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Recent research activity in York and North Yorkshire

Migrant Workers Research Seminar 15th February 2007 – Hilton Hotel, York

The York and North Yorkshire Data and Intelligence Partnership organise and hold four research seminars per year as part of the remit of the group to disseminate and share information and to raise the awareness of sub regional partners of existing, current and future key research activity.

The most recent research seminar was held as an information giving breakfast event in February 2007 at the Hilton Hotel, and focussed on the greatly debated topic of Migrant Workers in York and North Yorkshire and the effect on the local economies and communities.

Delegates were given the opportunity to hear from three key speakers from different expertise, and consider how Migrant Workers can be understood from a range of view points and how they affect different aspects of society.

Dr Peter Boden is Director of Edge Analytics Ltd and a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Leeds. He began his analytical career with the completion of a PhD, investigating the impact of migration upon UK population estimates and projections and provides undergraduate and postgraduate lectures and seminars on demographic change and the UK labour market.

Peter set a picture of the situation with migrant workers in the UK and more locally at a sub regional level. He focussed his presentation on the difficulty of gathering robust statistics on the numbers and activities of migrant workers. The main data sources used include Total International Migration (TIM) which measures migration at a national and regional level, National Insurance Number data (NINo), and the Worker Registration Scheme (WRS).

Joanne Wapshott is Research Advisor at LSC Yorkshire and the Humber. Jo outlined a research project currently being undertaken on the Study of New Migrants in Yorkshire and the Humber. This is an ESF funded project to investigate the volume, nature and impact of migrant workers in North and West Yorkshire and the Humber using data analysis, literature reviews, interviews with key policy stakeholders and case studies.

Nasr Moussa Emam is a Community Cohesion Officer for North Yorkshire County Council. Nasr gave a presentation looking at migrant workers from a social and community aspect. Much of Nasr's work involves positively engaging with new migrants, encouraging cohesion within local communities, providing an employment gateway and raising cultural awareness.

The event was very well attended by around 75 delegates from across the sub region. General consensus was that the morning was extremely useful, informative and thought provoking.

Migrant Worker Briefing

As a result of the interest in the Migrant Worker event, it has been agreed that it would be useful and beneficial to produce a briefing on Migrant Workers in York and North Yorkshire, and the methodology which is used to measure their presence and activities, similar to the briefing produced recently for the Humber. This will include an overview of the situation using data from the Worker Registration Scheme (WRS) and NINo.

This is scheduled to be completed within the next couple of months.

York and North Yorkshire Mapping Group

In addition to YNYDIP, the York and North Yorkshire Mapping Group meets three times a year to discuss developments and research relating specifically to mapping or GIS in the sub region. The group is still relatively new but membership is growing in order to attempt to include relevant GIS members from a similar range of partners to those which attend the YNYDIP meetings.

The York and North Yorkshire Mapping Group is also linked to the Regional GIS Discussion Group organised by Yorkshire Futures, which is attended in order to feed back any relevant points to the sub regional group.

Future developments of the group will include a GIS online forum linked into the online forums that are currently being developed on the Yorkshire Futures site, updates on GIS activity within the sub region will be included in the YNYDIP quarterly newsletter and a list of GIS contacts and available maps will hopefully appear on the Partnership Unit website in order to reduce duplication and make mapping more accessible.

The minutes and papers from the last group are attached below.

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12th April 2007

Minutes from last Mapping Group Meeting

York and North Yorkshire Mapping Group

Friday 23rd March 2007

10am

Business Link York & North Yorkshire

Minutes

Attending

Ian Cunningham – Safer York
Ian Aspinall – Yorkshire Futures
Julian Groom – Defra Rural Stats
Joanne Wapshott – Learning and Skills Council
Iain McKechnie – Business Link
Graham Townsend – North Yorkshire County Council
Miles Templeton – Defra Rural Stats
Andrew Leeming – York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit
Laura Oldridge – York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit
Simon Lutman – City of York Council

Apologies

Mark Scott – Environment Agency
Colin Mellors – University of York
Tim Ashelford – Government Office for Yorkshire & Humber
Robert Tansey – Selby College
Jake Wood – City of York Council
Jo Holmes - North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust

1. Welcome, introductions and minutes from the last meeting

Andrew Leeming welcomed the group and introductions were made around the table. Minutes from the last meeting were circulated and agreed.

