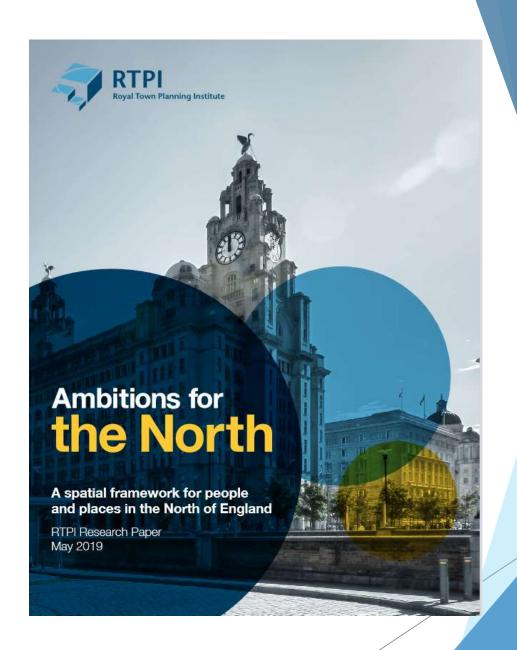
The Role of Planning in Making Levelling Up a Reality



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Themes of 'Levelling Up'

Addressing Regional Inequalities

Health and Quality of Life

Productivity

Access to Jobs and Amenities

Ambitions for the North - RTPI 2019

Outlines a series of ambitions in a similar vein to Levelling Up

The Role of Planning

Transportation and Travel

- Equal Access to Opportunities and Amenities
 - Support sustainable mobility in car-dependent locations
- Decarbonisation of Transport
 - Different strategies are needed for different place typologies
 - Net Zero Transport RTPI 2021
 - ▶ Need to ensure urban areas aren't prioritised over rural counterparts
 - ► Transport for the North *Draft Decarbonisation Strategy* 2021

Health and Wellbeing

Quality of Place

- Improve the quality of existing homes and neighbourhoods
 - Neighbourhood level planning
- Delivery high quality and affordable housing in the right locations

Role of Natural Capital

- Improving access to green spaces
 - Wellness benefits and long-term public health impacts
 - ▶ RTPI, 2020: Invest and Prosper
- Embed 'climate justice' in plan-making
 - ▶ RTPI, 2020: Five Reasons for Climate Justice in Spatial Planning

Economic Potential

- High Streets
 - Significant challenges stemming from Covid-19
 - Potential for regeneration
- Mixed Use and Accessible Local Services
 - ▶ RTPI: Location of Development
- Meet Infrastructure Demands for Job Growth and Housing Markets
 - RTPI, 2016: Planning and Tech
 - Planning as an Attractor and a Distributor

Opportunities

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Green Growth Boards

- Cross Local Authority boundaries and bring together key stakeholders
- "Deliver joined-up strategies for climate action, infrastructure, housing, health and nature recovery"

Chief Planning Officers

- Greater role for planning in Local Authority decision making
- RTPI 2018, 2019: Chief Planning Officers

Measuring Outcomes

- Identify wider metrics
- RTPI 2020: Measuring Planning Outcomes

Challenges

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Resourcing

- Significant decrease from 2009/10 to 2019-20
- This is most profound in policy spending
- Spending per-capita varies significantly by region
 - ▶ National average is around £5.5; Closer to £3 in North West, West Midlands, and Yorkshire

Governance

- ► The limits of devolution
- Strategic planning and inter-governmental cooperation

Thank you!