

## A Greener, Fairer, Stronger future for York & North Yorkshire

York & North Yorkshire's emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic is highlighted in our digital Annual Report 2020. The report reflects £220m of investment secured by the LEP across the region in infrastructure, business and skills and looks ahead to the area's forthcoming Local Industrial Strategy.

"Emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, our region, like every region across the nation, has suffered a major economic shock. With an economy built on small and micro businesses, many of which are in B2C sectors, the impact has been felt beyond economics. Communities, the livelihoods of families and individuals have been impacted greatly. The community response is something that our region can be proud of, a coming together with a common goal and shared values to support one another across this huge and diverse landscape.

"Like any crisis, how you emerge is to a certain extent, a matter of perspective. It is our belief that by working together across our local areas and our strong network of partners, by listening to businesses, we can emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic with an economy that is greener, fairer and stronger.

"The crisis has amplified the need for us to deliver against the priorities laid out in our Local Industrial Strategy, legitimising our longer term vision. We must capitalise on our unique capability to deliver good growth through green technologies and secure a prosperous future for York and North Yorkshire."

David Kerfoot MBE DL, chair of the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership

The York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership annual report can be viewed online here: <a href="https://2020.businessinspiredgrowth.com/">https://2020.businessinspiredgrowth.com/</a>