



‘Housing and Planning’ in the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal





My perspective on:

- Existing power of WYCA over housing and planning
- Proposed powers of WYMCA over housing and planning
- Some thoughts on the Devolution Deal



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Existing power over housing and planning

- WYCA is a collaboration between the 5 local authorities and the Leeds City Region LEP
- WYCA has coordinated economic development/regeneration and investment in housing
- The 5 **Local Authorities currently control housing and planning**





Proposed Mayoral powers over **housing**

Acquire and dispose of land, use of **Compulsory Purchase Orders**

Bid for the **Brownfield Housing Fund** (£400m in March 2020 Budget)

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Designate **Mayoral Development Areas** and create **Mayoral Development Corporations**

Establish a **Strategic Place Partnership** with Homes England to identify housing opportunities (£3.2m for 2020/21 and 2021/22)



Proposed Mayoral powers over **planning**

Power to produce a **Spatial Development Strategy** for West Yorkshire

Intended to coordinate land-use, transport and environmental planning to reduce carbon emissions & tackle climate emergency

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Some thoughts on the Deal

Little detail – bring creative ambition, co-production, play

Chance for holistic planning across housing, transport, energy, food production, the environment and the economy.



Implementation - housing and planning must be about collaboration, public wealth, tackling inequalities, zero-carbon place-making.

Need to recognise different needs /qualities across region.