2. Any Matters Arising

Laura Oldridge attended the first meeting for the Regional GIS Discussion group in November. The next meeting is arranged for April.

Andrew Leeming updated the group on the Rural Evidence Base for York and North Yorkshire – this is now complete and available on the Partnership Unit website at <http://www.ynypu.org.uk/category.aspx?category=1>

A key summary report/key findings will be produced shortly.

Laura Oldridge explained to the group about the mapping proforma exercise. This was produced in order to establish a database of available maps which would then possibly be presented on the Partnership Unit website. The proforma was circulated again after the last meeting but no further proformas were completed and returned.

Action

- ◆ Laura Oldridge to circulate proforma to group again

- ◆ **All – if you know of any maps that have been produced within your organisation which may be useful to add to the list of maps available (with the intention that the contact details for each map will appear in a list on the YNYPUP website) please complete and return the proforma ASAP.**

3. Appoint Chair

Andrew Leeming explained to the group that it would be preferential to have a chair external to the partnership unit for the future mapping group meeting. He approached the group for volunteers at the meeting or via email afterwards. There were none at the meeting.

Action

- ◆ **Any volunteers or for further info on the role of the chair please contact Laura**

4. Around the table updates on key developments/activities

Laura Oldridge advised the group that although there are not any major developments within the partnership unit with regards to GIS, Progress in York and North Yorkshire is due to have its annual light touch review and will hopefully be available at the end of April.

Simon Lutman explained to the group that over the past 6 months, City of York council have been working closely with developing the GIS/mapping tools and much of the information and data is now available online. A new website <http://localview.york.gov.uk> has recently been developed which links reporting and 'find my nearest...' facilities.

Ian Cunningham outlined a number of application developments which he has been working with in order to analyse crime data and advised the group that the PDA hand held systems, which would allow crime data and information to be accessed out of the office, have now been completed.

Ian Aspinall advised that the Regional GIS group had previously held their first meeting in November where terms of reference and the group's remit were agreed. Minutes from the regional meeting as well as the North Yorkshire and South Yorkshire meetings are available on the Yorkshire Futures website. The next meeting is due in April and Laura Oldridge is to attend and feed back any relevant points to the sub regional group.

Action

- ◆ **Laura to attend next regional meeting and feedback to group**

Jo Wapshott explained that the data team for the LSC is now regional and have recently started to use GIS to map travel to learn patterns. This is still in very early stages as training has just commenced.

5. Defra Presentation 'Current goings on in Defra' – Miles Templeton

Miles Templeton provided the group with an overview of some of the latest developments and projects within Defra in the Rural Statistics Unit. These mainly look at access to services and consider the impact of decisions, to close services, on the community and people around. Miles also discussed the difficulty with many mapping systems using distances 'as the crow flies' rather than direct travel routes. One project that Defra have been working on has identified a number of nodes (points where roads run into other roads and where drivers must make a decision about which way to go). The aim of this was to establish an idea of how many services or facilities a person can reach within 40 modes (by making 40 decisions)

Miles also described a project using the 'pub is the hub' strategy. Defra identified a number of services and allocated them to the nearest settlement. This allowed them to define profiles of

each settlement showing how many services each settlement has access to. The Pub is the hub is concerned with settlements that have very few services but do have a pub which could act as a central hub for community life eg buying stamps, applying for benefits etc.

6. Update from Yorkshire Futures

Ian Aspinall circulated a paper to the group with a number of key updates about Yorkshire Futures. (circulated with minutes)

- ◆ Message Boards/online forums – software has been selected and testing should take place over the next few weeks.
- ◆ New website search engine – Yorkshire Futures has introduced a new search engine to their website. This allows users to search across a range of partner websites including the Environment Agency, GOYH, LSC, YHPHO and others
- ◆ Instant Atlas GIS Software has now been purchased

7. NYCC Presentation ‘NYCC and Geographic Information’ – Graham Townsend

Graham Townsend gave the group a presentation on GIS in North Yorkshire County Council and future developments including a website which will be accessible and users will be able to search for bus and travel information around the sub region.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business

Date of the next meeting

July – date and venue to be confirmed (Sometime in the 2 weeks commencing 16th July)

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Yorkshire Futures Update

York and North Yorkshire Mapping Group Meeting Update - 23/03/07

Over the last few months Yorkshire Futures have been concentrating on developing the services available on the website.

