



YORKSHIRE
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The Region's
Development Agency



Food Security and Sustainability

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Overview of Food 2030

- Encouraging people to eat a healthy, sustainable diet
- Ensuring a resilient, profitable and competitive food system
- Increasing food production sustainably
- Reducing the food system's green house gas emissions
- Reducing, reusing and reprocessing of waste
- Increasing the impact of skills, knowledge, research and technology



Complementary Challenges to Food 2030

- Impact of renewable energy on food supply chains
 - Competition vs displacement
- Climate change adaptation impact on agri food
 - Flood & drought resilient supply chains
- What a low carbon economy will look like?
 - Current or new economic model with less carbon
- Water availability
 - Cant be taken for granted, even in Y&H



The Regional Opportunity

- Define the regional agenda
 - Do we want more food or more sustainability or both?
 - Does the region have the appetite to lead?
- Develop the new ways of working and doing business
 - Skills and business models not currently developed or even conceived
- Find best practice where it exists and utilise it
 - Learn the low carbon lessons from other industries



Regional Delivery - 1

- YF led Stakeholder Collaboration
 - Two regional events held with Defra FFG in attendance
 - Engagement across agri food from farm to retail
 - Further events planned, moving from policy to delivery
 - Ongoing dialogue with Defra FFG
 - Building relationships with Defra's national partners (NFU, BRC, FDF) with support from GO
 - Lead RDA role (supported by FERA) with TSB on Sustainable Agri Food Innovation Platform



Regional Delivery - 2

- Matching YF support with regional priorities
 - Collaboration with CO2Sense on Resource Efficiency and Energy from Waste initiative specific to agri food
 - Regional Food Group membership of Carbon Management Club to facilitate best practice dissemination to SME's
 - Farexchange addressing future skills strategy in conjunction with FERA/Science City York through BBSRC ATP funding
 - Centre for Low Carbon Futures prioritising agri food research in response to GHG concerns