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This revision of Advancing Together is an important step forward in providing a refreshed vision and clear set of objectives for joining up and integrating all the region's strategies – at regional, sub-regional and local levels. For the first time, Advancing Together also establishes an agreed set of indicators that the region will use in monitoring and evaluating our progress. I congratulate the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly and all the stakeholders who have been involved in the process.

The title Advancing Together is apt, representing agreement by regional partners about the key issues, needs and opportunities in Yorkshire and the Humber. This common agenda is key to ensuring partners' resources and expertise are focused on achieving the vision of a world-class, sustainable, region. The Government sets out in the White Paper "Your Region, Your Choice" an important role of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly in setting a framework to join up the region's strategies. Advancing Together achieves that.

I am pleased to commit the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber to continue to work closely both with our partners in the region and with Whitehall to help deliver the vision for our region.

Felicity Everiss

Regional Director, Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber

The task of transforming Yorkshire and Humber into a world class region is one shared by each and every one of us, from individuals, small businesses and social enterprises, through local authorities, voluntary groups, and sub-regional organisations to major plcs and regional bodies. We all have a part to play in the sustainable economic development of our region.

Advancing Together sets the framework and draws together the region's plans and strategies. The Regional Economic Strategy (RES) is a major part of this framework. The strong partnership between the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly, the Government Office and Yorkshire Forward has ensured unprecedented consistency and integration between all the key regional strategies. This spirit of collaboration and partnership extends to the local level, where the strategies will be delivered.

These local and regional connections are being strengthened by the production of 5-year Investment Plans for the Humber and North, South and West Yorkshire that will set out the total resources being invested to deliver the RES and the real benefits to our businesses, people and places.

No one organisation can deliver this massive agenda alone. Advancing Together prepares the ground, it is up to us all to deliver.

Terry Hodgkinson

Chairman, Yorkshire Forward

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Vision and partnership – these are two key words which have served our region well for hundreds of years.

With the publication of Advancing Together, we hope a new vision and new partnerships will now steer Yorkshire and Humber forward to a bright and prosperous future for the millions of people who live, work and invest here.

Advancing Together has been produced in partnership with key stakeholders across the region – organisations and individuals who influence where resources are best channelled to tackle the important issues facing Yorkshire and Humber.

But Advancing Together is about us all, about where we as a region want to go and about how we can get there.

I'm delighted the Assembly has been able to oversee its development to this stage and now look forward to us all working together to ensure the vision presented in Advancing Together becomes a reality.

Peter Box

Chair, Yorkshire and Humber Assembly

Yorkshire and Humber is a distinct and diverse region with many strengths and outstanding potential. We have great assets – talented and hard-working people, rich and diverse culture, world-class businesses, beautiful countryside and coastal areas, vibrant towns and cities, and an important built heritage. But we face significant challenges, and must be clear about how we will overcome them.

Advancing Together:

- Establishes a shared vision for Yorkshire and Humber.
- Sets out six clear objectives to focus our work on delivering our shared vision.
- Provides a framework for integrating key regional strategies.
- Presents a practical means to assess the sustainability of strategies and plans to ensure progress towards our shared vision is integrated and balanced.
- Identifies thirty two indicators for measuring progress in the region.



The vision will be realised, and the objectives delivered, by the actions of organisations, businesses and individuals. Advancing Together does not set out exactly what each should do – this is left to specific strategies and plans. Instead, Advancing Together informs, integrates and directs strategic decision making for the region, and describes clearly what we are trying to achieve.

We should not underestimate the challenge of achieving our vision; it will require innovative thinking, co-ordinated working, and clarity of purpose. Yet, with the assets the region has, this is a challenge we will meet.

The Vision for Yorkshire and Humber



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There are many contrasts in our region. Vibrant and thriving cities include areas of poverty and exclusion; areas of outstanding beauty hide pockets of rural decline and deprivation; successful universities and businesses sit alongside people with low level skills; high quality public services are not accessible to all who need them; excellent homes are available for many, but good quality housing out of the reach of some; and land is reclaimed and green space protected, yet waste levels are increasing and many face the risk of flooding.



What we are seeking is a world-class standard for all of Yorkshire and Humber. The way to deliver progress will vary in different parts of the region. We will require different types of intervention and different levels of resources depending on need. Our list of priorities is long – reflecting social, environmental and economic concerns – but our vision for Yorkshire and Humber is aspirational. Nothing less will do.

Yorkshire and Humber is ruggedly beautiful, famously friendly, steeped in history and tradition, vibrant and commercially dynamic.

