Total Amount Available (2023/24 to 2027/28)	81
Current Commitments	51.3
Balance	29.7
Decision request at this Executive meeting : Additional contribution to Brownfield Housing Fund : Round 2 Phase 2	3.36
Economic Framework Projects from CYC/NYC in this report (£3.97m)	4.00
Unallocated Balance of Mayoral Investment Fund to 2027/28	22.34

7.0 Legal Implications

7.1 A formal funding agreement will be put in place for each project. All projects will be required to submit a UK Subsidy Control Assessment before receiving funding to ensure compliance.

8.0 Equalities Implications

8.1 No equalities implications are anticipated.

9.0 Environmental Implications

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

10.0 Risks and Mitigations

10.1 The two projects recommended for approval in this report are without conditions, although there may be specific requirements to be included in Grant Funding Agreements as “Conditions Precedent” which must be met before grant payments will be made e.g. confirmation of match funding from other sources (where stated in the project application).

10.2 Detailed risk registers are available for each project.

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Background papers

Report to the York and North Yorkshire Joint Devolution Committee - 15 December 2023 ([Minute 25 Refers](#))

Appendices – None

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