# Helping businesses across the Wakefield district to access finance



Economic Strategy 2019/20



European Union European Regional Development Fund

### Working with businesses to create new jobs and apprenticeships in the Wakefield district



new jobs created <u>as a re</u>sult of Growth Fund capital grants



Works **Better Job** Connectors reached out to 107 businesses

**53 72 0** 

new apprenticeship places created as a result of intervention by the Employment Hub team

businesses used the Works **Better** recruitment service





**European Union** European Social Fund

#### The People Enabling Area Transformation (PEAT) Project is supporting local partners to overcome barriers to employment

This is a Community Led Local Development (CLLD) programme in Airedale, Castleford, Havercroft & Ryhill, Kinsley & Fitzwilliam, Hemsworth, South Elmsall and South Kirkby



Successful Businesses Economic Strategy 2019/20



European Union European Structural and Investment Funds

## Raising the Wakefield district skills profile

% of the working age population qualified to Level 4+

2018

2019

25.4% 27.6% 19.7% 20.3%

% of the working age population qualified to Level 3

2018 2019



# Supporting people to find work or be in a better position to apply for jobs by learning new skills and overcoming employment barriers



unemployed residents supported into work by the Works Better team







learners enrolled on the ACES (Adult and Community Education Service) Adult Skills programme



learners enrolled under the ACES Adult Community Learning programme





European Union European Social Fund

Supporting residents to be financially resilient, by providing advice and support around money and debt



residents supported through Mortgage Breathing Space to prevent homelessness



people contacted the Money Smart team for support with managing their money and debt More Money in My Pocket funding secured for 2-year project to deliver money and debt advice in partnership with WDH Cashwise

£320k)



#### Improving housing standards to ensure homes are healthy, secure and meet the needs of residents

142 households had energy efficiency measures

installed

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**345** private sector rented properties scheduled for work

following

inspection

222 £180k additional extension to

properties accredited to the Wakefield Responsible Landlord Scheme extension to the Warm Homes Fund to deliver 60 more

heating installations



Seeking funding to improve our city and town centres, creating new, quality spaces for people to live, work and visit



funding approved to provide grants for:

repair and restoration
works on up to 30 properties

 re-occupation of buildings with architectural heritage

 public realm improvement to 5 historic yards



Full Business Case submitted with plans for:

- a cultural hub
- a public square
- a cultural trail to the Waterfront

