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West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Making the case for transport investment in West Yorkshire

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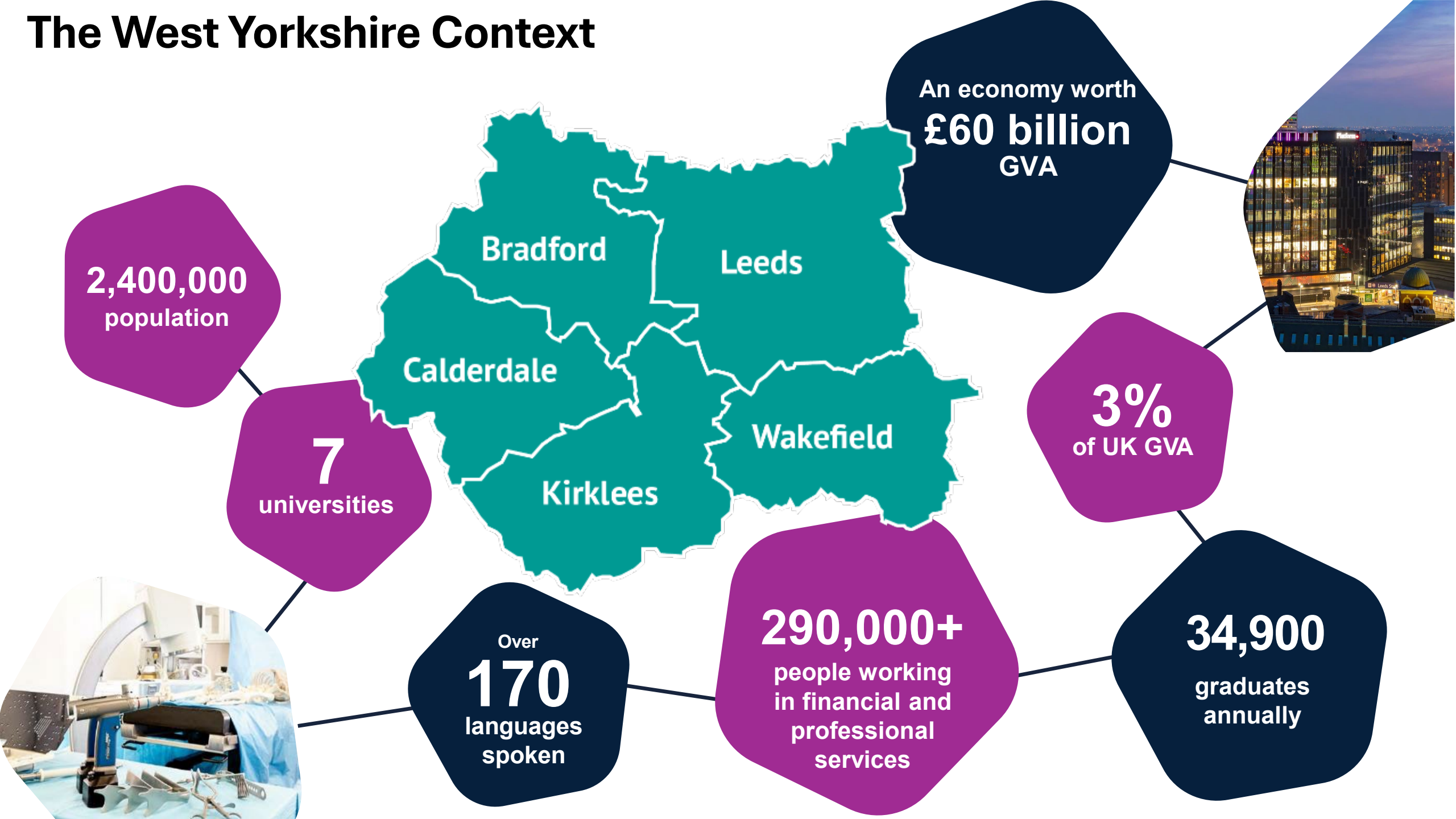
Welcome



