# York Economic Strategy 2020-25: Draft Economic Evidence Base

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#### **ANNEX 1**

### We will cover:

- Economic strategy what is it & why now?
- Beyond productivity a new basis for strategy
- How are we going to build our new strategy?
- How you can help!



# Why do we need a new Economic Strategy?

- Economic strategy statement of city priorities, allowing all stakeholders to push together
- Current strategy runs 2016-2020
- Continued sense across the city that not all are benefitting
- New Council Plan setting new city priorities, while MyCastleGateway and MyYorkCentral have raised the bar for consultation!

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### **National Industrial Strategy**

- "A long-term plan to boost the productivity and earning power of people throughout the UK"
- Priorities for Government & LEPs
- Headline: Increase productivity
- 5 foundations: ideas, people, infrastructure, business environment, places
- 4 grand challenges: AI & data, ageing society, clean growth, future of mobility



## ANNEX 1 The economic strategy landscape



- National and regional strategies guide funding
- Local strategy interprets and adds a local layer
- Enables CYC,
   Universities, businesses
   & LEPs to collaborate

# **Build Back Better: Government** ANNEX 1 **Priorities**

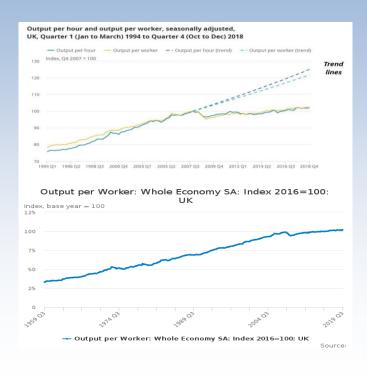
- "Levelling up" agenda addressing inequality and investing in underperforming places
- UK as a science powerhouse investing in R&D, developing and attracting top talent and scaling up innovation
- A green industrial revolution achieving net zero by 2050 whilst creating and supporting <250,000 jobs</li>

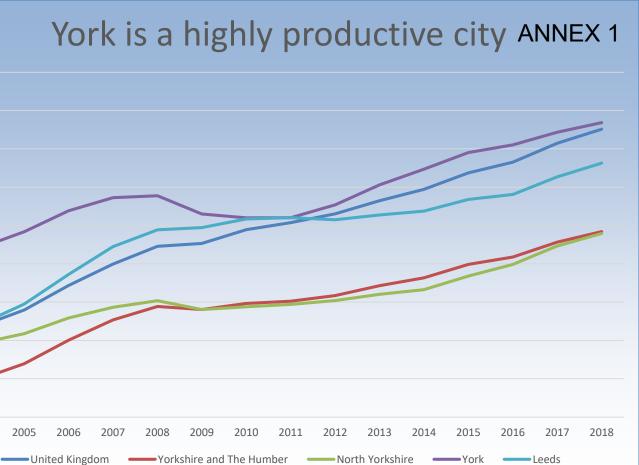
### **Covid-19 – Economic Impacts**

- Full economic impact of Covid-19 still unknown
- Nationally, OBR forecasting a 11% drop in GDP for 2020 – we've since had another lockdown!
- Oxford Economics forecasts for York predict a 11% decrease in GVA for 2020, with GVA returning to pre-pandemic levels in 2022
- Full impact on jobs difficult to tell due to Government support (furlough, business grants, loans etc.)

## ANNEX 1 The productivity challenge(s)

- UK productivity stalled in 2008
- Productivity growth underpins wage growth
- For low-wage cities, growing jobs, skills and productivity is vital – "more jobs, better jobs"