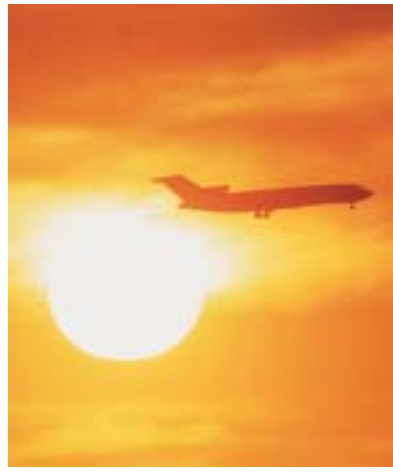
Yorkshire and Humber will be a recognisably world class and international region where the economic, environmental, and social well being of all our region and its people advances rapidly and sustainably.

e vision:



Objective

an advanced economy



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Advancing Together

Yorkshire and Humber will have a world class, prosperous, and sustainable economy.

We will create a self-reliant economy for Yorkshire and Humber, with a confident culture of enterprise and creativity, high levels of innovation and investment and abundant opportunities for all. Our focus on wealth creation and business success will be framed within the wider aims of sustainable development. Collective efforts to improve the region's performance will make a lasting difference to our economy, our businesses, and through them to quality of life and prosperity.

Indicators

- 1 Economic Growth
- 2 Productivity
- 3 Enterprise
- 4 Innovation
- 5 Investment
- 6 Employment
- 7 Rural Economy





e economy:

Objective
excellent infrastructure



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Advancing Together

Yorkshire and Humber will have physical infrastructure and communications that meet the needs of people, businesses, places, and the environment.

We will ensure that physical development takes account of the diverse nature of our region. Development will bring about renaissance of both our urban and rural areas, make the most appropriate use of land, and reduce the need to travel. Sound investment, management, and planning will deliver excellent infrastructure – including water services, energy, information and communications technology, the built environment, and transport.

Indicators

- 8 Traffic Volume
- 9 Transport Use
- 10 Housing Completions
- 11 Housing Affordability
- 12 Land Re-use





Infrastructure:

Objective

high quality environments



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Advancing Together



Yorkshire and Humber will have high quality natural and man-made environments.

Delivering high quality environments in Yorkshire and Humber entails protecting and enhancing our rich and varied environmental assets. To do this we will use resources wisely and efficiently, minimise pollution, and protect and enhance biodiversity. We will pursue good quality development and enhance poor quality environments in town and country. We will give urgent attention to tackle the causes and impacts of climate change, reduce waste and manage it sustainably, and safeguard threatened wildlife and landscape heritage.

Indicators

- 13 Air Quality
- 14 Water Quality
- 15 Biodiversity
- 16 Waste
- 17 Emissions
- 18 Energy Consumption



Environments:



Objective

educated and skilled people



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Yorkshire and Humber will have exceptional education and training, widespread learning and skills, and a healthy labour market without skills gaps or shortages.

In a global environment where knowledge is key to competitiveness, the future prosperity of Yorkshire and Humber is closely linked to the skills and aspirations of people in the region. Through education and learning we will build the skills and capacity, fulfilment, and life chances of our people – from pre-school to post-retirement – for the benefit of individuals, businesses, and the entire region.

Indicators

- 19 Young People's Education and Skills
- 20 Basic Skills
- 21 IT Skills
- 22 Workforce Skills and Training
- 23 Higher Level Skills

Education:



Objective

first class quality of life



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Yorkshire and Humber will be a socially cohesive and inclusive region. Our people will have the capacity, resources, and equitable access to quality services needed to live well.

Yorkshire and Humber will provide a first-class quality of life for all our people. We will be intolerant of discrimination and celebrate our culture and diversity, while minimising inequality and disadvantage. Healthy communities, low crime and fear of crime, and high quality and accessible services will enable people to enjoy and value their work and leisure.

Indicators

- 24 Deprivation
- 25 Health
- 26 Culture
- 27 Crime
- 28 Urban and Rural Renaissance
- 29 Access to Services
- 30 Community Well-Being

A person is performing a handstand on a surfboard in the ocean. The person is silhouetted against the bright sun, which is low on the horizon, creating a strong reflection on the water. The person's legs are spread wide, and their arms are extended downwards. The background shows the ocean with waves and a clear sky. The text "Quality of life:" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Quality of life:

Objective

good governance and
civic participation



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Yorkshire and Humber will possess and portray the highest standards of governance in all sectors and at all levels, and the highest levels of civic participation in decision-making and community life.

We will promote good decision-making, leadership, and management; and actively encourage people, partnerships, and communities to play an active role in civic life. We will be committed to democratic, accountable and transparent decision making in the public sector, encourage the development of responsible corporate governance in the private sector, and support a well-run voluntary and community sector in playing a full role in policy making.

