

York and North Yorkshire Data and Intelligence Partnership:

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1. Launch of Progress in York and North Yorkshire (March 2009)

'Progress in York and North Yorkshire' was launched alongside the Progress in the Region report at an event held on the 20th March at the Royal Armouries in Leeds.

The document monitors the performance of the sub-region against a number of indicators prescribed by Yorkshire Futures, using six broad themes: Economy, Quality of Life, Environment, Infrastructure, Education and Skills and Governance and Participation. The report indicates that of the 24 High-Level indicators that it was possible to measure, York and North Yorkshire has improved in 14.

The document is available for download on the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit website using [this link](#). If you require a hard copy please contact Antonia or Jenny.

The report is also available on the 'Progress in the Region' pages of the [Yorkshire Futures](#) website together with the Regional and City Region reports.

2. Monthly Economic Update

The Partnership Unit is to produce an economic update outlining the economic situation in the sub-region. The report will use a number of national statistics together with data collected from Local Authorities and other partners to give an overall picture of the progression of the economy. The report will be produced on a monthly basis and circulated to partners across the sub-region. The first report is due for release at the end of April 2009.

3. Supporting local information and research: Understanding demand and improving capacity

In partnership with the Audit Commission and the Local Government Association, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) commissioned this review to better understand how to strengthen support for local partners in using local information and research in decision-making. The investigation has probed the following questions:

- What are the sources of demand for local information and research?
- How is research carried out locally?
- How is local information and analysis currently supported by national, regional and sub-regional organisations?

The report includes recommendations for national, regional, and local organisations for strengthening support for local partners. The report can be found following [this link](#).

4. Regional Sustainable Development Indicators

In 2005 the Government launched the 'Securing the Future' Strategy to ensure sustainable development became embedded in policy and practice. Progress towards the implementation of policies set out by the strategy is measured by a series of 68 indicators. Of the 68 indicators used it is possible to measure 46 regionally, the latest results of which are set out in a fact sheet for Yorkshire and Humber. This fact sheet and further information on the strategy are available [on the Defra website](#).

5. Tracking Perceptions of Personal Finances

This new report from Yorkshire Futures measures Yorkshire and Humber residents' perceptions of their personal finances in the current economic climate. The report is available on the Yorkshire Futures website using [this link](#).

Partnership Update

The agenda and minutes from the meeting of the Data & Intelligence Partnership held 13th March at Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough, are now available on the [Partnership Unit website](#).

We are keen for more articles and reports from partners to feature in the newsletter (which is distributed to over 250 contacts in the sub-region and beyond). If you have any suggestions for future editions, any questions or would like further information on any of the features listed above, please contact Antonia or Jenny.

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