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The West Yorkshire Context



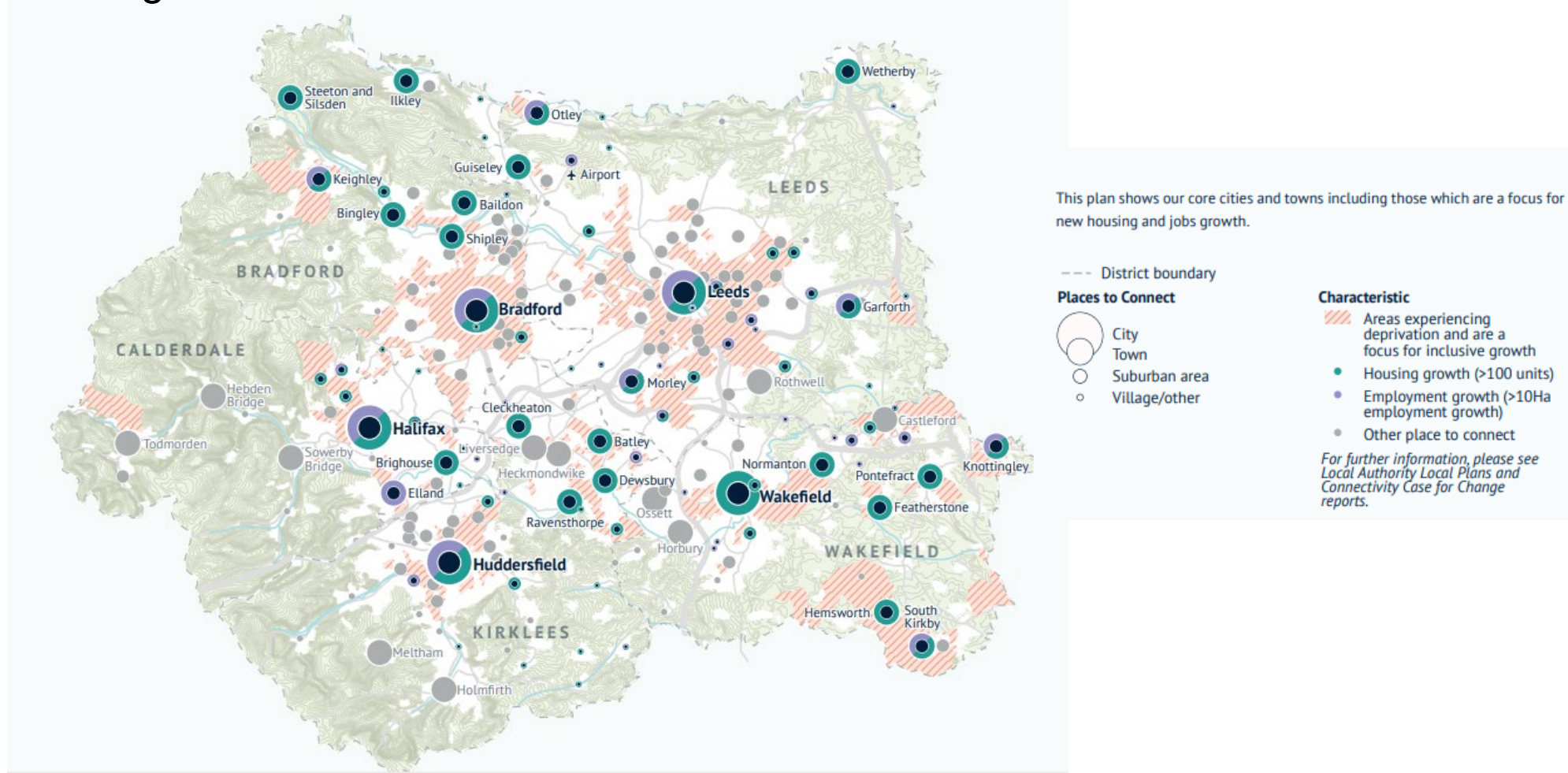
West Yorkshire's Core Cities and Towns



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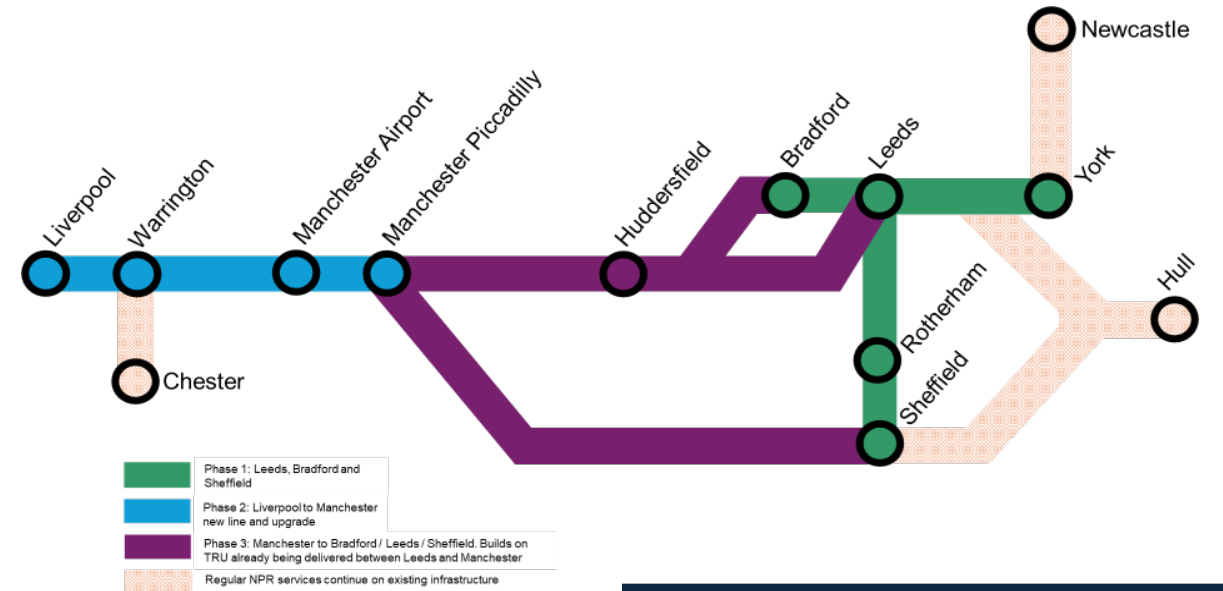