Indicators

- 31 Civic Participation
- 32 Good Governance



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Advancing Together requires the delivery of sustainable economic, social and environmental progress. This depends upon simultaneously achieving four aims in an integrated way.

These are:

- Social progress that meets the needs of everyone.
- Effective protection and enhancement of the environment.
- Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.
- Prudent use of natural resources.

These are the national objectives for sustainable development and they have been translated into fifteen aims for this region. Pursued together, they will improve the sustainability of Yorkshire and Humber and take the region closer to the vision set out in Advancing Together.

The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Sustainable Development Framework (RSDF) seeks to ensure that sustainable development is an integral part of policy and decision-making at regional, sub-regional and local level throughout Yorkshire and Humber. The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly leads the development, delivery, and monitoring of the

fifteen aims in the RSDF. The RSDF includes four cross-cutting themes that should underpin all the actions that will be taken to deliver Advancing Together. They are:

- Social inclusion and equity across all sectors.
- A partnership and participative approach.
- Geographic adaptation to meet the needs of rural and urban communities.
- Creativity, innovation, and appropriate use of technology.

The Regional Sustainable Development Framework also contains an appraisal tool, based on its fifteen aims. This enables a focus on sustainability to be built into the process of developing strategies, action plans, and projects. The results of an appraisal show how a proposal is likely to contribute to sustainable development and where improvements can be made.

Sustainable development will not be easy to achieve. It will require difficult choices to be made about where and how activity should take place. The sustainable development appraisal will help the region to make these difficult choices and the Assembly will work with organisations to help build the skills we need to do this well.



Sustainability:

The 15 sustainable development aims:

- 1** Good quality employment opportunities available to all.
- 2** Conditions enabling business success, economic growth and investment.
- 3** Education and training opportunities building the skills and capacities of the population.
- 4** Safety and security for people and property.
- 5** Conditions and services engendering good health.
- 6** Culture, leisure and recreation opportunities available to all.
- 7** Vibrant communities participating in decision making.
- 8** Local needs met locally.
- 9** A transport network maximising access whilst minimising detrimental impacts.
- 10** A quality built environment and efficient land use patterns making good use of derelict sites, minimising travel and promoting balanced development.
- 11** Quality housing available to everyone.
- 12** A bio-diverse and attractive environment.
- 13** Minimal pollution levels.
- 14** Minimal greenhouse gas emissions and a managed response to the effects of climate change.
- 15** Prudent and efficient use of energy and natural resources and minimal production of waste.

Setting priorities – the role of strategies



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Strategies for Yorkshire and Humber are important, they let us set our own priorities for the future of the region. And because strategies shape our policies, what we do and where the money goes, they are very powerful.

Advancing Together sets out the region's agreed vision and objectives. To realise this vision the region requires detailed strategies aligned within this regional strategic framework. There are four regional strategies required by government that are crucial to this work. These are:

- The Regional Economic Strategy (incorporating the Framework for Regional Employment and Skills Action);
- Regional Planning Guidance (until 2004), Regional Spatial Strategy (from 2005);
- The Regional Cultural Strategy; and
- The Regional Housing Strategy.

There are many other strategies and plans developed at regional, sub-regional and local, and sectoral or organisational level. All address different aspects of the region's life, and contribute towards obtaining the regional objectives in different ways. These strategies and plans are delivered, targeted, and measured in different ways, yet all should fit within the regional strategic framework. The challenge for Advancing Together is to harness these strategies and plans alongside the four major regional strategies to deliver our vision and objectives.



e priorities:

ADVANCING TOGETHER

VISION

An Advanced Economy	Excellent Infrastructure	High Quality Environments	Educated and Skilled People	First Class Quality of Life	Good Governance and Civic Participation
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REGIONAL STRATEGIES

Regional Planning Guidance (to 2004) Regional Spatial Strategy (from 2005) Regional Transport Strategy		Regional Economic Strategy	Regional Cultural Strategy	Regional Housing Strategy	
Business Birth Rate Strategy	Framework for Regional Employment & Skills Action	Regional Manufacturing Action Plan	E-Region Plan	Regional Waste Strategy	
Regional Environmental Enhancement Strategy	Regional Forestry Framework	Tourism Action Plan	Regional Health Framework (planned)	Regional Resettlement Strategy	
Regional Social Economy Framework	Other	Other	Other	Other	

SUB REGIONAL AND LOCAL STRATEGIES AND PLANS

Urban Renaissance Rural Renaissance	Sub Regional Investment Plans	Local Agenda 21 Plans	Local Development Plans/Frameworks	Community Cohesion Plans	
Health Improvement Plans	Local Housing Strategies	European Structural Funds	Neighbourhood Renewal Plans	Local Authority Best Value Performance Plans	
Community Plans	Local Transport Plans	National Park Management Plans	Other	Other	

