

The Place of Possibilities:

Developing an Inclusive Growth Strategy & Action Plan for the Borough

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK AND FINISH GROUP (INCLUSIVE ECONOMY) REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1: Review the membership of the IEB to strengthen the 'voices' on the IEB and include the 'lived experience' of residents, young people, the voluntary sector and transport sector
- 2: Consult the OSC in the development of the Barnsley Inclusive Economy Strategy / overarching Growth strategy
- 3: Ensure urban development incorporates the needs of all Barnsley villages as well as Town Centre and to Principal Towns.
- 4: Work to ensure a diverse offer in the Town Centre to include retail, hospitality, health and wellbeing, learning and the cultural offer, and address void properties
- 5: Ensure access to good quality careers advice for all
- 6: Work to improve the public perception of jobs in logistics and manufacturing in Barnsley, a number of anchor institutions are large businesses involving manufacturing and logistics.
- 7: Expand communications activity to promote and celebrate the work of the IEB, Enterprising Barnsley and the support provided to local business and build on the comms to ensure opportunities reach all Barnsley communities.

What does 'levelling up' mean for Barnsley?





Government levelling up missions:



Education: 'Significant' increase in **standards** of reading, writing and maths & poorest performing areas improve by a third



Income: Close the pay, employment rate and productivity gap

Healthy Barnsley

Health: Improve heathy life expectancy by 5 years in UK and close the gap

Sustainable Barnsley

Transport: Local public transport 'significantly' closer to London standard

Levelling Up for Barnsley: what we want





Five year olds achieving expected standard in literacy

Yorks & Humber: 71.1% England: 73.4% Richmond upon Thames: 82.3%

Barnsley: 70.8%

- Aim high and achieve potential
- 'Good' and 'outstanding'
- At school every day
 - No-one in poverty
 - More & better businesses & jobs
 - Good pay, people valued



ce: NOMIS - December 2022



Males in Barnsley are likely to live 55.9 years in good health.

This is compared to: 'orks & Humber: 61.1 years England: 63.1 years Rutland: 74.7 years

ource: Public Health England 2018-20

- Live in good health
- Increase income
- Active & independent older lives
 - Public transport as realistic choice
 - Safe walking & cycling
 - Better & faster connections



ONE INCLUSIVE ECONOMY STRATEGY



- 1. To create an environment across the borough that enables enterprise to flourish and businesses to grow through business support, access to talent, high-quality workspace, networks, innovation and investment / access to finance.
- 2. Create more and better jobs for Barnsley residents
- 3. Ensure residents of all ages have the pathways and connectivity they need to access employment and learning opportunities for a fulfilling life
- 4. Develop thriving sustainable urban centres and economies across the borough with good employment & housing in our town centre, principal towns and local centres
- 5. Tackling poverty through positive action; Supporting everyone to be economically active and make a contribution

Barnsley – the place of possibilities.

Barnsley's emerging Inclusive Economy Strategy

Vision

Everyone can live a good life in Barnsley

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- through lifelong learning, doing meaningful work and staying healthy.

Barnsley is a great place to grow;

a place where our businesses and institutions commit to giving something back to its people and to sustaining the environment for future generations

Leadership

The Inclusive Economy Board is committed to developing and sustaining an inclusive economy across Barnsley. The Board will work directly through its partnerships and organisations to oversee its ambitious goals for Barnsley in 2030

Goals

Local businesses are thriving through early-stage support and opportunities to grow

Barnsley is known as a great place to invest, where businesses and organisations provide diverse and secure employment opportunities, contributing to an economy that benefits everyone.

Lifelong learning is promoted and encouraged, with an increase in opportunities that will enable people get into, progress

at and stay in work.

Everyone fulfils their learning potential, with more people completing higherlevel skills studies than ever before.

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Fewer people live in poverty and everyone has the resources they need to look after themselves and their families

Collaborative delivery

Jobs 2021-24 **Employer** Promise 2.0

More & Better

Inclusive Economy Partners: doing business

VCSE sector

Anchors Charter

Demonstrator projects

Barnsley

Anchors

Barnsley 2030 **Delivery** Strategy

Strategy: A proposed process (completed end FY 23-24)

- ✓ **Define** Inclusive Economy for Barnsley
- ✓ Position Inclusive Economy within Barnsley 2030 vision and ambitious goals
- ✓ Build a profile of our economy and the key challenges so the strategy can be insight-led through Barnsley Index of Deprivation
- ✓ Identify our key **opportunities** and **ambitions**; plug strategic **gaps** (e.g. Business support ecosystem)
- ✓ **Draft outline high-level strategy** to bring together key existing Barnsley strategies (Local Plan, Place-Based Investment Plan, More & Better Jobs, Housing strategy, Health and Wellbeing strategy, CYP Plan, Climate Change strategy) aligned to other SY strategies
- ✓ Map, Engage and involve our key stakeholders to get to final strategy.
- ✓ **Bring together** B2030 partners to collaborate on delivery plan:
 - More and Better Jobs Employer Promise & Employer partnerships
 - Anchor Institution Network and Charter
 - Good Business Alliance with Chamber of Commerce

AN EXAMPLE



People

- 01. Implement skills escalators that bring businesses and education providers together to develop joined up skills and career pathways for our key sectors and to promote local opportunity.
- O2. Increase green skills and jobs to help more people to upskill and access green jobs that support green business opportunities in our transition to a net zero economy.
- 03. Expand digital inclusion, ensuring access for all through enhancing digital connectivity, infrastructure, equipment, and skills.
- 04. Nurture youth aspiration in our targeted communities to be aware of local career opportunities, providing greater information and inspiration.

Place

- 05. Build stronger communities through targeted regeneration efforts that improve the quality and sustainability of our urban and rural communities and deliver for our most deprived neighbourhoods.
- 06. Improve transport access to job opportunities with increased public and active travel links, increasing connectivity to break down key barriers that our communities face.
- 07. Support sustainable food and agriculture, and increase natural capital, through land management that enhances viability, cuts carbon emissions, increases flood resilience, access to local food and greenspace.
- 08 Create a long-term plan for housing retrofit that works in partnership to decarbonise our housing stock to help tackle the climate emergency and reduce fuel poverty.

Enterprise

- 09. Promote good employment and business best practice and other anchor institutions and their supply chains, including paying the real living wage, supports health and wellbeing of workers, developing inclusive recruitment practices and drives innovation and productivity aligned to decarbonisation. and drives innovation, decarbonisation, and productivity.
- 10. Establish an Anchor Network of the key public and private institutions, service providers and employers that hold power to transform the inclusivity of our Borough.
- 11. Strengthen local supply chains and social value to capture greater social value from Council procurement and other anchor institution supply chains.
- 12. Provide start-up and social enterprise support that supports more enterprises to start, survive, and develop, including social and community enterprises and alternative business models