What Works Database

The recently launched What Works Database now has over 350 case studies, evaluations and research findings available to view on the Yorkshire Futures website. This dynamic new database contains information across social, economic and environmental themes. Recent additions to the database include an extensive range of environmental case studies from Recycling Action Yorkshire and the European Commission. Future additions will include a review of Enterprise and the Social and Economic Benefits of Participation in Sport. It is intended that the What Works Database will raise awareness of good practice, help to prevent duplication and support informed policy making and effective solutions. Yorkshire Futures welcomes your contributions. Please get in touch if you have relevant information.

Message Boards

We have now identified the Message Board software and are currently integrating the message board software into our website. Initially there will be a Sub Regional Message Board, An Acxiom Lifestyle Data Message Board (Subscribers only) and a Regional Research and Futures Message Board. The message boards should be available in the next few weeks. I will e-mail everyone when the boards are available to use.

New Website Search Engine

Yorkshire Futures brand new Search Facility is now available. KBroker incorporates an ultra-reliable and powerful search engine that indexes all content on the Yorkshire Futures website, content from partner websites and external websites to provide a comprehensive search facility. KBroker is provided by OpenObjects the UK's leading supplier of search-based solutions for web, intranet and extranet, including corporate and e-Government solutions. To search the Yorkshire Futures website, partner websites and related websites please use the search box in the top right hand corner of each page.

Key Partner Sites Searched: Association of Regional Observatories; Environment Agency; Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber; Humber Economic Partnership; Learning and Skills Council; Skills for Business; South Yorkshire Partnership; West Yorkshire Enterprise Partnership; York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit; Yorkshire and Humber Environment Hub; Yorkshire and Humber Public Health Observatory; Yorkshire and Humber Rural Observatory; Yorkshire Cultural Observatory; Yorkshire Forward and Yorkshire Universities.

InstantAtlas

The InstantAtlas GIS software has now been purchased and we are in the process of implementing the software on the Yorkshire Futures website. InstantAtlas is a data visualisation and graphical presentation tool that enhances the value of data by making regional and local patterns of data easy to see and explore. Yorkshire Futures are currently investigating the possibility of displaying some of the data provided in Progress in the Region using InstantAtlas software.

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Item 4

Looking Ahead to the 2011 Census

1.0. Introduction

- 1.1. The next census of population will take place in 2011. Social and technological changes over time, lessons learned from the previous census and changing requirements for information will mean that the census exercise will not be carried out in the same way as that in 2001.
- 1.2. This paper looks at the possible ways in which the census will be carried out, how the results will be presented and how census users within North Yorkshire can prepare for the release of the 2011 data.
- 1.3. North Yorkshire County Council has historically taken a lead role among authorities within the region in providing information on developments in the census process in the run up to the survey being undertaken, giving guidance to authorities on how to prepare for the release of census data and delivering support to users of the data and of SASPAC analysis software. It is expected that the County Council will continue in this role for the 2011 census.

2.0. The 2001 Census

- 2.1. The 2001 census set the principle that data would be supplied free of charge to users. Previously local authorities and other users were charged a substantial amount to buy the data. It is expected that the 2011 data will once again be supplied free of charge. As in 2001 charges are likely to be made for the production of non-standard tables but these are unlikely to arise for the majority of users.
- 2.2. In the run up to the release of 2001 census data a number of North Yorkshire authorities purchased SASPAC census analysis software and received training in its use, organised by the County Council. The County Council then supplied data which had undergone some initial processing in SASPAC format to users within North Yorkshire.
- 2.3. In practice, due to staff turnover and lack of regular familiarity with the software, most authorities have discontinued use of the software, relying instead on obtaining basic data directly from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) census web site (www.statistics.gov.uk/census) and requesting more in depth analysis from the County Council's Policy Development team. It is expected that the ONS web site will again play a major part in the delivery of 2011 census data results and that the County Council will continue to service requests for more detailed analysis.

