

Sport England

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One of the significant actions identified to ensure York's economic success is the completion of the University of York's expansion. Sport England would identify the Further Education/Higher Education sector as being crucial to developing a strong economy. We are currently working with them to help them to deliver a stronger skills base within sport, and are looking at workforce development, utilising sport as the vehicle, although the outcomes can have a much wider application. We are also seeking to increase volunteers within the area and of course to increase participation. Your document may wish to focus more on the links between workforce development and economic growth. It may also be useful in terms of the Heslington East site to consider the science side of sport, e.g. sports science, sports psychology etc. Sheffield University has developed such linkages and are considered to be at the forefront of scientific developments for sporting activities.

CYC full acknowledges and supports the expansion of the University and encourages Sport England to work in partnership with the University to enhance the skills base in sport related employment. The skills strategy for the city is strongly based on economic growth and is a main focus within the FYG report.

A document called Yorkshire Gold has also been developed which seizes the opportunities of the Olympic and Paralympics Games looking at 5 opportunities to achieve well being and wealth. With the proposed economic growth of York, it will be very important to achieve an attractive environment with opportunities to enhance the well being of people, so that an appropriate work/life balance is achieved. I will send a copy of this document to you. It may be worth looking at a number of points within it, where it relates to enhancing people based skills; managing local environments to encourage physical activity; enhanced profile and tourist potential; and winners in business. At the rear of the document there are actions and objectives for achieving them which may provide a useful guide. For more information on either of these areas of work, please contact Ms Francesca Wood on 020 7273 1634.

The opportunities arising from the Olympic Games are well acknowledged in York. Charlie Croft (Assistant Director Lifelong Learning & Leisure) Chairs a major events group which has already looked in detail at how York can offer opportunities for Sports Organisations and respond to the tourism opportunities that will arise from the increased profile for the UK. This group will be pleased to work with Sport England on any proposals they have in mind.

Another significant action is the creation of a master plan to reflect the vision of growth to guide development and investment decisions and to promote investment. It is very important that in the creation of a document looking to steer development, quality of life issues are included to ensure an appropriate environment within which people wish to live and work. Sport England has developed a document called 'Active Design' which promotes opportunities for sport and physical activity through good design. It looks at how activity can be incorporated into people's everyday lives, to create a healthier more active nation through the master planning process. Endorsement and support of this document would encourage its use and would provide, in the long term, an attractive environment with opportunities for activity at both the home and workplace or on trips between these everyday destinations. A copy of this document is enclosed. Mr Darren Hendley would be able to provide more advice on this area of work. His telephone number is: 020 7273 1629.

See above

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North Yorkshire Partnership Unit

Jonathan French

1. The York and North Yorkshire Partnership Executive CYC Agrees that York has a wider effect on welcomes the future York Group Report and its emphasis the economy within the region. CYC believes on raising aspirations in the York area and continuing the that the Regional Spatial Strategy, the successful development of the York economy. There are Regional Economic Strategy, the City many aspects of how this may be achieved through Regions agenda and Multi Area Agreements supporting different sectors within York and clearly these will be the mechanisms to influence the economic role of the region.

2. The main observation of the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Executive is that, the York economy has over the last ten years become of increasing importance for the area around it both as a source of employment and for developing local enterprises. This is best illustrated by the fact that York's GVA per head has risen much faster than that of the County area. The employment opportunities in new enterprises, Higher Education and Finance and Business Services are particularly important sources of high income jobs.

See above

3. The dynamics of the economy of the City of York likewise impacts over a wide area across a range of matters including transport, housing, retailing and the provision of public and private sector services.

See above

4. It is clear that if the Future York Report is to achieve its objectives, it needs to consider how the York economy and its business leaders engage more fully with both public sector partners and businesses across a much wider area.

