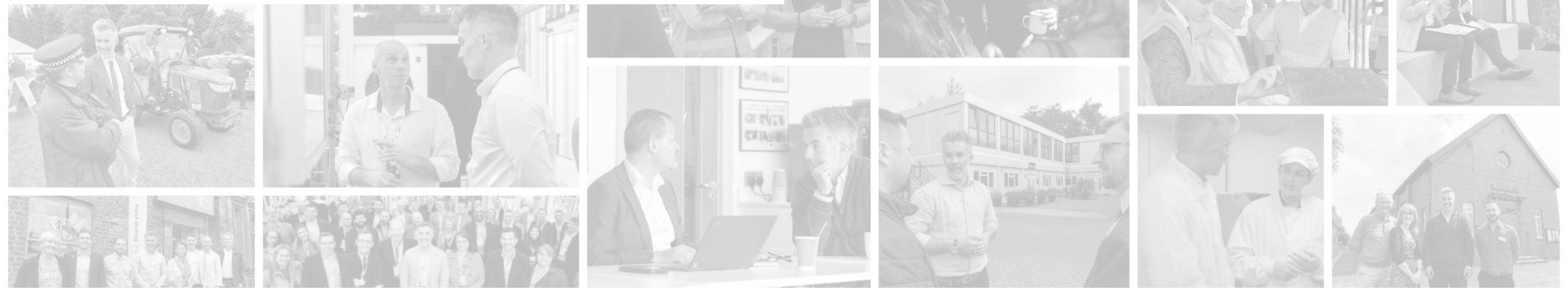




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York and North Yorkshire Mayor



York and North Yorkshire – a beautiful place with some of the best ingredients available for growth



Strong rail connectivity -
York is also directly connected by rail to 150 cities, towns and villages across the UK



Strong access to ports, airports and key conurbations via neighbouring regions

A **diverse economy** with a strong business base that is predominantly made up of micro and small businesses and enterprises



Some of the strongest qualification profiles in the North with 45.9% of residents qualified to RQF Level 4+

Yet these strengths are undermined by significant challenges:

Productivity lags behind national levels - From 2004 to 2023, the average output was approx. 90.5% of the national average

Decline in young people (aged 16 to 24) – from 2011 to 2022, there was a decrease of 6.3%

Wage levels are below national levels, particularly along the coast and in rural pockets, and a proportion of residents commute out of the area for jobs that are better paid

13-year age gap between most wealthy and most deprived communities

6% of neighbourhoods are in the 20% **most deprived** in England

Unaffordable housing – 2.5x over what is considered affordable

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Rural powerhouse

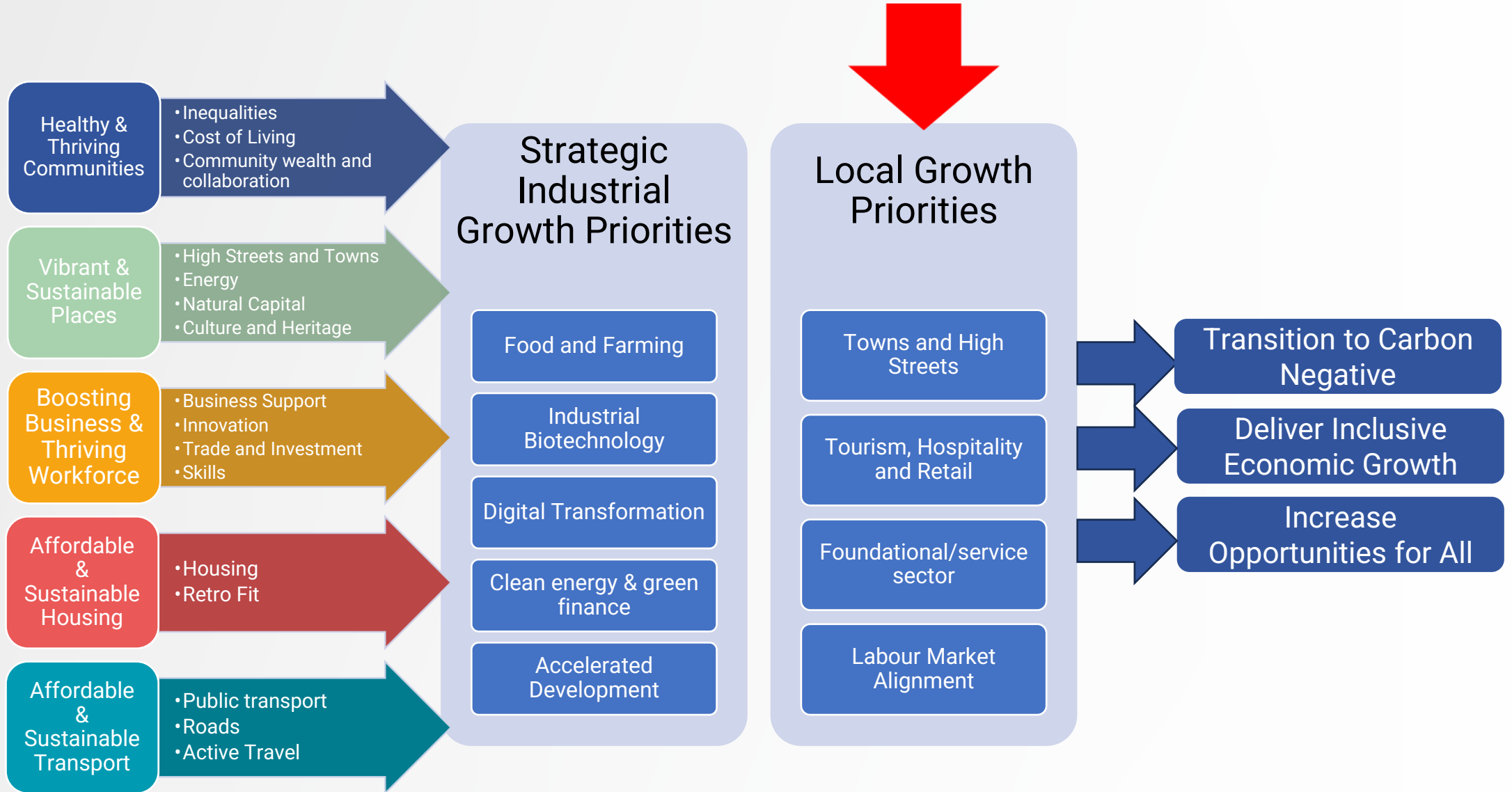
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What is our collective ambition for communities in York and North Yorkshire?

Healthy and thriving communities are **healthy and resilient** communities, that are **connected to opportunity**, where people live in **warm and affordable homes**, where people are **connected to the outdoors** and where there are **safe places for all**.

 How can we work together to ensure
our communities thrive?