

## **Whistleblowing**

The York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership is committed to creating a work environment with the highest possible standards of openness, probity and accountability. In view of this commitment we encourage employees and others with serious concerns about any aspect of the LEP's work to come forward and voice those concerns without fear of reprisal.

The LEP adopts the whistleblowing policy of its Accountable Body, North Yorkshire County Council which can be viewed when visiting the North Yorkshire County Council website or by clicking on the following link;

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/fraud-investigation-and-whistleblowing>

In addition to this guidance, there is information and signposting available on the whistleblowing pages of [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and the National Audit Office Report into Government Whistleblowing Policies.

The LEP's responsible officer for dealing with whistleblowing allegations is James Farrar, Chief Operating Officer.

To make a complaint, please visit the North Yorkshire County Council website or click below;

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/fraud-investigation-and-whistleblowing>

A 24-hour confidential phone line is in operation by dialling 01609 760067

The LEP's Responsible Officer will ensure the Cities and Local Growth Unit are informed of any concerns raised under their whistleblowing procedure by emailing: [LEPPolicy@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:LEPPolicy@communities.gsi.gov.uk) or by writing to: LEP Policy Deputy Director, Cities and Local Growth Unit, Fry Block, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

If you are either unable to raise a whistleblowing matter with the LEP or you are dissatisfied with the action taken you can report it directly to the Cities and Local Growth Unit in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, at the following email address: [LEPPolicy@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:LEPPolicy@communities.gsi.gov.uk) or by writing to: LEP Policy Deputy Director, Cities and Local Growth Unit, Fry Block, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF. You should clearly mark your email or letter as "Official - whistleblowing".