SUPPORTING AND DELIVERING LOCAL ACTION

REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (RSDF)

MONITORING



The Regional Economic Strategy (RES) incorporating Framework for Regional Employment and Skills Action (FRESA)

The RES provides a framework of common priorities around which businesses, public agencies, voluntary groups, and communities can focus their investment and effort. Its focus on jobs, skills, wealth creation, and business success is framed within the wider aims of sustainable development. It aims to make a lasting difference to our economy, our businesses, and through them to quality of life and prosperity. The six objectives in the RES around which action is progressing are to:

- Grow the region's businesses;
- Achieve higher business birth and survival rates;
- Attract and retain more private and public investment;
- Radically improve the development and application of education, learning and skills;
- Connect all of the region's communities to economic opportunities; and
- Enhance and utilise the region's infrastructure of physical and environmental assets.

The Regional Economic Strategy is a statutory document. It is prepared by Yorkshire Forward, the Regional Development Agency in consultation with and on behalf of the region. Strategies were first produced in October 1999 and refreshed and reissued in March 2003.

The FRESA is the key document that will drive the skills agenda. It is fully integrated with the Regional Economic Strategy and sets out three top priorities for action:

- Create a culture in which education, learning, and skills are highly valued by individuals and businesses;
- Develop entrepreneurial and business skills; and
- Increase the quality, flexibility, and responsiveness of learning and skills provision.

The FRESA is prepared by the Regional Employment and Skills Forum – led by Yorkshire Forward and part of the Assembly structure. The first framework was published in 2002.





e strategies:

Four regional strategies

Regional Planning Guidance (RPG) (until 2004) Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) (from 2005)

RPG provides the framework for the way land is used in the region and how towns and villages develop. It also includes the Regional Transport Strategy, which provides the framework for investment in transport infrastructure – including roads and railways. RPG sets a development strategy for the next fifteen to twenty years.

RPG identifies the broad scale and distribution of new homes that will be needed, and sets out a strategy and priorities for transport improvements, the environment (including water, minerals, waste and energy), economic development (including the location of new business), agriculture, tourism and other matters. For waste, it incorporates the land-use implications of the Regional Waste Strategy. RPG provides the framework within which more detailed site-specific development plans and local transport plans are prepared by local authorities.

The core objectives of RPG are to support sustainable economic growth and regeneration; to promote social inclusion; to achieve urban and rural renaissance; and to conserve and enhance natural resources. It aims to focus development on the region's main towns and cities, making best use of previously developed land and helping reduce the need to travel.

From 2005 RPG will be replaced by a new Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). This will be a similar type of strategy to RPG, but will be much more closely linked and aligned to other regional strategies and programmes – including the Regional Economic Strategy, Regional Housing Strategy and Regional Cultural Strategy. By setting out objectives and policies that influence the location and scale of development that flows from the investment plans of the public and private sector, it will play a powerful role in helping us achieve our regional vision – it will be the 'spatial expression' of Advancing Together.

Regional Planning Guidance (and the new Regional Spatial Strategy) are prepared by the Assembly (as the Regional Planning Body), but issued by the First Secretary of State advised by Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber. Both are subject to public examination (a type of public hearing) before publication. Regional Spatial Strategy will have statutory force and, together with the relevant local authority Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) will comprise the 'development plan' for an area, against which applications for planning permission are judged. Local authority LDFs will have generally to conform to the RSS. Both RPG and RSS include a Regional Transport Strategy.



The Regional Cultural Strategy

The Regional Cultural Strategy sets the framework, visions, and priorities for the cultural life of Yorkshire and Humber. It has two underlying principles:

- Culture is not an extra, an add on; it is a fundamental element of the lives of everyone in the region, as important to a fulfilled life as prosperity, health, and education; and
- Culture belongs to everyone.

The five priorities around which action is progressing are:

- Continuity in development – ensuring the growth of the region’s culture.
- Opportunity – ensuring opportunities for our people to participate fully in the region’s cultural life.
- Social and economic change – using cultural activities to improve quality of life.
- Sustainability – establishing the principle of sustainability at the heart of the regions cultural development.
- Understanding – better knowledge, intelligence, and data about the needs and aspirations of the sector, and of people living and working in, and visiting, the region.

The Regional Cultural Strategy was first published in 2001. It is prepared by Yorkshire Culture, the regional cultural consortium that was established by Government to champion cultural and creative interests in the region.

