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CALDERDALE LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
Stage 1 Hearings 26th June to 5th July 2019

Task 4

**Where is it written that each Local Authority in LCR
would meet their own Employment Needs?**

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council

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At the Stage 1 Hearings the Inspector asked the Council where it was written that each Local Authority in the Leeds City Region (LCR) would meet their own Employment Needs. This was in the context of determining whether the Council had submitted robust evidence to demonstrate that they had met the duty to cooperate. This was pursuant to a question in the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) asking what cooperation had taken place on strategic employment matters and whether other local authorities in the Leeds City Region were proposing to meet their own objectively assessed needs for employment land?

In responding to this request the Council consulted the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) who confirmed that the LCR Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) simply states that the local authorities will work towards the Strategic Employment Plan (SEP) employment target collectively. This reflects the fact employment land is not distributed evenly across the LCR.

Additionally, and providing further clarity on this matter, is a report to the Leeds City Region Heads of Planning Group on 7th February 2020, regarding the next update to the Leeds City Region Statement of Common Ground. The report noted that a suggestion had been put forward that it would be helpful if the approach to each local authority taking responsibility for its own employment needs could be articulated in the revised SOCG. This suggestion was not taken forward because planning for jobs growth across boundaries remains a priority.