3.0. Progress So Far

- 3.1. Work began on planning the 2011 census in 2002, with a review among government departments of the demand for a census in future. It was quickly decided that data requirements could not be met from other sources, and that plans for a 2011 should be progressed.
- 3.2. In 2005 ONS undertook a consultation of census users to establish future requirements. The results highlighted a demand for information on income, language, second residences, sexual orientation and national identity. It also identified a need to gain a greater understanding of people's increasingly complex lifestyles. For example, with more separated families than ever before it is common for children to spend a number of nights each week with each parent, without regarding either residence as their home address. It is impossible to express this within the limitations of traditional census questions. The Treasury have agreed to fund an increase in the number of pages to be completed on the form by each member of the household from 3 to 4 to help tackle such problems, but this will not provide enough space to cover all of the proposed topics.
- 3.3. ONS are currently working to balance the need for information on these additional areas of interest against the potential impact on response rates of a longer and more intrusive survey. At a recent series of open meetings they have stressed the fundamental need to ensure that any changes should not reduce the response rate to the census and that the practicalities and costs of increasing the length of the survey form are likely to be prohibitive. It is far from certain at this stage that some of the more contentious questions will be included in the 2011 survey.
- 3.4. It is likely that a number of the questions asked in 2001 will be dropped from the 2011 census. The 2005 consultation showed that some, such as that relating to access to a bath or shower cater to only limited demand from users while others, such as the number of hours worked per week received a poor quality of responses or were often not answered at all in 2001 making the dataset unreliable. To some extent research on hours worked is duplicated by the Labour Force Survey making its inclusion in the census less of a priority.
- 3.5. A Census Test will be undertaken in May 2007 in selected parts of the country to evaluate the effect on response rates, and the quality of responses to the proposed new questions. This exercise will also be used to test the delivery of census questionnaires by hand as previously, using Enumeration Officers, and by post. While personal contact with an Enumeration Officer is thought to improve response rates, with one person in a shared dwelling taking 'ownership' of the form and ensuring that it is completed, difficulties in making contact with residents due to complex lifestyle patterns and gated communities etc make it likely that the 2011 census will be carried out with postal delivery and return of the survey forms. This will rely heavily on the accuracy of the Royal Mail Postcode Address File (PAF). Any errors found in the PAF or in Ordnance Survey's AddressPoint product should be notified to them as soon as possible.

4.1. Output Geography

- 4.2. For the 2001 Census ONS introduced Output Areas (OA's) as the smallest geographical building block for census data release. They undertook a public consultation on small area geographies, which ended in February 2007, to assess the proposals to maintain these boundaries and those of the Super Output Areas (SOA's) which are used for the distribution of data through Neighbourhood Statistics.
- 4.3. In its response to the consultation North Yorkshire County Council asked for greater account to be taken of national park boundaries in devising any new geographies for the release of statistical data. A request was also made to continue the release of data at ward level and for SOA's, which are intended to supersede wards for statistical purposes, to be given names as well as identifying codes to allow users without access to GIS software to interpret them.
- 4.4. The results of this consultation have not yet been released but it is expected that the maintenance of the OA and SOA boundaries over time will outweigh the requests for amendments intended to address anomalies at the local level. It is hoped that ONS will agree to release 2011 census data at ward, parish and national park level, as in 2001.

4.5. Timetable for the 2011 Census

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| Census Test | May 2007 |
| Decision on Length of Census Questionnaire | Summer 2007 |
| Evaluation of Census Test | Winter 2007 |
| Topics and Questions for Census Agreed | Spring 2008 |
| Census Rehearsal | Spring 2009 |
| Questionnaires for 2011 Census Agreed | September 2009 |
| Census Questionnaires Approved by Parliament | Spring 2010 |
| Census Day | Spring 2011 |
| Release of the Initial Census Results | Autumn 2013 |

5.1. Conclusions

- 5.2. ONS are still to make many of the most important decisions on how the 2011 census will be carried out, what information it will gather and how this will be released. At this stage it seems unlikely that there will be any major budgetary implications to be considered by local authorities and research bodies in preparing for the release of Census data, with exception of the ongoing cost of subscriptions for SASPAC users.
- 5.3. While it is hoped that the confidentiality restrictions which prevented the release of small area statistics for much of North Yorkshire in 2001 will be relaxed, in practice they are likely to be maintained or even tightened due to the increased threat from software capable of analysing the data to reveal the characteristics of individuals, and an increase in the perceived threat to privacy that lower release thresholds would pose.
- 5.4. In the run up to Census Day and the release of the 2011 data ONS and SASPAC are expected to organise a series of local and national meetings for census users. North Yorkshire County Council as the lead authority in the region will be represented at these meetings and will continue to disseminate information to users as it becomes available. Meanwhile the LGAR Statistical Liaison Officers Network operates a useful mailing list to provide information on ONS and other statistical consultations which can be joined by emailing michelle.pickford@lgar.local.gov.uk and ONS operate a Census News mailing list which can be subscribed to by sending an email to CensusWeb@ons.gsi.gov.uk.

