

# R&E Scrutiny Panel Performance Report



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## Code & Description R&E Scrutiny1 ECONOMIC REGENERATION

PI Code & Short Name	Traffic Light	Current Value	Current Target	Last Update	Latest Note
NI_163 Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	Red	64.2%	71.4%	2009/10	<p>1. The landscape for worklessness and skills has evolved and more clarity has emerged regarding the future direction of national policy. The Enterprising Doncaster Work and Skills Steering Group will continue to work to ensure that Doncaster maximises the opportunities emerging from Government policy.</p> <p>2. The Work and Skills Plan sets out the principles that all partners will follow in order to achieve more effective joint working, and sets out the key short and medium term actions that will be undertaken by the partnership to support the delivery of the Plan for Doncaster and Economic Strategy. The Work and Skills Plan is completed and will be signed off by the Enterprising Doncaster Board on 3 June 2011.</p> <p>3. Doncaster is proactively engaging with Serco and A4E, the Work Programme contractors for South Yorkshire, to ensure that the Work Programme has maximum impact for Doncaster residents.</p> <p>4. The Government's Skills Strategy – Skills for Sustainable Growth – was published in November 2010 and represents significant changes to the way training provision is focused, organised and funded. Training providers will have much of the burden of performance assessment removed and will have the 'freedom' to respond to local demand.</p> <p>5. Delivery of local work and skills programmes continues and impact is being demonstrated as the trend for all skills indicators is improving. Further practical actions have been developed and delivered through the Work and Skills Plan, informed by the Local Economic Assessment.</p>
NI_171 New business registration rate	Amber	34.3	35.7	2009/10	<p>Our target for this indicator is to achieve 90% of the regional figure. We have achieved 86.5%, which is a reduction against the 2008 figure of 88%. There is a similar picture with the absolute figure for this indicator, which has reduced from 39 new business registrations per 10,000 population to 34.3. This is good performance compared with most of our South Yorkshire neighbours. In 2009 Doncaster had the second highest rate in South Yorkshire, behind Rotherham, compared to Doncaster having the highest rate in South Yorkshire in 2008. Although our performance has decreased it has decreased less than other areas of South Yorkshire, apart from Rotherham, and the 12% reduction from 2008 is comparable to the national average of 11.9%. This suggests in terms of business registrations Doncaster has performed relatively well during the recession. The actual number of new business registrations in 2009 is 805, compared to 920 in 2008.</p>

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NI_164 Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 3 or higher	Amber	40.9%	42.6%	2009/10	<p>1. The landscape for worklessness and skills has evolved and more clarity has emerged regarding the future direction of national policy. The Enterprising Doncaster Work and Skills Steering Group will continue to work to ensure that Doncaster maximises the opportunities emerging from Government policy.</p> <p>2. The Work and Skills Plan sets out the principles that all partners will follow in order to achieve more effective joint working, and sets out the key short and medium term actions that will be undertaken by the partnership to support the delivery of the Plan for Doncaster and Economic Strategy. The Work and Skills Plan is completed and will be signed off by the Enterprising Doncaster Board on 3 June 2011.</p> <p>3. Doncaster is proactively engaging with Serco and A4E, the Work Programme contractors for South Yorkshire, to ensure that the Work Programme has maximum impact for Doncaster residents.</p> <p>4. The Government's Skills Strategy – Skills for Sustainable Growth – was published in November 2010 and represents significant changes to the way training provision is focused, organised and funded. Training providers will have much of the burden of performance assessment removed and will have the 'freedom' to respond to local demand.</p> <p>5. Delivery of local work and skills programmes continues and impact is being demonstrated as the trend for all skills indicators is improving. Further practical actions have been developed and delivered through the Work and Skills Plan, informed by the Local Economic Assessment.</p>
CP1b - R&E.2 (Formerly LEGI_02) Business Start Ups	Green	21	20	2011/12	
NI_165 Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 4 or higher	Green	21.5%	20.0%	2009/10	The significant improvement in this indicator is reflective of the improvement in skills overall in Doncaster, but Doncaster remains behind Yorkshire and the Humber on all skills indicators. Further work will be required to ensure that the positive trend in Level 4 skills continues and to close the gap with Yorkshire and the Humber.
CP1d - R&E.1 (Formerly EconomyL21) Overall Investment Gained (into and within Doncaster)	Green	£73,421,799.00	£60,000,000.00	2010/11	January was a good month for both Assisted and Unassisted Investments into Doncaster. Investments include Next at Armthorpe, further Investment by Mawdsley Brooks on Wheatley Hall Road and production facilities by Scotts at Hatfield.
CP1f - R&E.1 (Formerly EconomyL22) Hotel Occupancy Rate in Doncaster	Green	57%	55%	December 2010	Good performance which reflects Doncaster's growing status as a tourism destination
EconomyL23 Increased Visitor Numbers to Key Tourist Sites	Green	698,927	583,000	2010/11	Very strong performance which reflects Doncaster's growing status as a tourism destination
NI_152a Job Seekers Allowance Claimants	Green	9684	9750	March 2011	Although the Q4 JSA claimant count of 9,684 is within the 2010/11 target, it is an increase of over 1,200 from Q3. This equates to an increase of 15% from Q3, which is more than double the average increases in the region (6.5%) and England (7%) and is the highest percentage increase in claimants in South Yorkshire.

