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Dewsbury Town Hall.

How the Assizes came to Leeds
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From medieval times the Assizes for the whole of the County of Yorkshire were held in York. Pressure began in the early 19th century for a separate Assize for the West Riding. The talk provides a reminder of what the Assizes were, why people wanted an Assizes for the West Riding, how the campaigning was conducted, and how in the end the decision was taken by the Government of the day to make Leeds the new Assize Town. Politics and practicalities played their part.