ONS: Nominal smoothed GVA (B) per hour worked (£) 2004-2018

£38

£36

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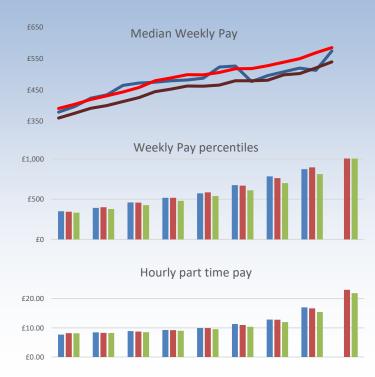
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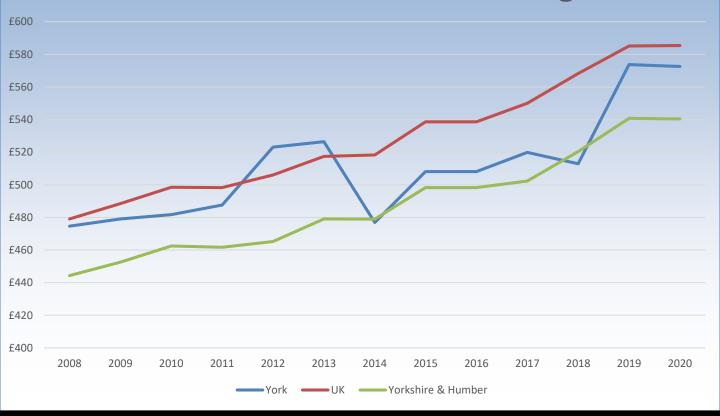
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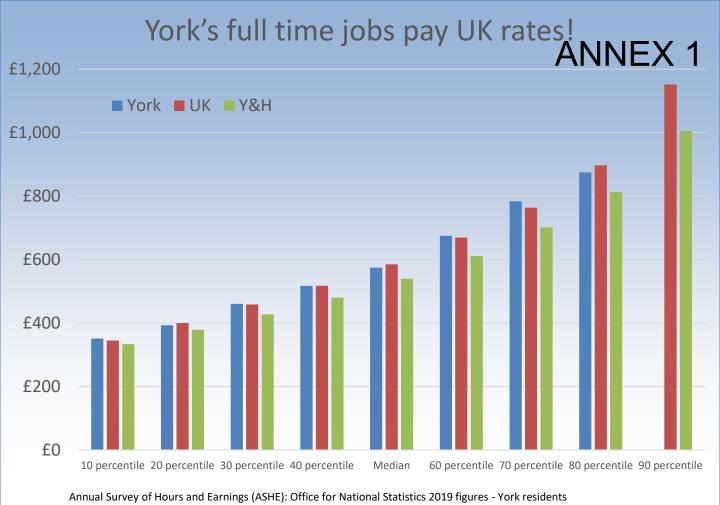
## York is not a low wage city

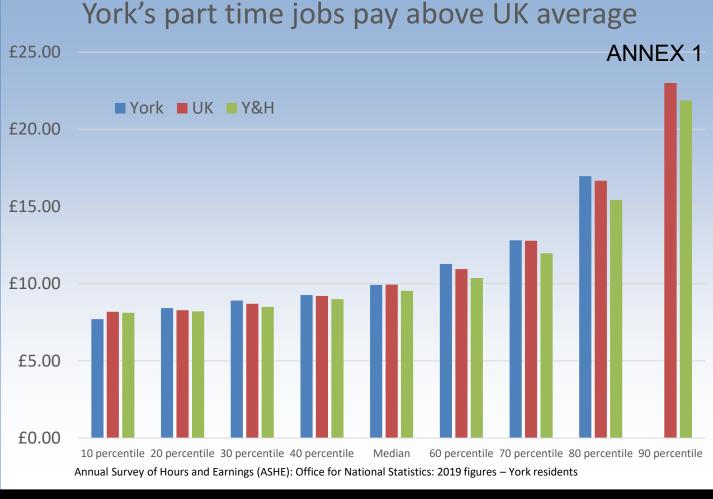
- Median full time pay close to national levels
- At all percentiles, York is above our neighbours
- Also true for hourly rates of part time staff
- See following charts for more information