The Regional Housing Strategy (RHS)

The Regional Housing Strategy sets the framework that will enable the region to provide good quality homes and successful neighbourhoods. The strategy aims to:

- Influence and respond to changing housing markets, so reducing the gap between those areas of the region where there is high demand for housing and those where people do not want to live;
- Provide affordable homes for people in places where house price inflation has put home ownership out of reach;
- Ensure that regeneration and urban renewal takes place where it is needed and that communities are fully involved in plans for their areas and their homes;
- Improve poor housing conditions where they exist; and
- Ensure fair access to housing for all.

The Regional Housing Strategy is prepared by the Regional Housing Board that was established by Government in 2003. Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber is responsible for submitting the strategy to Government for approval. The strategy is issued by the First Secretary of State.

Delivering our Vision for Yorkshire and Humber



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In Yorkshire and Humber Advancing Together provides the vision and strategic framework that allows us to work together in a clear and accountable way towards our common objectives.

At regional level three key institutions will drive this work:

The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly

is the regional strategic partnership and the regional planning body. It has responsibility to help integrate regional strategies, scrutinises delivery of the Regional Economic Strategy, is the Voice of the Region and works closely with Government Office and other government – funded bodies in the region;

Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber brings together the regional presence of ten Government Departments to ensure the work of Government is joined up and has responsibility for strengthening regional decision making; and

Yorkshire Forward, the Regional Development Agency

is responsible for improving the region's economic performance with and through partners utilising an investment planning approach.

The Assembly is the custodian of Advancing Together. Working with Government Office and Yorkshire Forward it will:

- Prepare and keep Advancing Together updated in full consultation with organisations from across the sectors in the region;
- Seek to increase awareness of, commitment to, and involvement in, the delivery of the vision and objectives set out in Advancing Together by all organisations, businesses and individuals in the region;
- Work to ensure that organisations from across the sectors prepare strategies, plans and frameworks that take into account the regional vision and objectives, and contribute to their delivery; and
- Monitor progress towards achievement of the regional vision and objectives, working in partnership with organisations to review and revise their strategies, plans, and frameworks in the light of that monitoring.



Delivering:

Delivery of Advancing Together cannot be top-down. The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly is a partnership organisation of thirty-seven members, who together represent agencies, businesses, and organisations in all sectors at regional, sub-regional and local level who will help deliver the vision for the region. They all have a key role to play in ensuring that activity is joined up within and between their areas of responsibility and sectors of work. But the action of these thirty-seven member organisations alone will not be enough to achieve the objectives of Advancing Together.

Local Authorities and Local Strategic Partnerships will lead action at local level, a range of sub-regional partnerships will facilitate work across local government boundaries, and sector specific groups will co-ordinate the work of communities of interest. In some way, all of us – either as part of our organisations, businesses, or communities – will have to contribute to the region's success if we are to make real progress.

Regional institutions will help deliver this vision by aligning their activity and resources. They will also support action by others, raising awareness; ensuring there is wide

understanding of how actions influence the region's progress; and by building the capacity of organisations, businesses and individuals. But there is action that can be taken now.

Organisations and businesses should:

- Consider how their strategies and plans can help deliver the regional vision and objectives;
- Find out from the Assembly how their own activity influences the high level regional indicators and use this information in annual reports to show how they have helped the region make progress; and
- Ensure that their views are represented in local, sub-regional, and regional partnerships. These make and implement the policy that will help the region achieve the vision and our objectives.

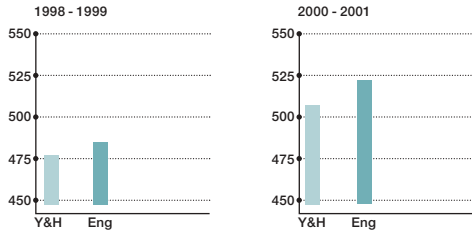
Individuals should:

- Be aware of the region's vision and objectives and act on them locally. There are many things that individuals can do to support the region's success, for example recycling waste, volunteering in the community, or learning a new skill.

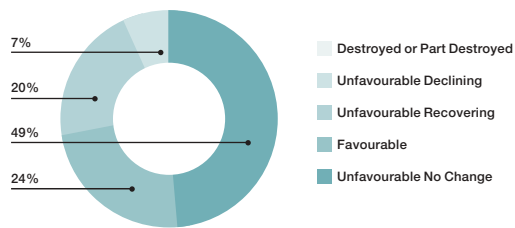
Measuring progress in Yorkshire and Humber

Waste

Total household waste (kg/person/year)



Condition of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).



Each year the region will assess how far we have moved towards achieving our six objectives, and agree what we need to do to further progress. This will be done by:

- Measuring our progress towards achieving each objective using the indicators in Advancing Together; and
- Publishing this information annually, alongside examples of regional excellence, in the Progress in the Region report.

