

Statement on behalf of the Yorkshire Leaders Board following the publication of the levelling up white paper

Over the last year, in what we believe is a unique collaboration at scale between local government and the university sector, we've worked to determine the key priorities for levelling up across Yorkshire and the Humber.

The long awaited publication of the Government's Levelling Up White Paper today clarifies government thinking, and we are keen to fully examine the content in detail to identify potential opportunities for the region from the proposed areas of priority and investment.

We will continue to work closely with our higher education partners at Yorkshire Universities and wider to develop our joint programme further, including the development of a Yorkshire Vitality Index, which will measure the social, economic and environmental health and wellbeing of our places.

We look forward to working constructively with national government around our work and to continue our efforts to deliver levelling up, not only for the people of Yorkshire and the Humber, but also the United Kingdom.

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Editor's note: The Yorkshire Leaders Board is a partnership of 22 local authorities and two mayoral combined authorities working together for the betterment of the whole of the Yorkshire and the Humber region. More information on its members can be found at www.yhcouncils.org.uk