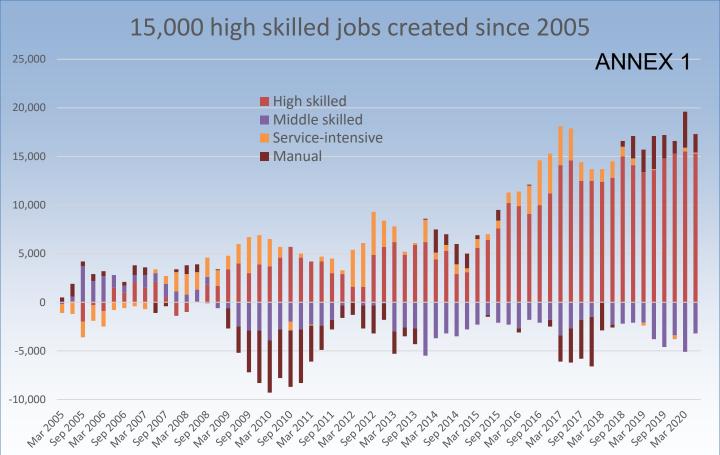


# Median full time weekly pay in York ANNEX 1 is close to the national average

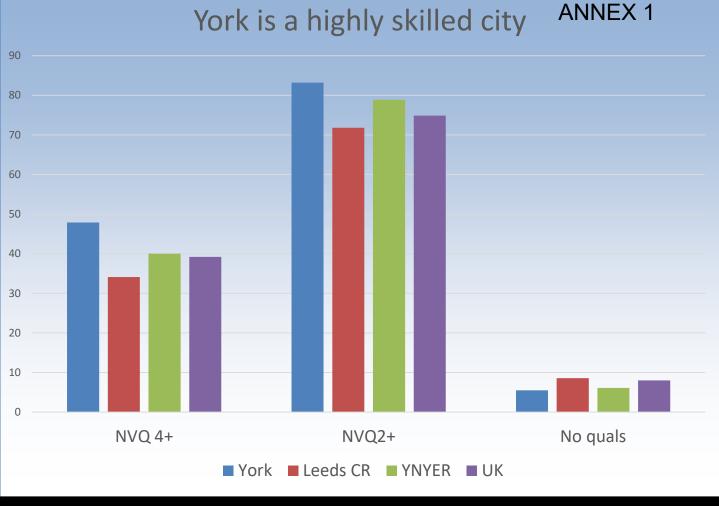


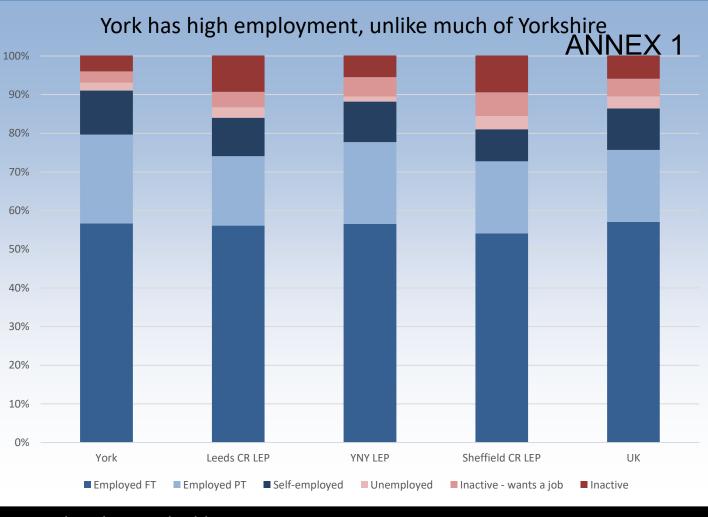




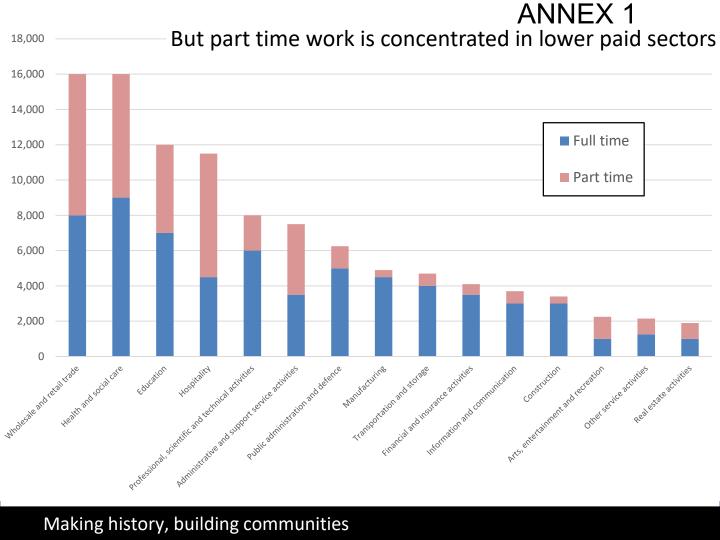


