

## **Progress in the Region – New Strategic Indicator Set Launched**

**Yorkshire Futures has published a new set of strategic progress indicators for the region to support the newly launched Integrated Regional Framework (IRF). The set comprises three ‘headline indicators’ and 35 High Level Indicators and these will be tracked year on year to assess regional progress on a range of social, economic and environmental indicators.**

The preparation of the indicators was led by a partnership group and driven by the desire to update and streamline the previous Advancing Together indicators, but retain a powerful and meaningful set, which had relevance to all the region’s key policy goals.

There are some innovative changes within the new framework, especially within the **headline measures**. These include a new **Quality of Life Index** that tracks overall progress on a bundle of social indicators (including health, crime, deprivation, housing and culture) over time and between localities. Elsewhere the measure of economic progress includes two parts – **Total GVA** (Gross Value Added) to assess the size of the economy, plus the **Index of Sustainable Economic Well Being** (ISEW) to assess its impact on people and environment. A measure of **greenhouse gas emissions** completes the headline set, reflecting the importance of climate change issues.

Yorkshire Futures have made available a full guide to the new indicators which describes why each is important, lists the measures used and their data sources, and sets out data for Yorkshire and Humber in comparison to other English regions back to a baseline of 1998 where possible. Short interpretations of change are included, but the major assessment of regional progress will be carried out as part of the full Progress in the Region report to be launched in March 2009.

The set was agreed prior to the launch of the new National Indicator set, so whilst some of the regional indicators coincide with these, not all do. To strengthen reporting Yorkshire Futures will monitor progress on the most popular National Indicators selected in the region’s LAAs on the ‘Progress in the Region Live’ function on its website as new data becomes available.

The table summarises the 35 high level indicators against a set of Key Policy Areas, which include and also go beyond the 'Challenge Issues' highlighted in the IRF.

## Summary of High Level Indicators by Key Policy Area

| Key Policy Area                      | High Level Indicators   |
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| <b>Productivity and Innovation</b>   | 1 - <b>GVA per hour</b> worked on a workplace basis *<br>2 - Business <b>R&amp;D</b> investment as a % of GVA *<br>3 - <b>Investment</b> by UK firms as a % of total GVA  |
| <b>Enterprise</b>                    | 4 - <b>Business stock</b> - VAT registered businesses per 10,000 population   |
| <b>Employment and Incomes</b>        | 5 - Working age ILO <b>employment rate</b><br>6 - Personal <b>incomes</b> - median weekly pay (full time workers, workplace based)  |
| <b>Health and Well Being</b>         | 7 - Average <b>life expectancy</b> at birth<br>8 - <b>Obesity</b> prevalence amongst those aged 16+ *   |
| <b>Crime and Safety</b>              | 9 - <b>Total recorded crime</b> , all types, per 1000 population<br>10 - Total recorded <b>violent crime</b> per 1,000 population *   |
| <b>Culture</b>                       | 11 - Percentage of adults doing regular <b>sport and active recreation</b><br>12 - <b>Cultural participation</b> (arts, museums, libraries, heritage, etc.)   |
| <b>Diversity and Equalities</b>      | 13 – <b>Deprivation</b> - % of areas in the most deprived 10% nationally *<br>14 - Percentage of people in <b>workless households</b> *   |
| <b>Climate Change and Energy</b>     | 15 - <b>Ecological footprint</b> - global hectares per capita *<br>16 - <b>Renewable energy</b> capacity as a % of electricity consumed *   |
| <b>Waste &amp; Resources</b>         | 17 - Percentage of total municipal <b>waste sent to landfill</b>  |
| <b>Biodiversity</b>                  | 18 - Percentage of <b>SSSIs</b> in favourable or recovering condition   |
| <b>Quality of Local Environments</b> | 19 – Combined <b>Air quality</b> indicator<br>20 – <b>Water quality</b> - percentage of river length classified as fair or better<br>21 – Regional <b>Quality of Place</b> index (urban renaissance)  |
| <b>Transport</b>                     | 22 – <b>Traffic volume</b> - total vehicle traffic (car + taxi), billion km per year *<br>23 – <b>Modal split</b> - percentage of journeys to work not by car/motorbike *   |
| <b>Housing</b>                       | 24 – <b>Affordability</b> - house prices to earnings ratio (lower quartiles) *<br>25 - Number of <b>new homes</b> completed *   |
| <b>Planning and Land</b>             | 26 - Percentage of new homes on <b>previously developed land</b><br>27 - Percentage of homes at risk of <b>flooding</b>   |
| <b>Education and Skills</b>          | 28 – % of 16 yr olds with 5 <b>GCSEs</b> at A*-C including English & Maths *<br>29 – <b>Basic skills</b> - % of working age population without qualifications<br>30 - Percentage of working age population with <b>NVQ Level 2+</b> *<br>31 - Percentage of working age population with <b>NVQ Level 3+</b> * |

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|                                      | 32 - Percentage of working age population with <b>NVQ Level 4+</b> *<br>33 - Percentage receiving <b>job related training</b> in the past 13 weeks               |
| <b>Communities and Participation</b> | 34 - <b>Public services</b> - % of local authorities rated as good or excellent<br>35 – <b>Civic participation</b> -% of population involved in ‘civic affairs.’ |

\* Closely related to the IRF Challenge Issue (as are headline indicators on climate change and economy not shown in this table).