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LEGI_01 Total New Jobs Created	Green	180	180	Q4 2010/11	Target achieved which is a positive sign in today's economy
LEGI_03 VAT Registrations	Green	67	58	2010/11	VAT performance exceeded target in Q3.
NI_152ai Job Seekers Allowance Claimants: 18-24 Age Group (16-24 from Oct 2010)	Green	3200	3415	March 2011	The 16-24 JSA Claimant Count at the end of Q4 is within the target for the year but has risen by 24% from the end of Q3. This percentage rise is almost 3 times the regional rise (8.35%) and more than twice the average rise in England (9.5%). this rise is substantially higher than the rise in JSA claimants for this age group in other South Yorkshire authorities.
EconomyL5 JCP Live Unfilled Vacancies	Data Only	2,015		March 2011	The number of vacancies available through Job Centre Plus at the end of Q4 2011 was 2,015, which is 368 up on January 2011 when there were 1,647 vacancies. The current vacancies number represents 4.8 JSA claimants to each vacancy identified which is unchanged from the end of Q3. Doncaster's figure for JSA claimants to each vacancy identified, is better than the Regional average (6.2) and the England average (5.8). This is despite Doncaster having almost double the regional average percentage change in JSA claimants from the end of Q3 to the end of Q4. The highest number of vacancies available in Doncaster in March 2011 is for Care assistants and home carers, which is a move away from the goods handling and storage occupations that had the highest vacancies at the end of Q2 and Q3.
NI_166 Median earnings of employees in the area	Data Only	£467.40		2010/11	The latest information for 2010/11 shows that the median gross weekly pay has increased from £439 in 2009/10 to £467 in 2010/11. This increase is better than many of our sub regional and regional neighbours and we now have the second <b>highest</b> median pay in South Yorkshire and the seventh <b>highest</b> median pay in the region.
EconomyL18a Total Footfall: Town Centre Retail Core	Data Only	29,183		Q4 2010/11	Saturday footfall in the prime retail core has stabilised following the previous two quarters where figures were badly affected by extreme weather conditions. In March footfall was down just 1% on the same month in 2010 (as against the national average for the month which was down 1.3% on the previous year). This, however, follows a long trend of increases and still represents the second highest Saturday footfall recorded for March in Doncaster's prime retail core for five years. The busiest street remains Baxtergate. Wednesday footfall is also stable, with a negligible decline of just 0.25%. Town centre footfall can therefore be seen to be currently mirroring the national position but with Doncaster still benefiting from a trend of atypical increases over the preceding years
EconomyL18b Total Footfall: Waterdale	Data Only	5,121		Q4 2010/11	Footfall in the Waterdale area continues to be depressed. Even though there was a modest increase of 0.25% for Saturday - and a further drop of 3.75% for Wednesday counteracts this.