NOMIS: Annual Population Survey employment by SOC Code

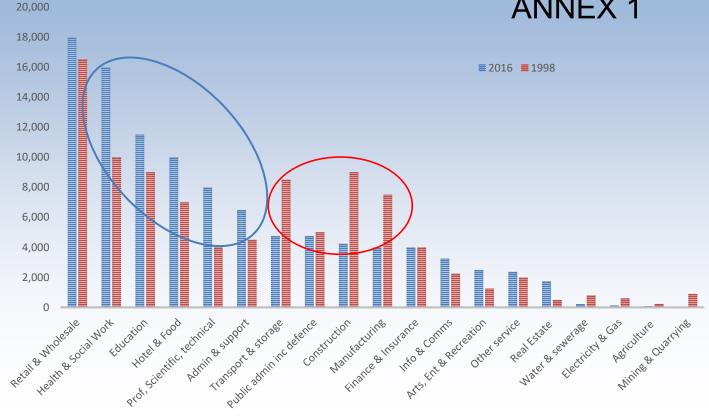




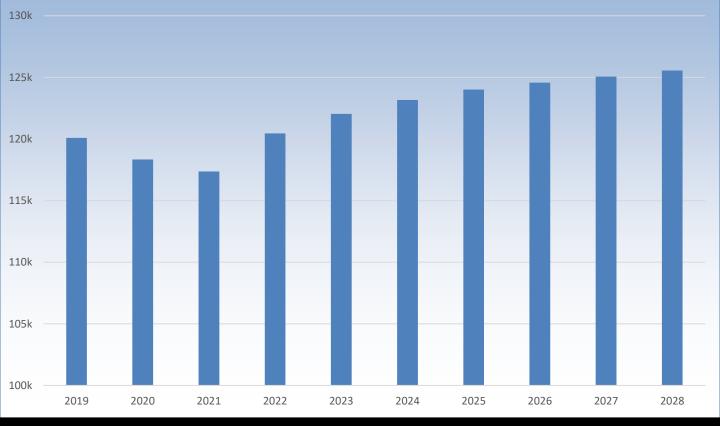
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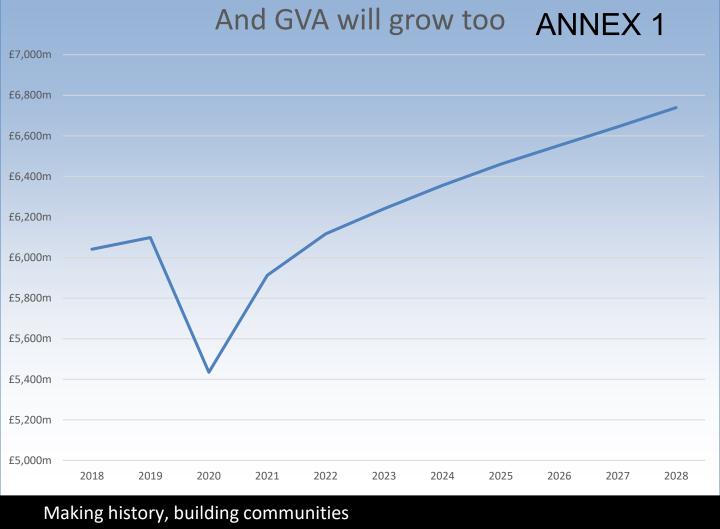