See above

5. This is important for a wide range of reasons but is best illustrated by issues of labour supply. The York economy already offers significant employment opportunities, and has a broad catchment area for employment. There is still work to be done to ensure that those responsible for both CYC has a Learning Partnership which has education and the development of skills within that broader an active role within the North Yorkshire labour market catchment area are working closely with Lifelong Learning Partnership to ensure a sub-York Partners so that the proper future matching of regional approach is developed to link people's skills with jobs can be as successful as possible. learning and work in the sub region. There is a danger that there could be a loss of talent from the wider labour market to places elsewhere if there is a lack of understanding of the scale of opportunities within York itself.

6. Areas outside of York can also provide elements of the business package for York that is not easily replicated within the City. An important example of this would be the proposals for a potential research and development SCY has a wider influence than the York UA establishment at Burn Airfield, near Selby, a site boundary, however the regional, sub- regional substantially greater in size than can be offered within and local levels could be developed further. York. If a new R & D activity is attracted to the area, this will significantly enhance the science package for both York and the Leeds City Region.

7. Many firms within the York catchment area, in particular, Malton and Harrogate, who could make more use of the Science and Enterprise support base within the City and add critical mass to the York economy. In particular, they SCY has a wider influence than the York UA might contribute to broaden the business base by boundary, however the regional, sub- regional providing more advanced engineering capacity and and local levels could be developed further. connections to the Leeds Finance and Business Services sector, especially through both software and financial services businesses in Harrogate.

8. Finally, tourism is a vital industry for both York and CYC acknowledges York as a "gateway to the North Yorkshire and the area of greatest mutual region" for Tourism. The York Tourism interdependence. By continuing to emphasise the overall Partnerships actively encourage regional package of attractions and experiences available both in attractions in the York Visitor Guide. The York and the county the sub region should be able to offer Visitor Survey indicates that a 3rd of visitors the visitor a strong case for a extended stay and thus go on to other destinations in Yorkshire contribute more to both economies. during their stay.