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West Yorkshire's core cities and towns including those which are a focus for new housing and jobs growth in the region:



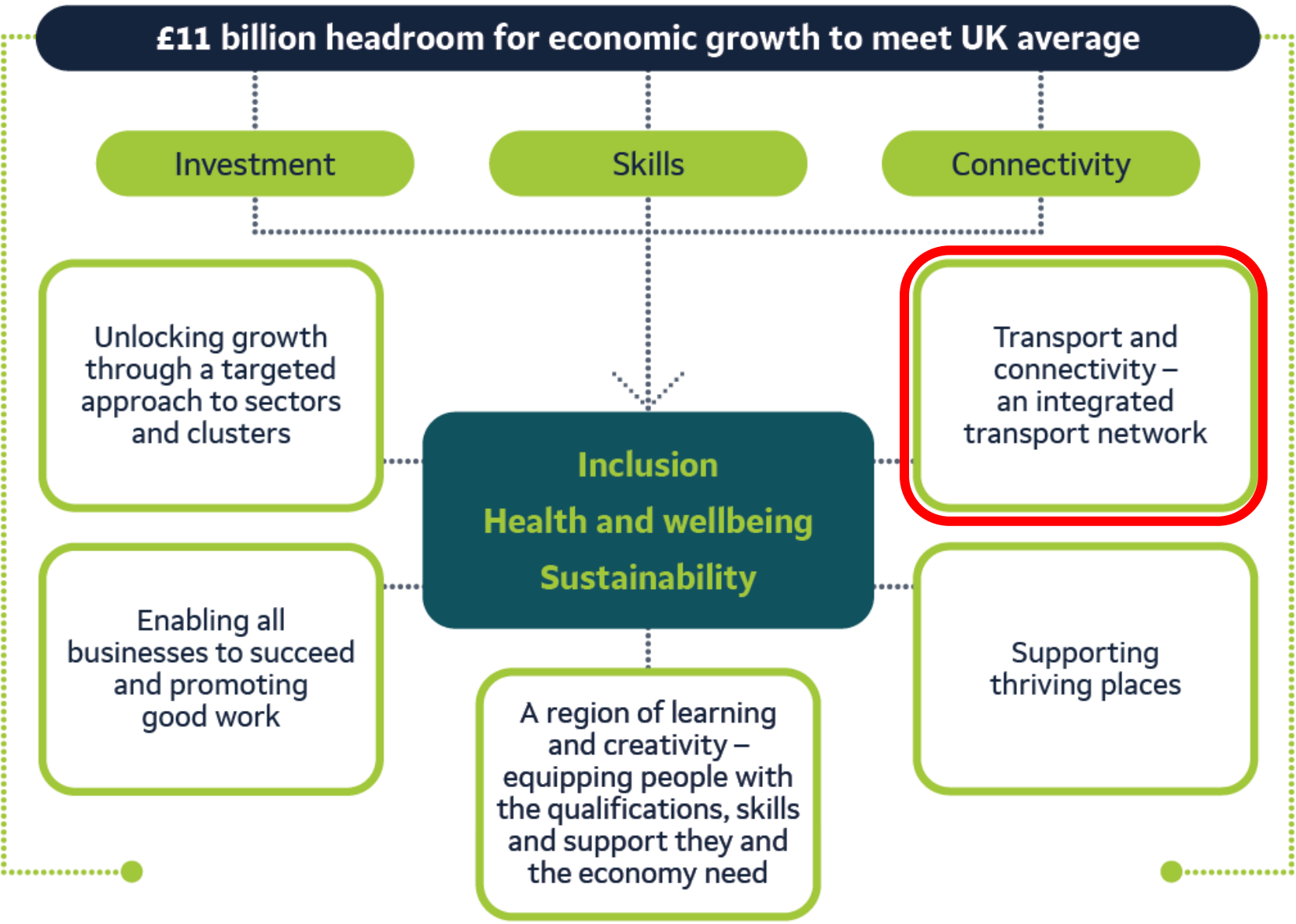
How West Yorkshire fits into the Government's Growth Agenda