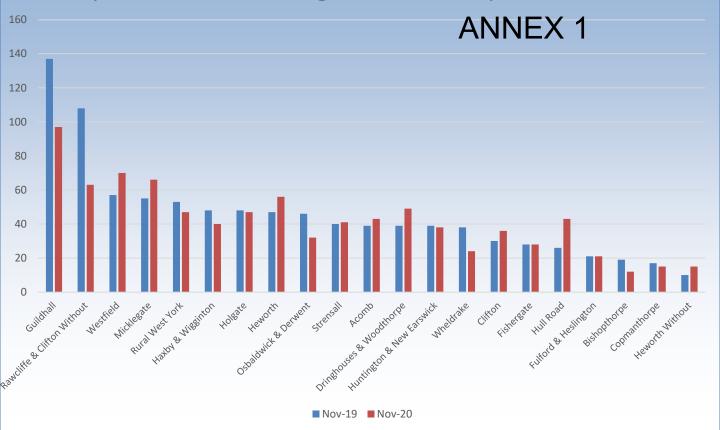


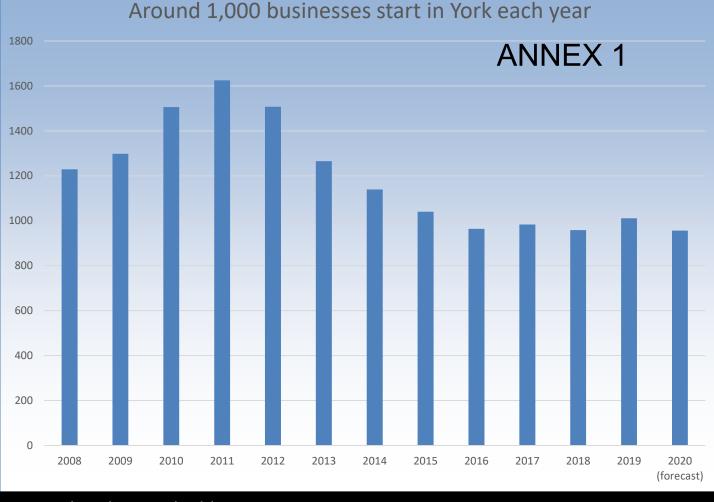
## Employment in York is forecast to continue to grow in the years ahead ANNEX 1





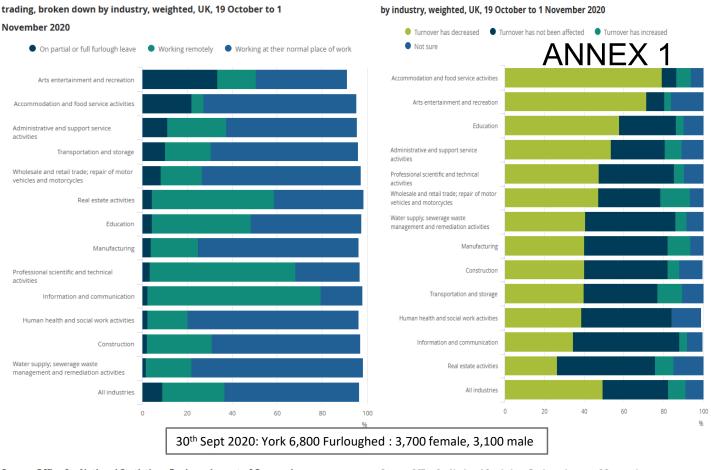
Start-ups in 2020 remain at similar levels to prepandemic, but are higher in more deprived wards





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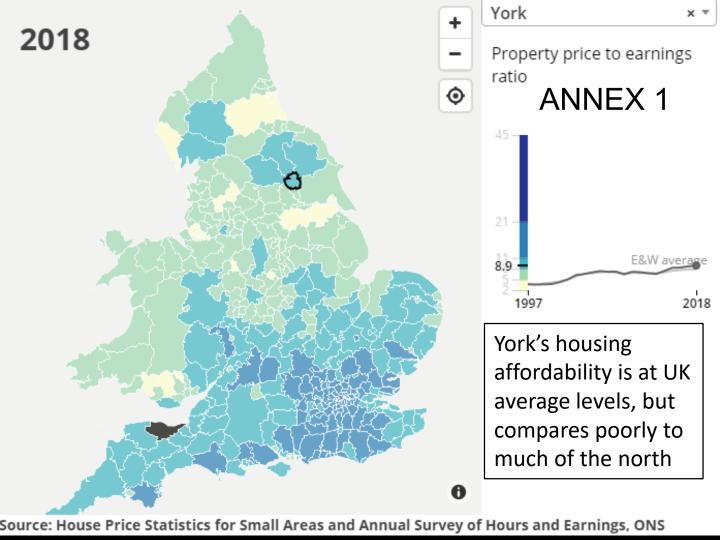


