



Dear North and West Yorkshire BR Pool Member,

We wrote to you on 9 September 2020 with a Business Rates Pooling Invitation for 2021-22.

In response, we received confirmation from Leeds, your lead authority, on 22 October 2020 of your request to revoke the current pool.

This is to confirm that, accordingly, the Secretary of State has revoked the designation for the North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool in accordance with paragraphs 34(3) and (5) of Schedule 7B to the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

The Secretary of State hereby revokes the designation of the following pool of authorities:

- Bradford
- Calderdale
- Craven
- Hambleton
- Harrogate
- Kirklees
- Leeds
- North Yorkshire
- Richmondshire
- Ryedale
- Scarborough
- Wakefield
- York

This means that the North and West Yorkshire Business Rates Pool ceases to exist from the end of this financial year.

In the context of this revocation, the authorities covered by the 2020-21 designation must take the following step before the revocation takes effect:

- Comply with the dissolution arrangements established in the pool's governance agreement.



In regard to 2021- 22, the local authorities identified above will revert to being considered as individual authorities for the purposes of the business rates retention scheme. Those local authorities included in the separate letter to invoke the Leeds City Region pool will be considered under the pooling arrangements as set out in that letter.

If there are any questions about the content of this letter and the designation, please contact us at [BRRSA@communities.gov.uk](mailto:BRRSA@communities.gov.uk), copying Thomas Grimes at [Thomas.Grimes@communities.gov.uk](mailto:Thomas.Grimes@communities.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government:

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