



## **Tyne and Wear City Region Employment & Skills**

### **Targets – Geography, Definitions and Data Sources**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Following sign off of the Tyne and Wear City Region Employment and Skills Delivery Plan in April 2007, work commenced with DWP to detail the various targets for the City Region.
- 1.2 This paper provides an explanation of the key targets submitted to DWP for agreement, including definitions, the areas covered by the various targets and the data sources used to inform the development of these targets. Appendix 1 shows the individual targets in more detail.

#### **2. Key Benefit Claimants**

- 2.1 The City Region target is to reduce the number of Key Benefit Claimants by 13.7% across 90 Priority Wards between August 2006 and May 2009. This includes a profiled reduction of 10.7% and a stretch target of 3% on this figure. This is a numerical reduction in key benefit claimants from 88,305 to 76,507 across the 90 Priority Wards.
- 2.2 Equivalent percentage targets have been set for the nine individual local authorities containing priority wards in the City Region.
- 2.3 The 90 wards are those identified as being the most deprived in the City Region.
- 2.4 The data source for this target is Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics – Works and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS) – DWP Benefits - Benefit Claimants – Working Age Clients for Small Areas.

#### **3. Employment Rate**

- 3.1 The City Region target is to increase the Employment Rate from 69.7% in September 2006 to 70% by June 2009. This includes a 0.2% profiled reduction in the Employment Rate for the City Region during this period with a 0.5% stretch increase.
- 3.2 The target is an aggregation of the employment rates for the nine local authorities, which contain the priority wards identified as being the most deprived in the City Region. Equivalent percentage targets have therefore also been set for the nine individual local authorities containing these priority wards.
- 3.3 The data source for this target is Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics – Annual Population Survey (APS).



#### **4. Ethnic Minorities**

- 4.1 Each of the Local Authorities in the City Region have produced Project Delivery Plans, which contain details on how they will spend their Deprived Areas Funding Allocations in 2007-08. The plans contain details on expected outputs, such as client engagement, job outcomes, participation in training etc.
- 4.2 It is the intention that an Ethnic Minority Target will be attached to these outputs, which will relate directly to the proportion of the resident population from the ethnic minority communities in that area. These figures will be taken from ONS Census 2001 data.
- 4.3 In addition to the above, specific research is being commissioned in the City Region to inform future projects/activities and develop targeting of ethnic minority communities.

#### **5. Economic Activity**

- 5.1 The City Region Target is to increase the Economic Activity Rate by 2% from 75.4% in September 2006 to 77.4% in June 2009. This includes a profiled increase of 1.5% and a 0.5% stretch target increase.
- 5.2 The target is an aggregation of the economic activity rates for the nine local authorities, which contain the priority wards identified as being the most deprived in the City Region. Equivalent percentage targets have therefore also been set for the nine individual local authorities containing these priority wards.
- 5.3 Additional areas of Economic Activity including those who want work and those who do want work will also be monitored closely to measure progress in moving people towards and into the labour market.
- 5.4 The data source for this target is Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics – Annual Population Survey (APS).

#### **6. Child Poverty**

- 6.1 A measure of the numbers of working age families with children dependant on key benefits will be used as a target for Child Poverty in the City Region.
- 6.2 The City Region target is to reduce the number of working age families with children dependant on key benefits by 13% between February 2007 and May 2009. This includes a 10% profiled reduction with a 3% stretch target reduction. The reduction in numbers is from 32,970 families in February 2007 to 28,684 in May 2009.
- 6.3 The target is an aggregation of the figures showing the numbers of families with children dependant on key benefits for the nine local authorities, which contain the priority wards identified as being the most deprived in the City Region. Equivalent percentage targets have therefore also been set for the nine individual local authorities containing these priority wards.



- 6.4 The data source for this target is Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics – Works and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS) – DWP Benefits - Benefit Claimants – Working Age Client Group.

## **7. Skills and Qualifications**

- 7.1 The City Region will use the various skills level attainment figures to measure its progress on skills and qualifications.
- 7.2 The City Region's targets are to increase the percentage of the working age population with a Level 1 qualification and above by 1.9%, a Level 2 qualification and above by 2%, a Level 3 qualification and above by 1.7% and a Level 4 qualification and above by 1.3%.
- 7.3 All of above targets include a defined profiled increase and a 0.3% stretch target.
- 7.4 The target is an aggregation of the skills level attainment figures for the nine local authorities, which contain the priority wards identified as being the most deprived in the City Region. Equivalent percentage targets have therefore also been set for the nine individual local authorities containing these priority wards.
- 7.5 The data source for this target is Nomis Official Labour Market Statistics – Annual Population Survey (APS).

## **8. Monitoring**

- 8.1 The Tyne and Wear Employment and Skills Executive Team are responsible for ongoing monitoring of the above targets alongside specific project targets and activities. Updates on progress will shortly be available on the Consortium's website: [www.tynewearcityregion-employment.co.uk](http://www.tynewearcityregion-employment.co.uk)
- 8.2 Progress is reported to DWP via a Quarterly Monitoring Report and through ongoing evaluation of the City Strategy Pathfinders.
- 8.2 The City Region Employment and Skills Board, Sub Group and Advisory Group also receive updates on progress against achievement of these targets on a quarterly basis.

## Appendix 1

### Key Benefit Claimants

Area	Baseline – Aug 06	Profiled – May 09	Profile - % increase/ decrease	Target – May 09	Target – overall % increase/ decrease
All 90 Priority Wards	88,305	78,873	-10.7%	76,507	-13.7%

### Employment Rate

Area	Baseline – Sep 06	Profiled – Jun 09	Profile - % increase/ decrease	Target – Jun 09	Target – overall % increase/ decrease
City Region	69.7%	69.5%	-0.2%	70%	0.3%

### Economic Activity

Area	Baseline – Sep 06	Profiled – Jun 09	Profile - % increase/ decrease	Target – Jun 09	Target – overall % increase/ decrease
City Region	75.4%	76.9%	1.5%	77.4%	2.0%

### Child Poverty

Area	Baseline – Feb 07	Profiled – May 09	Profile - % increase/ decrease	Target – May 09	Target – overall % increase/ decrease
City Region	32,970	29,673	-10.0%	28,684	-13.0%

**Skills and Qualifications – Level 1 and Above**

Area	Baseline – Dec 06	Profiled – Jun 09	Profile - % increase/decrease	Target – Jun 09	Target – overall % increase/decrease
City Region	78.9%	80.5%	1.6%	80.8%	1.9%

**Skills and Qualifications – Level 2 and Above**

Area	Baseline – Dec 06	Profiled – Jun 09	Profile - % increase/decrease	Target – Jun 09	Target – overall % increase/decrease
City Region	63.3%	65.0%	1.7%	65.3%	2.0%

**Skills and Qualifications – Level 3 and Above**

Area	Baseline – Dec 06	Profiled – Jun 09	Profile - % increase/decrease	Target – Jun 09	Target – overall % increase/decrease
City Region	41.3%	42.7%	1.4%	43.0%	1.7%

**Skills and Qualifications – Level 4 and Above**

Area	Baseline – Dec 06	Profiled – Jun 09	Profile - % increase/decrease	Target – Jun 09	Target – overall % increase/decrease
City Region	22.4%	23.4%	1.0%	23.7%	1.3%