

Devolution Asks for Greater Yorkshire

The following compares the asks from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) with the emerging York, North Yorkshire & East Riding area (YNYER) and then concludes with the potential ask for a Greater Yorkshire. The analysis starts broadly with the asks and headings submitted by WYCA.

As can be seen, a Greater Yorkshire deal should be capable of securing a greater number of asks than the 2 individual components. Both areas can remain as building blocks for a Greater Yorkshire and some asks can be granted to a Greater Yorkshire but then only exercised in areas where there is support and government approval (e.g. infrastructure precept exempt from council tax capping).

In addition, there may be bolder asks which can be put forward on the Greater Yorkshire footprint. We will work with Government to develop further ideas. A successful devolution deal would, in any case, create a stronger voice well placed to increase devolved powers as further opportunities are identified.

Fiscal

		WYCA	YNYER	Gt Yorks
	Control of a 10-year infrastructure precept, which is exempt from the Council Tax capping regime to deliver major new investments such as a world class Metro style public transport network that is HS2 and HS3 ready	✓	x	WY Only
	Power to levy and retain a Supplementary Business Rate to invest in major strategic infrastructure in a similar way to London Crossrail scheme	✓	Part only; time limited and only for specific projects	Part only; time limited and only for specific projects
	Retention of share of Residential Stamp Duty Land Tax on new homes built	x	✓	✓
	Retention of 100% of local growth in business rates	✓	✓	✓

Transport

		WYCA	YNYER	Gt Yorks
	Responsibility for a devolved and consolidated transport budget, with a multi-year settlement	✓	✓	✓
	Responsibility for franchised bus services and for integrating simple smart ticketing across all local modes of transport	✓	✓	✓
	Devolved ownership of local rail stations, with associated maintenance budgets	✓	x	✓
	Devolved powers for a locally defined strategic highways network	✓	✓	✓
	A memorandum of understanding with Highways England with regards to traffic management and emergency management M62	✓	x	WY Only

Housing, Regeneration & Planning

		WYCA	YNYER	Gt Yorks
	Control of Housing and Regeneration Investment Fund	✓	✓	✓
	Enterprise Zone / Tax Increment Financing status for major developments at growth areas	✓	✓	✓
	Control of public assets and land	✓	✓	✓
	Increased powers to bring forward strategic sites for development	✓	✓	✓
	Responsibility for a strategic investment plan to direct infrastructure investment priorities	✓	✓	✓
	Responsibility for budgets, including DCMS/BDUK, to deliver ultrafast broadband connectivity share of 5G licensing receipts to deliver next generation mobile ?	✓	✓	✓
	Responsibility for local energy generation and efficiency	✓	part	✓
	Responsibility for flood defence capital investment through devolved DEFRA and Environment Agency Powers and budgets	✓	✓	✓
	Freedom of flexibilities for Housing Revenue Account	x	✓	✓

Growth/Investment

		WYCA	YNYER	Gt Yorks
	Responsibility for managing European Structural and Investment Funds (ESiF)	✓	✓	✓
	Responsibility for devolved and integrated business support budgets	✓	✓	✓
	Allocation of a share of national investment for global R&D facilities to accelerate our Northern Powerhouse research and SME commercial strengths	✓	Part	✓
	Secure ring-fenced UKTI resource on inward investment and sector specialists, and deliver culture, arts and tourism through oversight of devolved funding held by Arts Council England and Heritage Lottery Fund	✓	x	✓

Education, Skills & Employment

		WYCA	YNYER	Gt Yorks
	Responsibility for regional education advisory services, care, multi-agency interventions	✓	✓	✓
	Powers to drive the improvement of careers advice and schools and for local authorities to intervene in failing academy schools deemed by Ofsted to be	✓	✓	✓
	Control of Further Education (FE) capital and revenue budgets (including 16-18 provision) and powers to reshape and re-structure local appropriate skills provision	✓	✓	✓
	Devolved budgets for employer-led skills investment	✓	✓	✓
	Devolve DWP national programmes and budgets targeted at addressing worklessness (currently work programme)	✓	✓	✓

Public Service Reform

		WYCA	YNYER	Gt Yorks
	To adopt the powers of the Police and Crime Commissioners and explore potential oversight of other blue light and Criminal Justice services including Courts and Probation to support interoperability and protect the front line	✓	x	✓
	Control of programme that extends the successful Troubled Families model	✓	✓	✓
	Explore possibility of integrated Health and Social Care budgets and planning	x	✓	✓