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TransportL1 Journey Times on Key Congestion Routes: Overall	Amber	23.6	24.5	Q3 2010/11	
NI_195a Improved street and environmental cleanliness: Litter	Green	8%	13%	2010/11	This tranche's inspections have shown an improvement on the levels of litter which are now within our corporate target for litter. The next set of inspections will be completed in March 2011
NI_167 Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak	Green	4.01	4.38	2009/10	Data for 2009\10 was released by DfT in February 2011 and the South Yorkshire indicator of person journey time of 4min 01sec per mile is better than the target of 4min 38sec, but was worse than the average time of 3min 53sec per mile in 2008/09 (which was South Yorkshires best ever result). There has been a 3% improvement in journey times since 2005\6. The cost of collection of data, reliance on 3rd parties, with a time lag and the aggregated level of the data makes reporting in a timely manner difficult with high level indicators that cannot be analysed at a local level. DfT have recognised the cost and burden to local authorities of collecting this data so they indicated, in February, that these statistics will not be collected or updated in the future.
NI_188 Planning to Adapt to Climate Change. This PI is measured against the 5 levels of performance, graded 0 to 4. The higher the number, the better the performance	Green	1	1	2009/10	The climate change lead has recently left the Authority so at this time an update is not available. However this is expected to be addressed in the near future.
NI_195b Improved street and environmental cleanliness): Detritus	Green	15%	17%	2010/11	Improvement plans are in place and performance monitoring is taking place. Some additional plant and equipment has been deployed to ensure a better service response to dealing with detritus.
NI_195c Improved street and environmental cleanliness: Graffiti	Green	1%	1%	2010/11	Graffiti is again on within the corporate target and doesn't present any risk. Graffiti continues to be raised with the neighbourhoods and their "Name that Tag" campaigns are ongoing.
NI_195d Improved street and environmental cleanliness: Fly-posting	Green	0%	2%	2010/11	Incidents of flyposting show we are still within our corporate target.
NI_197 Improved Local Biodiversity – proportion of Local Sites where positive conservation management has been or is being implemented	Green	15%	11%	2009/10	Current performance is possibly still conservative and may be greater. - The Local Sites Partnership are becoming increasingly familiar with the Local Sites System and NI target and should be able to contribute more sites each year. One key contributor are the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust project officers that have the provision of site management advice as a specific remit, however these are on fixed term contracts that will potentially end within the financial year. This may affect improvement.

**Code & Description R&E Scrutiny3 STRATEGIC HOUSING**

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NI_155 Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	Red	123	453	2010/11	The year end (Q4) figure is 123 against a forecast of 453 (based on a 2007 pre-recession target). The lack of S106 completions reflects the continuing wider housing market difficulties and progress with Empty Homes is more challenging than had been anticipated. The unexpected continuing reluctance of lenders to provide mortgage funding and development finance to RP's and private developers has resulted in less development activity than anticipated when the forecast was established.
NI_154 Net additional homes provided	Red	249	600	2010/11	(Target set in 2007 ie pre-recession)Housing Completions Progress update: Using Council Tax Valuation data we have figures for the net increase in the number of banded properties throughout the Borough: 2010/11: Q1 = 13 net housing units 2010/11: Q2 = 55 net housing units 2010/11: Q3 = 83 net housing units 2010/11: Q4 = 98 net housing units 2010/11: Yearly total = <b>249</b> net housing units These figures are in lieu of survey data which will be carried out in the Spring/Summer.
CP3a - R&E.3 (Formerly EconomyL16) Total Void Properties	Amber	4,618	4,291	Q4 2010/11	At 4,618 the Q4 Empty Property figure, despite a considerable reduction from 5,619 in 2008, is higher than the target of 4,291 and is the highest figure recorded during 2010/11. Whilst the number of EP's in Doncaster is still too high, when benchmarked with others over the last three years, Doncaster is reducing EP's at a faster rate than other South Yorkshire LAs. Also the HCA has just evaluated the work of Doncaster and has rated it as one of the best practice authorities in the region re: its work on bringing empty properties back into use. However, a continued focus of reducing the number of EP's is still required.
EconomyL16b Total Void Properties Over 6 months	Amber	2,301	2,120	Q4 2010/11	There has been a further slight increase in the number this quarter, work to bring long term empty properties back into use through grants is now reaching fruition and further research on the causes of the increase is being undertaken.
NI_156 Number of households living in temporary accommodation	Green	5	8	Q4 2010/11	This has again exceeded our target of 8, however is higher than last quarter. During this quarter we have seen an increase in customers presenting as homeless and less private sector accommodation being available. Housing Options are currently undergoing a service review and it has been identified that we need to recruit more landlords willing to work with housing options to enable suitable alternative solutions to temporary accommodation. This will be achieved by improving internal processes strengthening partnerships with landlords, housing benefit and the private sector team and promotion of the new service by events, presentations undertaken by the team and new literature.
EconomyL16d Total Void Properties over 1 year	Data Only	1,488		Q4 2010/11	There has been a further slight increase in the number this quarter, work to bring long term empty properties back into use through grants is now reaching fruition and further research on the causes of the increase is being undertaken.