South Yorkshire Outcomes Framework:

Headline Metrics

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The South Yorkshire Strategy and South Yorkshire Outcomes Framework

The South Yorkshire Strategy sets out a vision for a bigger, better, and more resilient economy that creates opportunities, raises productivity, attracts investment, and enables more people to share in prosperity. Published in September 2026 and informed by evidence, existing strategies and the expertise of partners across the region, the Strategy sets out **three long-term ambitions** that describe the future we want to create together.

Ambition 1 – Every person in South Yorkshire can stay near and go far.

Ambition 2 – South Yorkshire is the healthiest region in the country.

Ambition 3 – Every community is connected and proud of its place.

SYMCA's South Yorkshire Outcomes Framework is the set of metrics which allows SYMCA to measure and demonstrate success. They also feed into our investment decisions to help ensure our spending is aligned to the outcomes we care about. The South Yorkshire Outcomes Framework is being updated to reflect South Yorkshire Strategy in three phases.

This publication contains the first phase of the refresh, as approved at the Mayoral Combined Authority Board on 27th October 2026. It includes one headline metric for each of the ‘by 2035 we will be seeing’ statements in the South Yorkshire Strategy, aligning to the three ambition statements.

South Yorkshire Strategy – Headline metrics (1 of 3)

Driving a bigger and better economy: Ambition 1 - Every resident can stay near and go far

Outcome Area	2035 statement	Metric
Skills and Opportunity	More children equipped with the skills and confidence to begin school successfully.	% of children achieving a good level of development
	Young people in work, education or training.	Rate of 16-24 year-olds not in education, employment or training
	Residents learning throughout their lives.	% of people gaining Level 3 and Level 4+ qualifications
	More residents active in the labour market.	Employment rate
	A strong supply of high skilled workers.	Number of workers with Level 4+ skills
	A workforce with strong foundational and technical skills.	% of workforce with functional literacy/ numeracy/ digital skills
Enterprise and Good work	Stronger, more diverse businesses.	Business density per 10,000 residents
	Sectors and clusters driving productivity growth.	GVA per hour
	A more dynamic business base, nested in a strong business and innovation ecosystem.	% of innovation active businesses
	More, better jobs for residents	Median wage

South Yorkshire Strategy – Headline metrics (2 of 3)

Driving a bigger and better economy: Ambition 2 - South Yorkshire is the healthiest region in the country

Outcome Area	2035 statement	Metric
Health	Improvements in healthy life expectancy.	Healthy life expectancy at birth
	Significant reductions in health inequalities.	Inequalities in avoidable mortality
Communities	Residents feeling heard, safe, proud and that they belong.	% of people reporting pride in place and feeling safe
	People having more influence over local decisions.	% of people saying they can influence decisions
	Significant progress towards no deaths or serious injuries on South Yorkshire's roads.	Number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads, number of which are children
Housing	People living in good quality, warm homes that are affordable and meet their needs.	Number of new homes completed, % of which are affordable
	Homes that are increasingly more climate resilient.	% of homes with EPC rating C or above

South Yorkshire Strategy – Headline metrics (3 of 3)

Driving a bigger and better economy: Ambition 3 - Every community is connected and proud of its place		
Outcome Area	**2035 statement**	**Metric**
Connections	People able to access key jobs, leisure, learning and health locations by affordable, reliable public transport, and improved walking, wheeling and cycling connections.	% of population within 45-60 mins of key destinations by public transport
	Expanded broadband and digital connections so everyone can take part in modern life.	% of premises with gigabit broadband
Place	Towns and cities alive with culture, sport, enterprise and quality public spaces.	Number of visitors to towns and cities
	Places attracting investment and making South Yorkshire a great location for business.	Inward investment secured
	Creative jobs supported and culture helping people learn, grow and connect.	Creative industries employment
Sustainability	Homes, infrastructure and industry resilient for the future and reducing their impact on the environment.	Carbon emissions (territorial and per capita)
	Residents benefiting from clean air and access to green spaces.	NO2, PM2.5 and PM10 levels
	Far fewer homes and businesses at risk of flooding.	Number of properties at risk of flooding
	Our region's nature is more diverse.	Biodiversity net gain and habitat condition

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