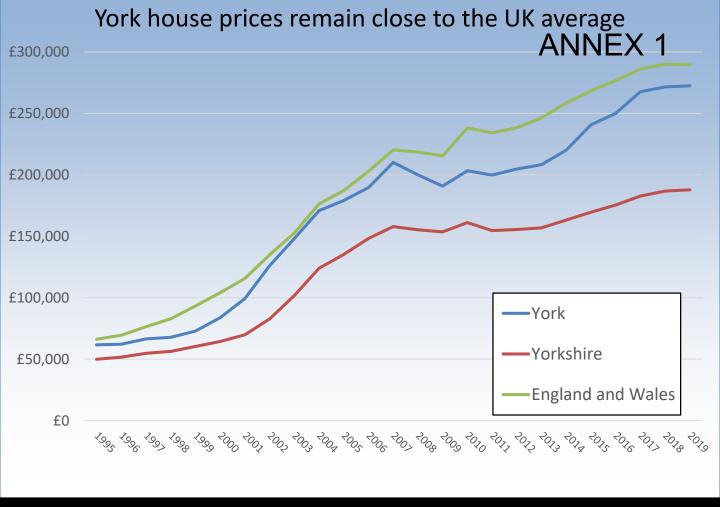
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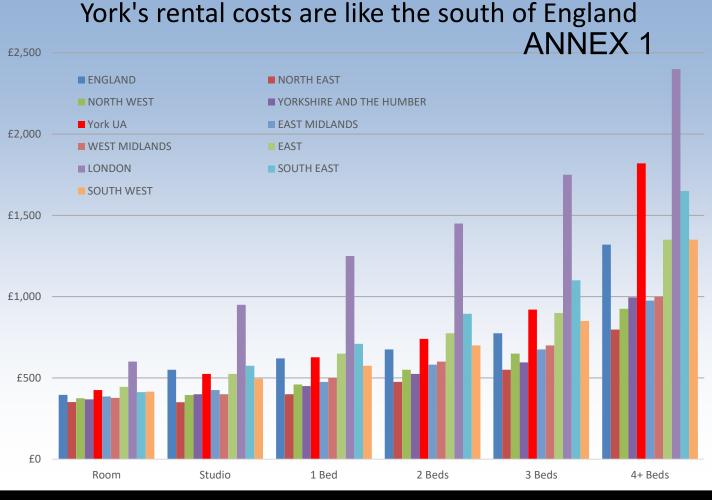
Working arrangements, businesses that have not permanently stopped

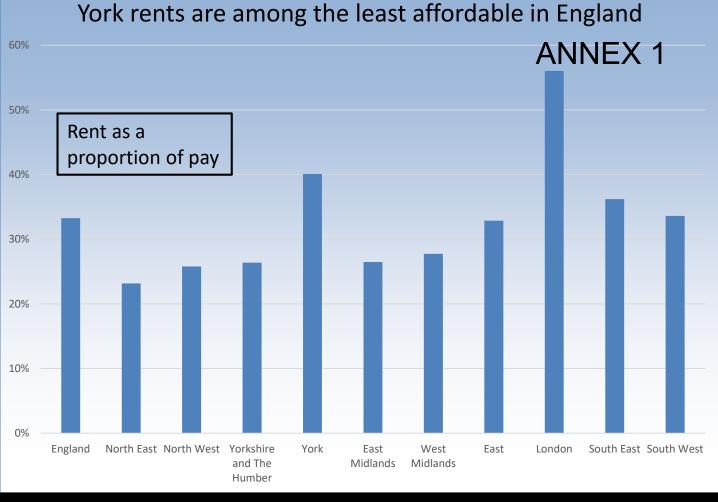
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Impact on turnover, businesses that are currently trading, broken down









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#### So what do we know?

- Wages are not the whole story
- High employment but limited options for many
- High skills but limited opportunities for many
- In work poverty, insecure employment are issues
- Part time work options are limited
- Housing affordability can be challenging
- Many people do not feel well-off!

# What do we need to know more about? ANNEX 1

- Experiences of our residents
- Future skills needs of businesses
- A view from businesses on the advantages & disadvantages of being located in York
- Covid impacts
- Self employment & microbusinesses