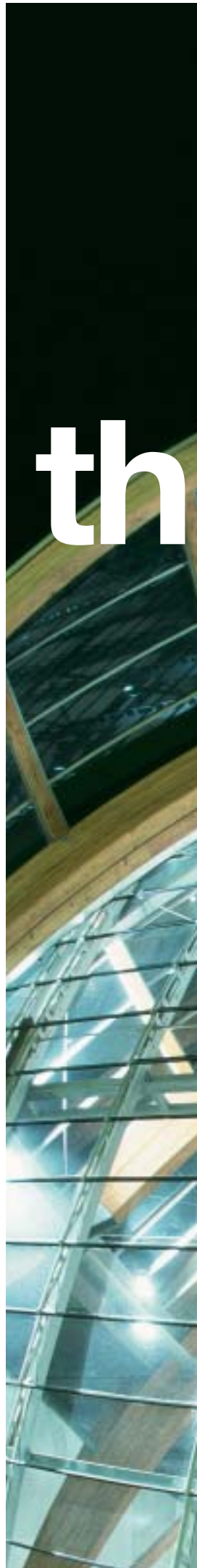
Where monitoring indicators reveals a clear lack of progress, the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly will work with partners and the owners of the relevant regional strategies to reassess direction and ensure successful delivery.

There are thirty-two indicators for monitoring Advancing Together. These are based on work led by Yorkshire Futures, the Regional Intelligence Network. This suite of high-level indicators has been drawn from a variety of sources. Many are included in regional strategies; all relate clearly to the objectives

of Advancing Together. Wherever possible indicators have been selected for which robust data are readily available, and which allow regional benchmarking. Sub-regional data will be presented wherever possible, alongside regional figures. It is also clear that measuring the regional average does not give the whole picture, and can often mask significant disparities within the region. Occasional reports will be produced to reveal the story behind the indicators and showing the outcomes and impact of our activity.

The indicators are designed to allow monitoring over time, but it is also recognised that the state-of-the-art will change. A small number of indicators have been included for which data do not currently exist, or that have not been fully defined. These indicators, and others, may need to be amended as various strategies develop and new data become available, to ensure we provide meaningful measures of progress in achieving our vision and objectives.

A full list of the thirty two indicators is set out at Annex A.





e progress:

Our vision for Yorkshire and Humber – of a recognisably world class and international region where the economic, environmental, and social well being of all our region and its people advances rapidly and sustainably – will require substantial and effective action if it is to become a reality. This is a challenge we will relish.



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In the past, the regions performance, when compared with UK and European averages, was poor in areas such as educational attainment, average earnings, and business enterprise. Our under-performance was common knowledge yet the region lacked the capacity or effective partnerships to address problems, identify solutions, or bring about change.

In 1998 a new regional partnership – the Regional Chamber (now renamed the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly) – was established in anticipation of the launch of Yorkshire Forward, the Regional Development Agency. Together we set about addressing these issues.

From the start it was agreed that there must be a unified approach to the region's future, which recognised the links between the activities of the various regional organisations, and the added value that would be gained from working together. So a strategic framework was developed within which individual strategies and plans for the region would sit. This was Advancing Together – launched in July 1998 – an overarching strategic framework to support the delivery of an agreed vision for Yorkshire and Humber. That vision was of a 'world class region, where the economic, environmental and social well-being of all our

people was advancing more rapidly and more sustainably than our competitors'.

The region has come a long way since then. Much has been achieved, but much more remains to be done. Many of the things that marked our region out as a poor performer in the past remain true today. But we are clear that the key to our long-term success will be to continue our co-ordinated partnership approach to strategy and delivery at regional, sub-regional, and local level.

We have now updated Advancing Together to take Yorkshire and Humber forward. It builds on earlier work, looking to all organisations and individuals to refresh and renew their commitment to help deliver the region's vision. Critically, it also provides a single regional monitoring framework so we can more effectively measure our progress.

The lessons of the last few years show us the benefit of partnership, of agreeing priorities, and of committing ourselves to delivery. By aligning our activities with this regional strategic framework, and through effective work at all levels, we will together be able to achieve our vision for Yorkshire and Humber.





e challenge:

Annex A – High level regional indicators

An Advanced Economy

1 Economic Growth

Gross Value Added (GVA) per head on a workplace basis.
(Source: Office of National Statistics ONS).

2 Productivity

Gross Value Added per hour worked on a workplace basis.
(Source: Department of Trade and Industry DTI).

3 Enterprise

VAT registrations per 10,000 population; **and** Percentage of businesses remaining registered for VAT after 3 years registration.
(Source: Small Business Survey).

4 Innovation

Regional business, government, and higher education research and development expenditure as a percentage of regional GDP.
(Source: ONS).

