The North in context.

A need to address spatial inequalities

Over the last 20 years, the economic geography of the UK has undergone significant changes. New players, different cities, have entered the scene; the social and economic realities in the North is that while some cities and towns are growing, others are on the decline. The phenomenon of 'spatial inequalities' is driving an agenda to deliver outcomes for all, to enable cities and towns to flourish, and to support all places to seize new opportunities. 

A spatial blueprint

The North is at a crossroads of change, driven by a range of factors, and the UK has a significant role to play in delivering the economic success the country needs. "A spatial blueprint" is designed to show a pathway for the North to build on its strengths and achieve real and hidden potential. This encompasses financial, economic, social, and environmental legacies.

A high growth potential

In the North lies significant opportunity for jobs, investment, and growth potential. It is an area of high economic potential. The growth potential of the North is supported by its existing assets and infrastructure. The North is the key to unlocking the potential of the UK as a whole.

Spatial variations

Spatial variations are important to the North. The North has a range of different needs, challenges, and opportunities. These variations should be added to these demographic inequalities.

Transforming spatial

Transforming spatial opportunities is central to the plan. The plan is focused on creating a spatial blueprint that will support the North's economic growth. This includes the development of new economic opportunities and the improvement of existing ones.

Reversing the globalisation of trade

Reversing the globalisation of trade is critical to the North. The North is a key player in the global economy and must be able to compete with other regions.

Widespread replacement of

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Closing the productivity

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The value of place and scale

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Our Plan

Our Plan is focused on the needs of the North and the opportunities it presents. The plan includes the development of new economic opportunities and the improvement of existing ones.

Summary of the North’s Challenges.

1. Transforming spatial identity and economic strength and social cohesion
2. Addressing demographic change
3. Tracking inequalities and social exclusion
4. Closing the productivity gap and growth
5. Creating growth, high value jobs
6. Addressing real and hidden challenges and opportunities
7. Halting the decline of towns and cities
8. Releasing the economy and productivity
9. Supporting global development and trade
10. Protecting natural and environmental assets and meeting the net zero carbon challenge