

**Climate Emergency Policy and Scrutiny  
Committee**

**28 February 2023**

Report of the Assistant Director of Policy and Strategy  
Portfolio of the Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change

**BioYorkshire**

**Summary**

1. The Climate Change Strategy and Economic Strategy were approved by Council in December 2022 which recognise the strategic importance of the bio-economy to both York and North Yorkshire. Both strategies reference BioYorkshire as a key strength in delivering York's ambitions to reach net zero and increase higher value 'green' jobs.
2. BioYorkshire is a cluster of excellence for the bioeconomy, delivering innovation, inward investment and high value jobs supporting both the UK levelling up objectives and delivering on national net zero ambitions. It is led by Fera Science Ltd., Askham Bryan College and the University of York.
3. BioYorkshire is also part of the York and North Yorkshire devolution deal which commits to establishing a Programme Working Group with senior IUK and UKRI membership including relevant agencies, York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, University of York, Fera Science Ltd, and Askham Bryan College will be established.
4. An update about BioYorkshire, including progress to date, is attached (Annex A).

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**Report  
Approved**



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### Wards Affected:

All

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### Background Papers:

Council December 2022

[Agenda for Council on Thursday, 15 December 2022, 6.30 pm \(york.gov.uk\)](#) item 36

Devolution Deal: [York and North Yorkshire devolution deal - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### Annexes

Annex A: BioYorkshire and the green economy