5 Investment

Manufacturing investment as a percentage of total manufacturing output.
(Source: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs DEFRA).

6 Employment

Working age International Labour Organisation employment rate.
(Source: ONS).

7 Rural Economy

VAT registrations as percentage of business stock in designated 'rural' Local Authority Districts; **and** VAT de-registrations as percentage of business stock in designated 'rural' Local Authority Districts; **and** Wholly unemployed benefit claimants as percentage of workforce in designated 'rural' Local Authority Districts.
(Source: Countryside Agency).

Excellent Infrastructure

8 Traffic Volume

Car and taxi traffic volume (billion vehicle kilometres); (Source: DEFRA) **and** Average Daily Motor Vehicle Flows, All Roads (Thousand Vehicles Per Day)
(Source: DTI)

9 Transport Use

Passenger travel by mode 1998 - 2000.
(Source: ONS)

10 Housing Completions

Number of annual completions of housing.
(This data is expected shortly)

11 Housing Affordability

This indicator is not in use.
Work is underway nationally to agree affordability definitions

12 Land Reuse

Percentage of new homes built on previously developed land. This data is not in use.
Regional level data for 1998 onwards will be available shortly.

High Quality Environments

13 Air Quality

Days when air pollution is moderate or higher (urban /rural). (Source: DEFRA)

14 Water Quality

Percentage of river length of good or fair chemical quality; **and** Percentage of river length of good or fair biological quality.
(Source: DEFRA)

15 Biodiversity

Woodland bird population index;
(Source: DEFRA) **and** Condition of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). (Source: English Nature)

16 Waste

Total household waste (kg/person/year); **and** Household waste recycled or composted (kg/person/year). (Source: DEFRA)

17 Emissions

Emissions of Carbon Dioxide per head (kg carbon).
(Source: DEFRA)

18 Energy Consumption

Regional Energy Consumption billed to end-user; **and** Energy produced from renewable sources as proportion of regional energy consumption. (This data is expected in 2004)

Educated and Skilled People

19 Young People's Education and Skills

Percentage of 19 year olds with 5 or more GCSE's at A*-C or NVQ Level 2 Qualification.
(Source: DTI)

20 Basic Skills

Percentage of pupils achieving level 4 at Key Stage 2 in English in maintained schools; **and** Percentage of pupils achieving level 4 at Key Stage 2 in Mathematics in maintained schools.
(Source: Department for Education and Skills)

21 IT Skills

This indicator is not in use. Work is on-going in the region to source appropriate data.

22 Workforce Skills and Training

Percentage of economically active adults qualified to NVQ level 3 or equivalent; **and** Percentage of working age population without qualifications; (Source: DTI) **and** Percentage of economically active adults receiving job related training in last four weeks.
(Source: ONS)

23 Higher Level Skills

Percentage of economically active adults qualified to NVQ level 4 or equivalent.
(Source: DTI)

First Class Quality of Life

24 Deprivation

Percentage of working age people in workless households. (Source: DEFRA)

25 Health

Life expectancy at birth (male and female); (Source: ONS) **and** Life Expectancy at birth 1998-01 (male and female) – inequalities; (Source: ONS) **and** Smoking prevalence (%) by socio-economic groups. (Source: ONS)

26 Culture

This indicator is not in use. Work is on-going in the region to develop indicators.

27 Crime

Recorded robberies per 100,000 population; **and** Recorded burglaries in dwellings per 100,000 population; (Source: DEFRA) **and** Fear of selected crimes.
(Source: British Crime Survey)

28 Urban & Rural Renaissance

This indicator is not in use. Work is on-going in the region to develop indicators.

29 Access to Services

Percentage of patients who are able to be offered an appointment to see a GP within two working days; (Source: NHS) **and** Percentage of rural households under 2km from a primary school; (Source: Countryside Agency) **and** Additional component for urban areas. Work is on-going in the region to develop indicators.

30 Community Well-being

Percentage who enjoy living in own neighbourhood.
(Source: Home Office)

Good Governance and Civic Participation

31 Civic Participation

Percentage who participated in civic affairs in the last 12 months.
(Source: Home Office)

32 Good Governance

This indicator is not in use. Work is on-going in the region to develop indicators.