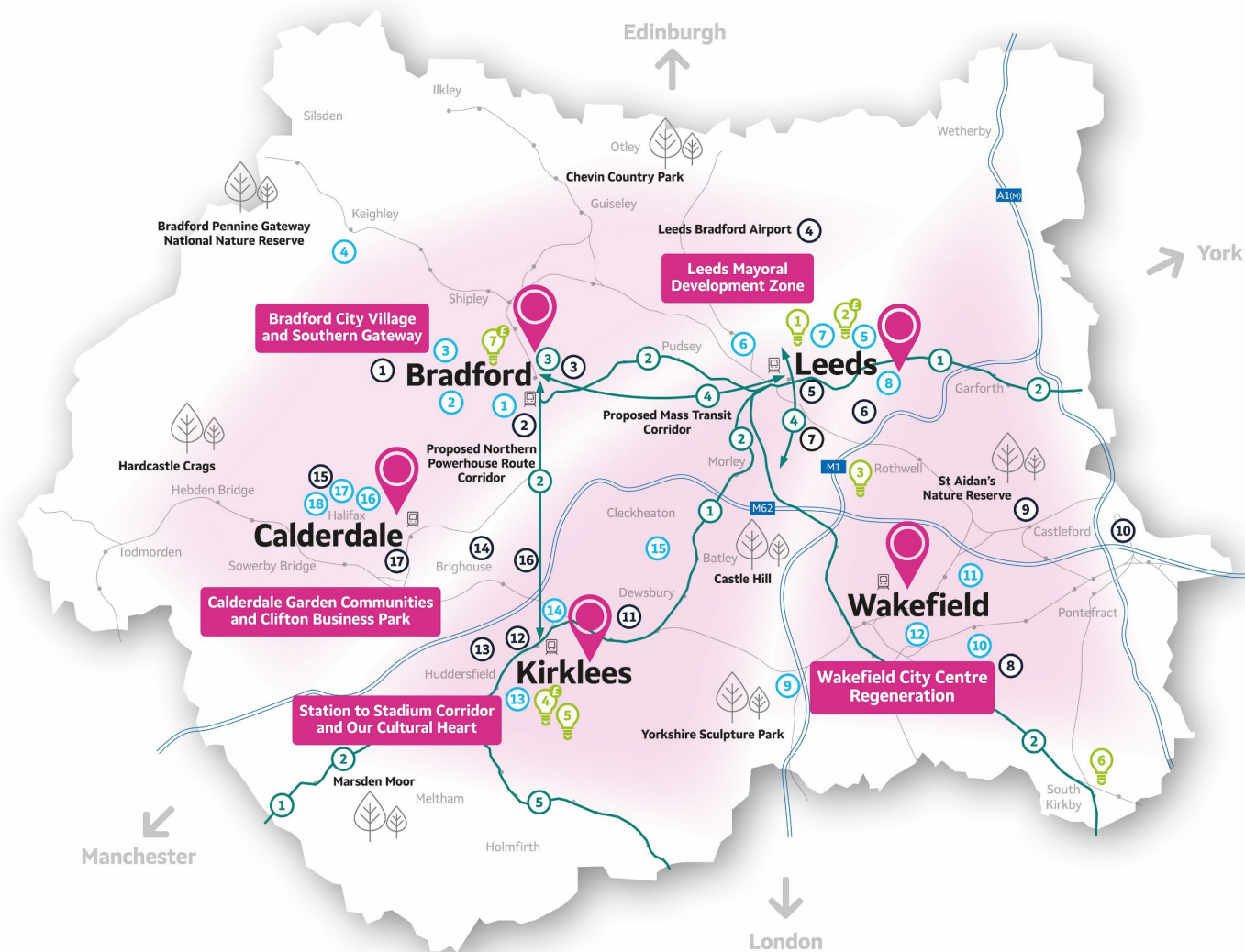
- The Northern Growth Strategy will help to unlock economic growth through key investments in transport and infrastructure.
- This investment commitment will support the development and delivery of key schemes to enhance connectivity including:
 - Electrification and upgrades on key routes between Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield and York;
 - A long-term commitment to West Yorkshire Mass Transit Phase One, supported through over £2.1bn announced through the Transport for City Regions Settlement;
 - Improvements to Leeds Station and a new station in Bradford.



