

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**14 NOVEMBER 2018**

**STATEMENT OF THE OPEN TO BUSINESS PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY  
COUNCILLOR ANDREW LEE (INCLUDING GROWTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
PLANNING, WASTE MANAGEMENT, TRADING STANDARDS AND BUSINESS  
RELATIONS)**

**Economic Development**

The York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership remains in a strong position in delivering its £145m Growth Deal with government. The programme which runs up to 2021 is 90% contracted and on track to deliver both spend and output targets.

A national review of Local Enterprise Partnerships has been undertaken with significant changes required. The recommendations are to ensure all LEPs nationally are fit for purpose to be the local delivery agent for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – which is where current EU contributions will go. The review considers the legal status of LEPs, make up of LEP Board and the geography which they cover. We are expecting the outcome of the review before Christmas.

**Green Waste Incentive Payments**

At the last meeting of the Council I outlined our proposals to overhaul the way we make payments to district and borough councils for the composting of green garden waste. At the time of that meeting we had started a formal consultation process to explore available options and invite proposals for alternative options to be put forward by district and borough Councils.

The consultation identified a preference by all but one district council to stop receiving recycling credits for the composting of green garden waste and instead to receive a reduced Green Waste Incentive payment. The Executive approved this option at its meeting on 4 September and districts are now in the process of completing formal legal agreements to give effect to the new arrangements from 1 April 2019. These changes will generate savings of £890k per annum for the Council.

**Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan**

Work is continuing both on submitting any outstanding information requested by the Inspector and also on the next stage of the process to prepare further paperwork; after which another period of public consultation will be undertaken.

ANDREW LEE