Annex B – Yorkshire and Humber Assembly Member Organisations

Members

- Association of Colleges Yorkshire & Humberside
- Association of Yorkshire and Humber Chambers of Commerce
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- BME Regional Network
- Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
- Confederation of British Industry
- Churches Regional Commission, representing faith communities
- City of York Council
- Craven District Council
- Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Hambleton District Council
- Harrogate Borough Council
- Kingston upon Hull City Council
- Kirklees Metropolitan Council
- Learning and Skills Councils
- Leeds City Council
- Health Sector
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- North Yorkshire County Council
- Yorkshire Local Councils Association/the East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Councils Association
- Regional Environment Forum
- Richmondshire District Council
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- Ryedale District Council
- Scarborough Borough Council
- Selby District Council
- Sheffield City Council
- Trades Union Congress
- Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
- Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Forum for Voluntary and Community Organisations.
- Yorkshire Culture
- Yorkshire Rural Community Council
- Yorkshire Universities

Associate Member

- Police

Observers

- Countryside Agency
- Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber
- Yorkshire Forward
- The Environment Agency

Annex C – Short descriptions of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly, Yorkshire Forward and Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber

The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly

The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly is one of eight regional assemblies in England, referred to in legislation and by Central Government as regional chambers. It is a voluntary high-level, regional strategic partnership organisation with members including local authorities, business, education, community and voluntary, and environmental sectors.

The regional assemblies are charged with scrutinising the work of the Regional Development Agencies, they also lobby and make representations on behalf of their own region, at home and in Europe.

As the Regional Planning Body (RPB), the Assembly has to produce Regional Planning Guidance (RPG), soon to be replaced by a statutory Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). The Assembly has also been asked to work to bring together key regional strategies, with the long-term goal of producing an integrated regional strategy. In Yorkshire and Humber this is Advancing Together, which provides a framework for the action of all other strategies and plans.

Regional assemblies are funded by Government to undertake regional planning and scrutiny – the rest of their income comes from Local Authority subscription and sponsorship. In Yorkshire and Humber the total budget is in the region of £3 million annually. The Assembly employs around 40 people full-time and has offices in Wakefield and Brussels.

Yorkshire Forward, the Regional Development Agency

The Regional Development Agencies were established by the 1998 RDA Act, and came into being in eight regions in April 1999. In this region the RDA is called Yorkshire Forward. RDAs are non-departmental public bodies, sponsored by the Department for Trade and Industry. Each RDA aims to coordinate work on regional economic development within their region, particularly around improving productivity, enhancing skills, and furthering regeneration.

Each RDA has a statutory responsibility for developing and implementing a regional economic strategy (RES), including a framework for regional employment and skills action (FRESA). These strategies are designed to focus economic interventions in the region – on specific areas, clusters, and skills shortages.

RDAs are financed by DTI, ODPM, DfES, DEFRA, and DCMS, and are able to allocate funds as they see fit dependent on regional priorities. RDAs receive differing levels of funding, with the highest amounts going to regions with greater perceived need.

RDAs are evaluated on the basis of a number of targets at three levels. In Yorkshire and Humber, the Tier 1 targets are the seven aspirational 10 year targets set in the RES. Tier 2 sets out eleven regional outcome targets. The RDAs are expected with others to deliver the achievement of these at regional level. At Tier 3 there are five core output milestones. The RDAs are required to deliver against these outputs, they are also able to set supplementary milestones to reflect the economic circumstances in their regions. RDA performance is monitored on achievement of Tier 2 and Tier 3 targets against the forecasts in their Corporate Plans, and appraisal of their Strategic Leadership role in the region.

Yorkshire Forward's Board Members are appointed by Government, but have a large degree of independence in determining the Agency's priorities. It is a business led organisation but also has Members with backgrounds in local government, the voluntary sector, trade unions and academia. Yorkshire Forward leads the development and implementation of the Regional Economic Strategy on behalf of, and in partnership with, the region. Yorkshire Forward employs approximately 300 staff and has an annual budget of around £300m.

Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber

GOYH actively seeks to support and improve the way Government works in the region so that the economic, social and environmental needs of the region, and of local communities, are met more effectively.

The Government Office carries out significant functions on behalf of 10 Government Departments (Cabinet Office, DCMS, DfES, Defra, DoH, DTI, DfT, DWP, Home Office and ODPM). It aims to bring coherence to the delivery of policy in the region, and to add value by exploiting synergies, working constructively with regional and local partners, providing value for money and seeking to remove obstacles to effective local implementation. Part of this role is to promote and support the regional direction in national policy design and implementation.

GOYH's 300 staff work with Yorkshire Forward, the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly, local authorities, the voluntary and community sectors; and a range of other public agencies across the criminal justice system, transport, rural, environmental, housing and cultural interests, learning and skills, and children and young people; and with business and commerce to achieve these aims.

GOYH is responsible for a budget of around £740 million including grant in aid to Yorkshire Forward which GOYH sponsors, and funding to support the work of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly. Other budget areas cover European Structural funds, housing, neighbourhood renewal, drugs and crime reduction, and local transport.



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