

Project Brief:

Refreshed Analysis of Migration Trends and Drivers in
Yorkshire and the Humber

Yorkshire and Humber Assembly

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Background

1. The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly (YHA) is commissioning this work. YHA comprises the 22 Local Authorities in the region, plus 15 Social, Economic and Environmental partners and the two National Parks for planning purposes. It is the designated Regional Planning Body and also has responsibility for the Regional Housing Strategy and for providing advice to Ministers on the spending priorities for the Regional Housing Single Pot.
2. The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly is currently undertaking a review of the Regional Spatial Strategy (the 2009 RSS Update). The selective review focuses on housing issues but also explores related issues including infrastructure, climate change and flood risk. The Assembly is currently consulting on a Spatial Options document, which considers the overall scale of housing provision, distribution of housing across the region and Opportunity Areas within the sub areas where growth could be accommodated.
3. In November 2008 the Assembly held four consultation events to debate and discuss the Spatial Options with partners and stakeholders across the region. A key issue that was consistently raised at all of the events is the use of demographic trends and population and household projections in regional planning. Specifically, concerns were raised about the level of certainty we can attach to projections that are based on a 5-year 'slice' of historical data issued by central government in planning for the long-term future of the region.
4. In December 2007, prior to the start of the RSS 2009 Update, Edge Analytics undertook a piece of work on migration in the Yorkshire and Humber Region. The study report is based on 2004-based projections and looks at changes in migration trends, the drivers behind these changes and potential future scenarios for migration patterns and household numbers. Analysis was undertaken for the region as a whole, each local authority, the four administrative sub-regions and the functional Leeds City Region. The study helped to inform and provide evidence for the Assembly's response to the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the current adopted (May 2008) RSS.
5. The Assembly now wishes to commission a refresh of the work undertaken by Edge Analytics to provide an updated view of migration trends in the region based on the ONS 2006 based population projection and Experian's estimates of the forthcoming 2006-based household projections (official projections are due Spring 2009).

Description

6. The main purpose of this work is to update the analysis produced by Edge Analytics in December 2007. The work will need to provide an analysis of

changes in migration trends and drivers behind these changes and to provide an assessment about the likelihood and/or uncertainties of these trends continuing. The analysis should cover the following: -

- How migration trends and assumptions have informed the ONS 2006 based population projections and are informing the forthcoming 2006-based household projections
- Future migration trends shown as annual figures over a time series of 5-year slices
- Any significant new economic, social or political drivers including
 - Current economic conditions and regional employment trends
 - Changes in national policy on migration e.g. the move to a 'points based' system
 - How migration relates to international policy and attitudes
- Scenarios for possible future migration levels including:
 - Reasons for the scenarios (changes to the above drivers)
 - Views on the certainty that can be attached to those scenarios

7. The report should provide analysis on the region as a whole as well as each of the Local Authorities. Analysis at the Local Authority level is required to enable examination across different geographies including strategic housing markets, sub-areas, sub-regions or city-regions.

8. The outputs from this work will form part of the evidence base for the review of the Regional Spatial Strategy and work to develop a new Integrated Regional Strategy. Local Authorities may also use the findings to inform the preparation of their Local Development Frameworks.

Outputs and Milestones

9. The key output for this research project is a report that can be read alongside the original report produced by Edge Analytics in December 2007.

10. The report will be used to inform the meeting of the Regional Planning Board on 18 March 2009 where the Board will also consider the responses to the Spatial Options consultation and Experian's work on demographic change, economic growth and housing supply. The report is therefore required in the week commencing 2 March so that papers for the Board meeting can be prepared.

11. The key milestones for the project are as follows: -

Consultant appointed	Week commencing 30/1/2009
Draft report	Week commencing 23/2/2009

Final report	Week commencing 2/3/2009
Regional Planning Board	18 March 2009

Projected Cost, Budget and Funding Stream

12. It is expected that the total cost of this work will be in the region of £1,000 – £3,500.

Management and Reporting Arrangements

13. Harriet Fisher will be responsible for managing the project from the Assembly and will be the main point of contact for reporting purposes. Their contact details are:

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