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Progress in York and North Yorkshire

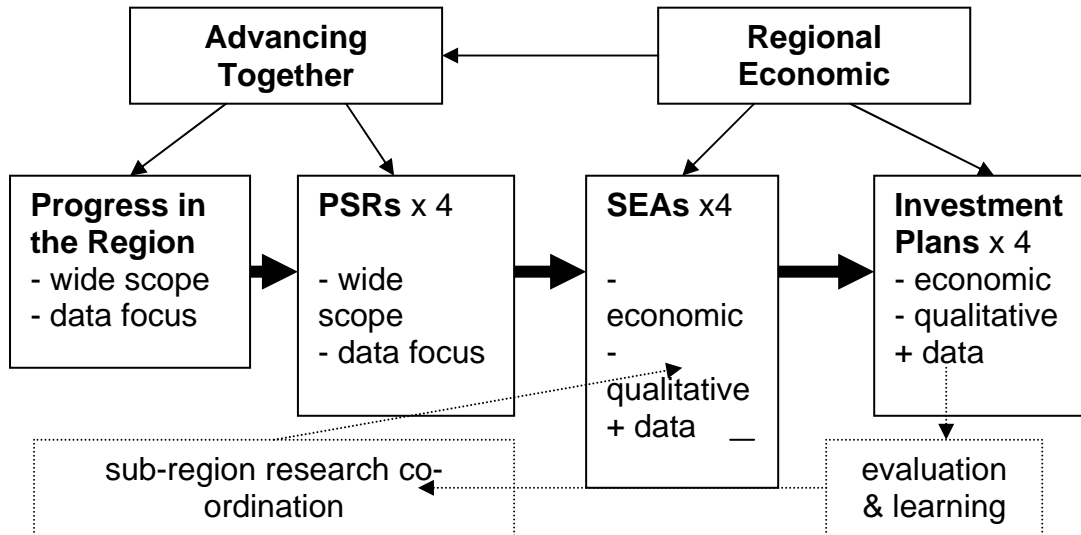
Background

The Progress in the Sub Region reports provide an assessment of progress at the sub regional and local level against the over arching 'Advancing Together' indicators. The Sub regional reports also act as 'daughter' documents supporting the annual regional monitoring report, 'Progress in the Region'.

The issues raised and statistical information provided by the Progress in the Sub Region reports inform the Strategic Economic Assessments and underpin the Investment Plans for the respective sub regions. In keeping with the suggestion in the 'PiSR and SEA link proposals – Dec 05*' (a joint paper produced by Yorkshire Forward and Yorkshire Futures) and subsequent discussions, it has been agreed that Progress in the Sub Region documents will be substantially reviewed and rewritten every three years *'to fit in with and inform the periodic major reviews of investment Plans'*. In the two years between these full reviews, light touch updates of key data and summary documents only are required to allow time for other work of value in the sub-region.

The diagram below has been taken from the Paper - 'PiSR and SEA Link proposals – Dec 05 jointly produced by Yorkshire Futures and Yorkshire Forward and clarifies the link between SEAs in the Sub regions and the Progress in the Sub Region documents.

From Progress in the Region to Investment Plans



Progress in York and North Yorkshire update 2007

Work is currently underway to produce the first annual light touch review. A deadline has been set for the end of April for completion of this work. This will be disseminated via email and appear on the Yorkshire Futures and Partnership Unit website. It may be possible to produce some hard copies of the update to disseminate to partners.

The Light Touch Review

The light touch review will include;

- ◆ 1 to 2 pages of exec summary (including key issues for the sub-region coming from the data).
- ◆ The data tables encapsulating the updated AT indicators (as appears at the beginning of the chapters in Progress in the Region 2006), for:
 - 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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