

A Plan for Economic Growth - review

Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 April 2022

A plan to deliver
economic recovery
and growth
2021 - 2024

Key issues which emerged over 2020/21:

- The economy overall is returning to pre-lockdown levels of productivity. Hospitality has proven to be resilient and is recovering strongly.
- The rate of unemployment and claimant count in North Yorkshire remains significantly below regional and national averages.
- At the height of the pandemic the number of furloughed workers in the County was among the highest in the North of England however towards the end of the furlough scheme this had reduced to below national averages.
- Constrained labour supply will be a limiting factor on future growth opportunities.
- There remain long standing wage discrepancies between different parts of the County and between the wages of residents and of workers.
- The Government's business support programmes have so far been successful in protecting jobs and businesses
- An emerging effect of the pandemic is that of sharply rising inflation which, exacerbated by war in Ukraine, is forecast to reach up to 8%.

Wages and Prosperity

Claimant count as a proportion of population aged 16+ March 2022

| District | Claimant count as a % |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| North Yorkshire | 2.6 |
| Craven | 1.8 |
| Hambleton | 1.9 |
| Harrogate | 2.0 |
| Richmondshire | 1.7 |
| Ryedale | 2.0 |
| Scarborough | 3.8 |
| Selby | 2.6 |
| Great Britain | 4.8 |
| Yorkshire and Humber | 5.1 |

ONS Claimant Count March 2022

Average gross weekly wages by district: 2021

| District | Residence £ | Workplace £ |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Craven | 525.30 | 557.00 |
| Hambleton | 572.60 | 567.00 |
| Harrogate | 650.90 | 560.40 |
| Richmondshire | 515.80 | 562.30 |
| Ryedale | 504.30 | 502.30 |
| Scarborough | 547.00 | 503.40 |
| Selby | 610.50 | 596.00 |
| Great Britain | 613.10 | 612.80 |

ONS Annual survey of hours and earnings - 2021



Economic Growth and Recovery 2020/21

EN1 Places;

A1 J47 - £7.7m- supports Harrogate 47 Commercial site in Flaxby
Transforming Cities Fund, Towns Fund programmes in Whitby and Scarborough,
A Cultural Framework for North Yorkshire

EN2 Transport;

Kex Gill A59 improvements,
Cycling and walking infrastructure Scarborough and Harrogate

EN3 Skills;

17,000 individuals supported over 7 years through LEP skills programmes,
work to explore the future of skills with University of York

EN4 Wellbeing;

revitalised Workplace Wellbeing Charter,
Trading Standards support for Public Health

EN5 Businesses;

Buy Local business support,
£215m spent with local businesses by NYCC

EN6 Environment;

White Rose Forest, EV charging; future of farming ELMS

EN7 Communications;

MANY 5G pilot, Town Centre and Business wifi and NYNET Broadband



North Yorkshire Council

North Yorkshire Council; Economic Development Workstream – led by Mike Greene, Scarborough Borough Council

Economic Development Strategy – led by Trevor Watson, Harrogate Borough Council.

Four main areas of work:

- Review of existing economic data
- Review of current strategies and policies
- Commission of consultancy to develop a new Economic Growth Strategy for North Yorkshire.
- Oversight of the upcoming Shared Prosperity Fund



Any Questions