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York & Ryedale Friends of the Earth	P. Allenby	57 Kexby Avenue	Hull Road	York	YO10 3HF	<p>Mr Allenby is opposed to the dualling of the York Outer Ring Road. He believes it will be very expensive and will not be a practical method of alleviating congestion. The principle has happened all over the world but particularly on the M25 where further widening has not combated the problem. The City of York Council has made much progress in promoting Green forms of transport - cycling, Park & Ride etc but all this hard work would be undone if the outer ring road were to be dualled.</p> <p>The FYG report has recommended the outer ring road needs to be dualled, however many other options will need to be appraised by the Council before it makes any decisions.</p>
York & Ryedale Friends of the Earth	Guy Wallbanks Coordinator	13 Kingsway West		York	YO24 4RD	<p>The Report has nothing to say how the city's future economic strategy addresses major environmental issues such as Climate change and natural resource consumption.</p> <p>Future Employment in York - The strategy needs to identify and attract to York businesses that will contribute towards making York a more sustainable city e.g. companies working in the fields of recycling or renewables energy, companies which have taken active measures to reduce waste or pollution, companies which have strong policies on social and environmental issues etc.</p> <p>Shops in York - Your support for a flagship department store together with a wide range of leading stores at Castle- Piccadilly will do little to distinguish York from other cities. Rather than make York a "Clone town" indistinguishable from other cities, surely you should be encouraging more local shops so that York maintains its attractions a place uniquely different from other towns.</p> <p>Competition - The strategy often mentions competition but fails to mention any other type of business interaction. The strategy needs to promote the benefits of cooperation and collaboration between businesses as a means of increasing business success</p> <p>The Future York Group Report: An Independent Strategic Review of the York Economy, is a purposefully focussed report on the economy of York in response to heavy job losses in the City. COYC recognises that any future developments need to be assessed in terms of their effect on the ecological footprint of the city and relies on the REAP to monitor any future development.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>It is recognised that York already has a wide range of independent retailers. The Castle Piccadilly site is regarded as a key site for the future development of the city centre. The Council will need to assess development proposals as they come forward for this site.</p> <p>This is recognised - a key success of the Science City York initiative relates to its work on cluster development.</p>
York Environment Forum	Jonathan Tyler Chair	mailto:ptn@btconnect.com				<p>The Future York Report is based on conventional economic thinking. It does not recognise any possibility of sharp discontinuities in the foreseeable future. It does not mention climate change, energy shortages, pressure on natural resources, environmental damage or economic instability. Further, its members take no account of the Council's commitment in the <i>Without Walls</i> strategy in 2004 to substantially reduce the Ecological and Carbon Footprints of the City, those telling measures of present risks and future security.</p> <p>Members of the Environment Forum believe that such a Report is fundamentally flawed. Had it been presented as one document – an economic perspective – amongst others setting out different perspectives on the City's future this would have been less problematic. As it stands, however, the Report is written from a conviction that its particular perspective is unquestionably the predominant consideration in formulating a strategy for the City. Moreover, the form of the consultation on the Report leaves respondents without complementary and alternative perspectives.</p> <p>We therefore have substantial concerns about the premises of the Report, hold major reservations about many details and doubt the value of the consultation.</p> <p>Detailed Comments on the FYG Report are contained in the file to the right. The Summary has been included above</p> <p>The Future York Group Report: An Independent Strategic Review of the York Economy, is a purposefully focussed report on the economy of York in response to heavy job losses in the City. COYC recognises that any future developments need to be assessed in terms of their effect on the ecological footprint of the city and relies on the REAP to monitor any future development.</p> <p>The key strategy documents for taking the city forward will be: (i) The Sustainable Community Strategy (ii) The Local Development Framework (iii) The Council's own Corporate Strategy. These will be influenced by the Future York Group Report but will have their own perspective and approval powers</p> <p>see above</p> 
York TUC	Tim Short					<p>YTUC found the report very disappointing in its conclusions, the main thrust of which seems to dwell on Science City as the City's engine room.</p> <p>YTUC is opposed to the suggestion that a reformed Economic Development Unit (EDU) should be on the same basis as Future York Group. There is no mention of elected councillors sitting on this group or a trade union representative. Our gut feeling is that</p> <p>Detailed Comments on the FYG Report are contained in the file to the right. The Summary has been included above</p> <p>The report deals with a wide range of issues related to the future economy of York including skills and inclusion as well as infrastructure. As such it goes well beyond Science City</p> <p>A report of membership and terms of reference of the Economic Development Partnership Board will be considered at the next meeting of the board to be held on 28th</p> 

Social, Environmental and sustainability issues raised by any proposed policies are presumably to be regarded as undesirable "constraints". The Future York Group Report does not investigate in depth what these constraints might be.

York Tomorrow is particularly concerned over the Report's emphasis on the proposed use of the Castle Piccadilly site for major retail development. The report seems to accept the Roger Tym Retail Study without question, although York Tomorrow has sever reservations about its methodology and conclusions.

The emphasis is on ensuring that the economy grows at the fastest rate possible, so that it contributes significantly to regional and national targets. While it acknowledges that this will exacerbate problems in housing and transport provision and have environmental impact it provides no acceptable solutions.

Housing - The issue of housing provision and affordability are barely considered as a factor in the report. The mismatch between anticipated economic growth, demographic change and housing provision is acknowledged but not revised.

No evidence is provided which supports the argument that the lack of a statutory adopted Local Plan has inhibited investment.

Rural York - the present and possible future contribution of these areas to the local economy is not discussed.

If the drive to lift the skills base of York's workforce is successful, the opportunities for higher rewards for individuals would be in the business sector not retail

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The Local Development Framework will address the balance between these issues. Further development of the Regional Spatial Strategy will also help to address these concerns.

An adopted Local Plan or LDF needs to be in place so as to guide future development for the city in a more planned way. The avoidance of ad-hoc developments is paramount for sustainable city.

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Historical trends indicate that an economy based on relatively few large employers employing a high percentage of the local workforce is not sustainable. The Council recognises a need for a diverse economy and agrees the need for an increased business services sector in the city. However low skilled individuals need as many available job opportunities in the city as possible and after developing skills in certain sectors can advance across all sectors.