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**BY EMAIL**

Mr W York  
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Dear Mr York

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ENQUIRY : FUNDING FOR WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY (WYCA)**

Thank you for your email dated 21 August 2015 requesting the following information:

1. "The funding received from the City of York Council since the inception of the WYCA divided into income\* streams (e.g. pooled business rates, direct grants etc).
2. The expenditure made to date by the WYCA on activities and projects located within the City of York Council area, divided between capital and revenue expenditure.
3. A budget forecast for 2015/16 covering the same income and expenditure streams.
4. Please state the current balances (reserves) of the WYCA.

\* For avoidance of doubt income should include "help in kind" such as the salaries of any seconded staff."

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("Act"). I can confirm that West Yorkshire Combined Authority ("WYCA") does hold information covered by your request. I respond below using the same numbering as above.

1. Funding received from the City of York Council is £21,645.00 regarding a contribution to the YourNextBus system.
2. The WYCA has incurred expenditure on its Yorkshire-wide YourNextBus system. The income referred to in paragraph (1) above reflects York City Council's share of those costs (revenue).

The WYCA has spent £318,149.00 on smart ticketing in the York City Council area funded by external grant (capital).

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The WYCA has spent £21,664.00 on the Apprentice Hub Programme and £8,487.00 on the Employer Ownership Pilot in the York area (revenue).

3. For budget purposes, the WYCA is assuming the same level of income in 2015/16 regarding YourNextBus, that is, £21,645.00

An invoice is due to be raised for £48,486.00 for contributions to the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership ("LEP") for 2015/16. This income will be paid to WYCA as the accountable body for the LEP.

The WYCA plans to spend a further £238,250.00 on smart ticketing in the York area in 2015/16.

The total budget spend on LEP projects for 2015/16 is:

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| Apprentice Hub Programme | £42,164.00    |
| Employer Ownership Pilot | £74,623.00    |
| Business Growth Service  | £25,000.00    |
| Local Growth Fund        | £2,650,000.00 |

4. The total reserves of the WYCA are £-33.328m. This includes the pension deficit and the general fund balance of £7.945m. Further information on the WYCA's accounts is available on its website through the following link: <http://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/about/finance/>

I trust the above is to your satisfaction. However, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to me.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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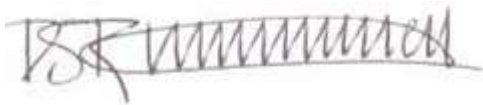
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For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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**D S Burrell**  
**Information Officer**