*Phases of
Northern
Powerhouse Rail*

Delivering the West Yorkshire Local Growth Plan





Nationally significant sites

Next big opportunities

- Bradford**
- 1 City Village
 - 2 Southern Gateway
 - 3 Bradford Low Carbon Hydrogen
- Leeds**
- 4 North West Employment Hub
 - 5 Leeds Mayoral Development Zone: Innovation Arc
 - 6 Northern Square Mile
 - 7 Royal Armouries
 - 8 South Bank
 - 9 Temple Works
 - 10 Skelton Grange
 - 11 Elland Road
- Wakefield**
- 8 Wakefield City Centre Regeneration: Cathedral Quarter
 - 9 Kirkgate Neighbourhood Gateway
 - 10 Old Westgate Station
 - 11 Castleford Town Centre Regeneration
 - 12 Ferrybridge Knottingley Industrial Corridor
- Huddersfield**
- 11 Dewsbury Riverside
 - 12 Station to Stadium Corridor
 - 13 Our Cultural Heart
- Halifax**
- 14 New Garden Communities
 - 15 Dean Clough
 - 16 Clifton Business Park
 - 17 Minster View

Prominent cultural sites

- Bradford**
- 1 National Science and Media Museum
 - 2 Alhambra Theatre
 - 3 Bradford Live
 - 4 Bronte Parsonage
- Leeds**
- 5 Opera North
 - 6 Headingley Cricket Ground
 - 7 First Direct Bank Arena
 - 8 Leeds Playhouse
- Wakefield**
- 9 Yorkshire Sculpture Park
 - 10 The Hepworth Wakefield
 - 11 Wakefield X
 - 12 Theatre Royal
- Huddersfield**
- 13 Lawrence Batley Theatre
 - 14 Huddersfield Town Accu Stadium
 - 15 Oakwell Hall
- Halifax**
- 16 The Piece Hall
 - 17 Dean Clough
 - 18 Victoria Theatre

Major transport schemes

- 1 TransPennine Route Upgrade
- 2 Northern Powerhouse Rail
- 3 Bradford Rail Programme
- 4 Proposed Mass Transit Corridor
- 5 Penistone Line

Key innovation assets

- 1 Nexus
- 2 Innovation Arc £
- 3 National Pathology Imaging Co-operative
- 4 National Health Innovation Campus £
- 5 3MBIC
- 6 Production Park
- 7 Bradford Digitisation Hub and Investment Zone £

Growth Corridors

Creating an integrated transport network - The Weaver Network

We announced the **Weaver Network in 2025** – a new integrated transport network brand for our region.

