



## Chapter 1:

# Introduction

The Annual Monitoring Report for 2009 (AMR2009) has been produced by Local Government Yorkshire and Humber as the Regional Planning Body, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It monitors the policies set out in The Yorkshire and Humber Plan - the Regional Spatial Strategy to 2026. It presents the findings of the 2009 Annual Monitoring Cycle for the Yorkshire and Humber Region. The Monitoring Cycle covers the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.

### Changing policy context

The re-organisation of the former regional bodies into Local Government Yorkshire & Humber, Yorkshire Forward and Yorkshire Futures in April 2009 has led to greater joint working and the Region is well advanced with the production of the Yorkshire and Humber Strategy. There is an appreciation that there exists an excellent opportunity to begin to develop a new monitoring and evaluation approach for the final Regional Strategy. This year's AMR therefore, concentrates on reporting performance around the spatial planning priorities of housing, economy, environment and transport while much of the contextual information in the Regional Spatial Strategy i.e. population statistics and performance against the quality of life outcomes is reported in Progress in the Region (PiR), the annual report on the overall performance of the Region, produced by Yorkshire Futures.

### Regional context

The other major policy change happening in the Region is the progress of functional sub regions. Historically, the Region has been divided into four sub regions: North, West and South Yorkshire and the Humber. However, the boundaries have been re-drawn to reflect the functional economic areas of the region i.e. Leeds, Sheffield and Humber Ports City Regions and North Yorkshire and York. These share a similar geography to the existing sub regions. However, there is considerable overlap between North & West Yorkshire and also with neighbouring regions e.g. Sheffield City Region extends into the East Midlands.

All data in this year's AMR will continue to report at North, West, South Yorkshire and the Humber geographies. However, it is anticipated that future AMR's will better reflect the functional sub regions.

**Figure 1.1**

Functional sub-region boundaries in Yorkshire and Humber



**Table 1.1**

Administrative sub regions within Yorkshire and Humber

Local authority	Existing sub region	Functional sub region/s
Barnsley	South Yorkshire	Sheffield City Region Leeds City Region
Doncaster	South Yorkshire	Sheffield City Region
Rotherham	South Yorkshire	Sheffield City Region
Sheffield	South Yorkshire	Sheffield City Region
East Riding	Humber	Hull & Humber Ports
Hull	Humber	Hull & Humber Ports
North Lincolnshire	Humber	Hull & Humber Ports
North East Lincolnshire	Humber	Hull & Humber Ports
Bradford	West Yorkshire	Leeds City Region
Calderdale	West Yorkshire	Leeds City Region
Kirklees	West Yorkshire	Leeds City Region
Leeds	West Yorkshire	Leeds City Region
Wakefield	West Yorkshire	Leeds City Region
Craven	North Yorkshire	Leeds City Region North Yorkshire
Harrogate	North Yorkshire	Leeds City Region North Yorkshire & York
Hambleton	North Yorkshire	North Yorkshire & York
North York Moors	North Yorkshire	North Yorkshire & York National Park Authority
Richmondshire	North Yorkshire	North Yorkshire & York
Ryedale	North Yorkshire	North Yorkshire & York
Scarborough	North Yorkshire	North Yorkshire & York
Selby	North Yorkshire	Leeds City Region North Yorkshire & York
York	North Yorkshire	Leeds City Region North Yorkshire & York
Yorkshire Dales	North Yorkshire	North Yorkshire & York National Park Authority

## Changing economic circumstances

The monitoring report reflects the performance during the financial year when the country was still experiencing a significant economic down turn. This is reflected in many of the statistics – especially housing completions.

Recent data<sup>1</sup> indicates an improvement in economic conditions in the Region and unemployment rates are increasing at a slower rate than at the start of the recession. However, recovery is expected to be uneven and already disadvantaged areas will take a lot longer to recover.

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/sites/default/files/documents/yorks&humb\\_0912.pdf](http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/sites/default/files/documents/yorks&humb_0912.pdf)

## Structure of the AMR 2009

**Chapter 1** – introduction

**Chapter 2** – assesses the extent to which land is being used most effectively in terms of housing and employment provision.

**Chapter 3** – assesses the need for affordable housing; housing needs of Gypsies and Travellers and housing market renewal areas.

The indicators associated with social and health inequalities are reported in Progress in the Region in the Quality of Life and Infrastructure chapters.

**Chapter 4** – assesses whether or not transport and accessibility throughout the Region is improving

**Chapter 5** – assess the performance regarding enhancing the natural environment and best use of resources.

**Chapter 6** – draws out the key conclusions and identifies priorities for implementation

**Annex 1** – all indicators in the RSS

**Annexe 2** – Department of Communities and Local Government core output indicators

**Annex 3** – Sustainability Appraisal

**Annex 4** – Implementation priorities

**Annex 5** – Headline Outcomes

**Annex 6** – all targets in the RSS

All data is available on a CD or on the website:  
<http://www.lgyh.gov.uk/>

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## Responses

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