We are also working to progress:

- **Bus franchising**
- **Rail upgrades**
- **Active travel improvements**

Once implemented, **Mass Transit will form a central part of the Network**, complementing the existing bus and rail network.



Mass Transit and economic growth

This is more than just a transport scheme. It's about:

- How we grow as a region
- How we connect communities
- How we unlock talent
- We've seen in other cities how transit can deliver tangible benefits to businesses:

Manchester:

½ of residents in Metrolink Phase 3 corridors experienced a 10% or greater reduction in overall time required to access employment opportunities.

Nottingham:

Nottingham Express Transit 2 programme created c2,900 years of employment and £108m of gross value added for the local economy.

Mass Transit Objectives

Improved public transport connectivity to major hubs of economic activity, resulting in strengthened economic growth and productivity.

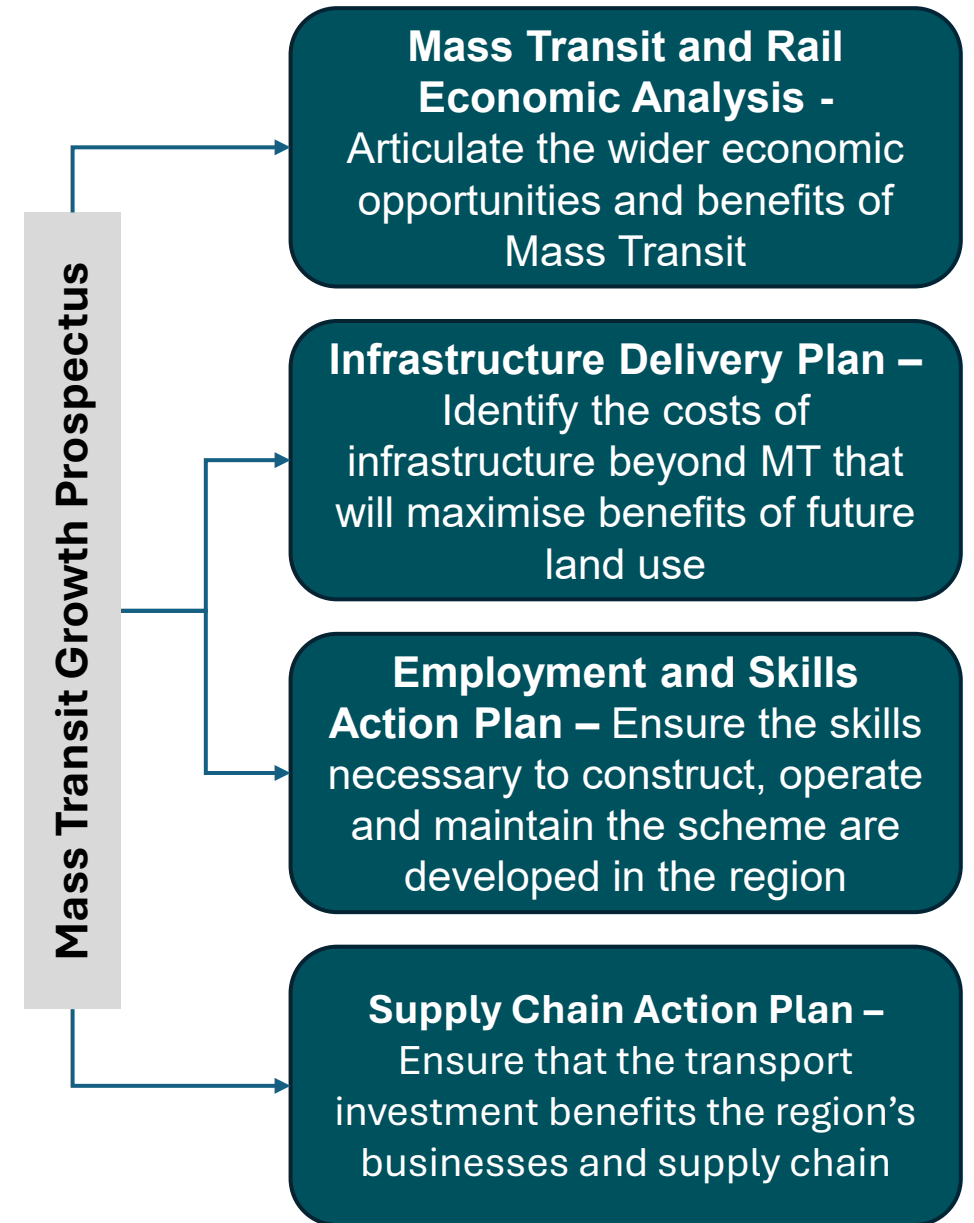
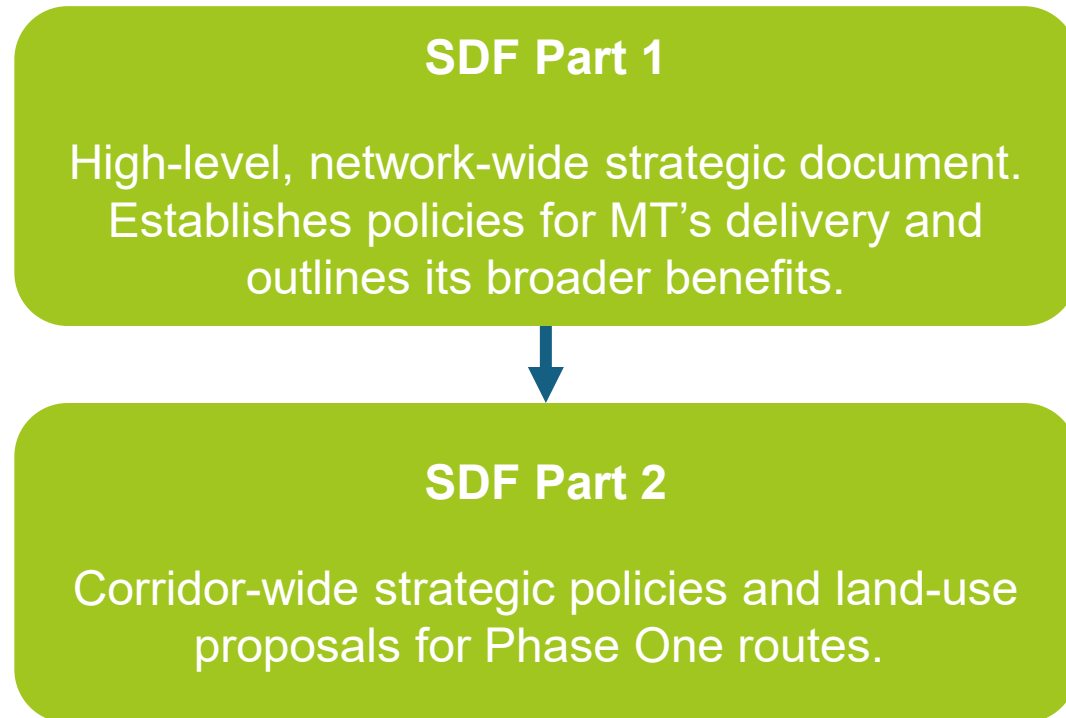
Regeneration and creation of sustainable, well-connected neighbourhoods by integrating public transport with areas of significant housing growth and wider spatial investments.

Reduced socio-economic inequalities across West Yorkshire.

Enhanced quality of life, health and well-being for residents by improving connectivity to healthcare and leisure opportunities.

Supporting environmental sustainability by providing an attractive alternative to car travel with low or zero carbon and less pollution.

Mass Transit Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and Growth Prospectus



West Yorkshire suffers from unique challenges in terms of skills, productivity and connectivity – but the opportunities are significant

We've identified the corridors for job and housing growth - and this will directly support the ambitions of the northern growth strategy

Transport – the Weaver Network, Mass Transit, NPR – will all be key to unlocking this growth

The policy groundwork setting the spatial strategy and generating the economic evidence for Mass Transit will prepare us for OBC and beyond





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Thank you

