

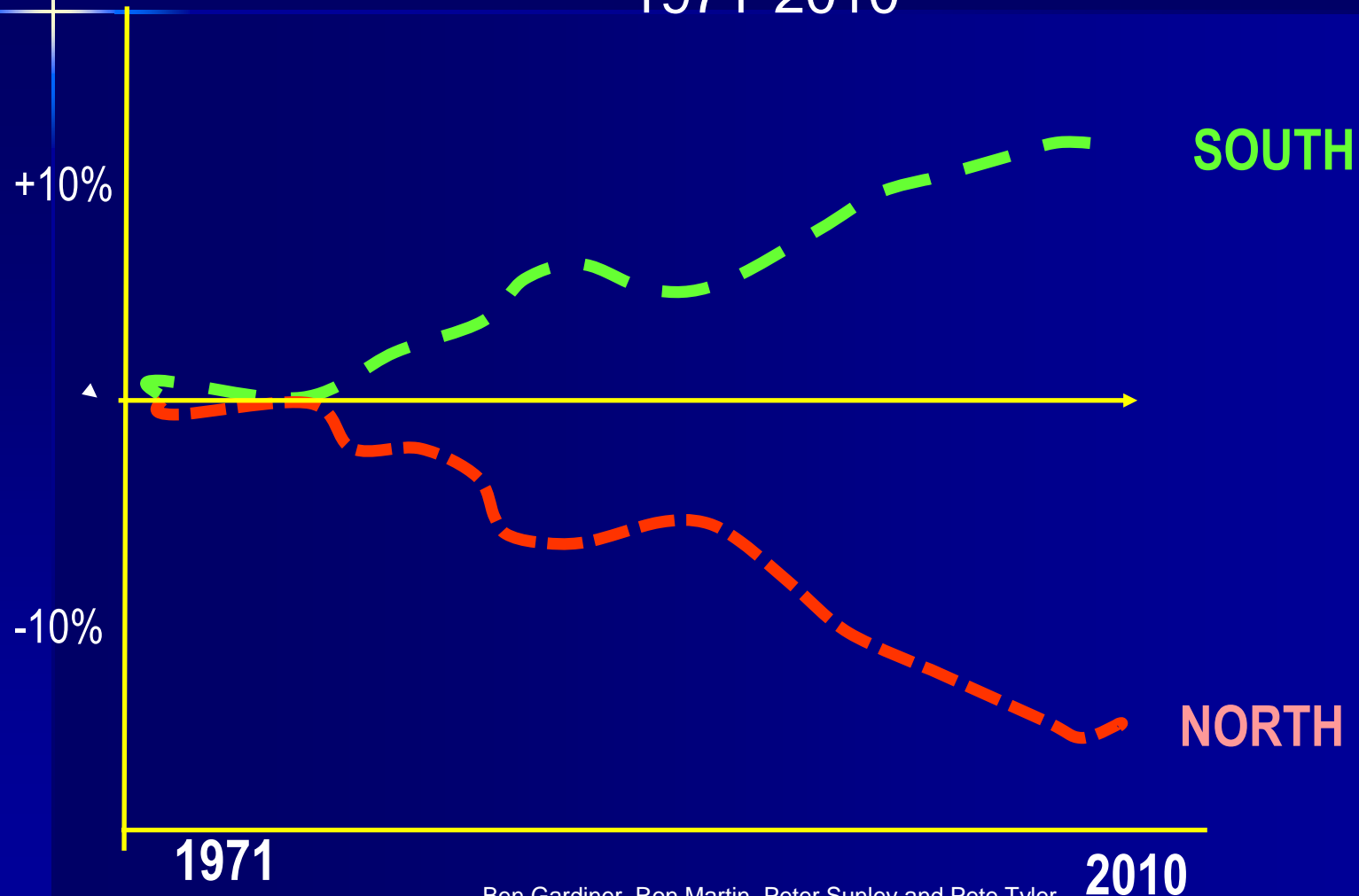
UK2070 Commission - Sheffield City Partnership
8th March 2019

Joining up the Conversations

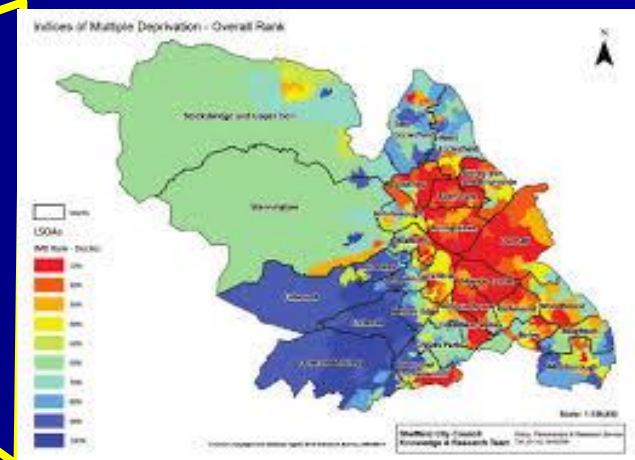
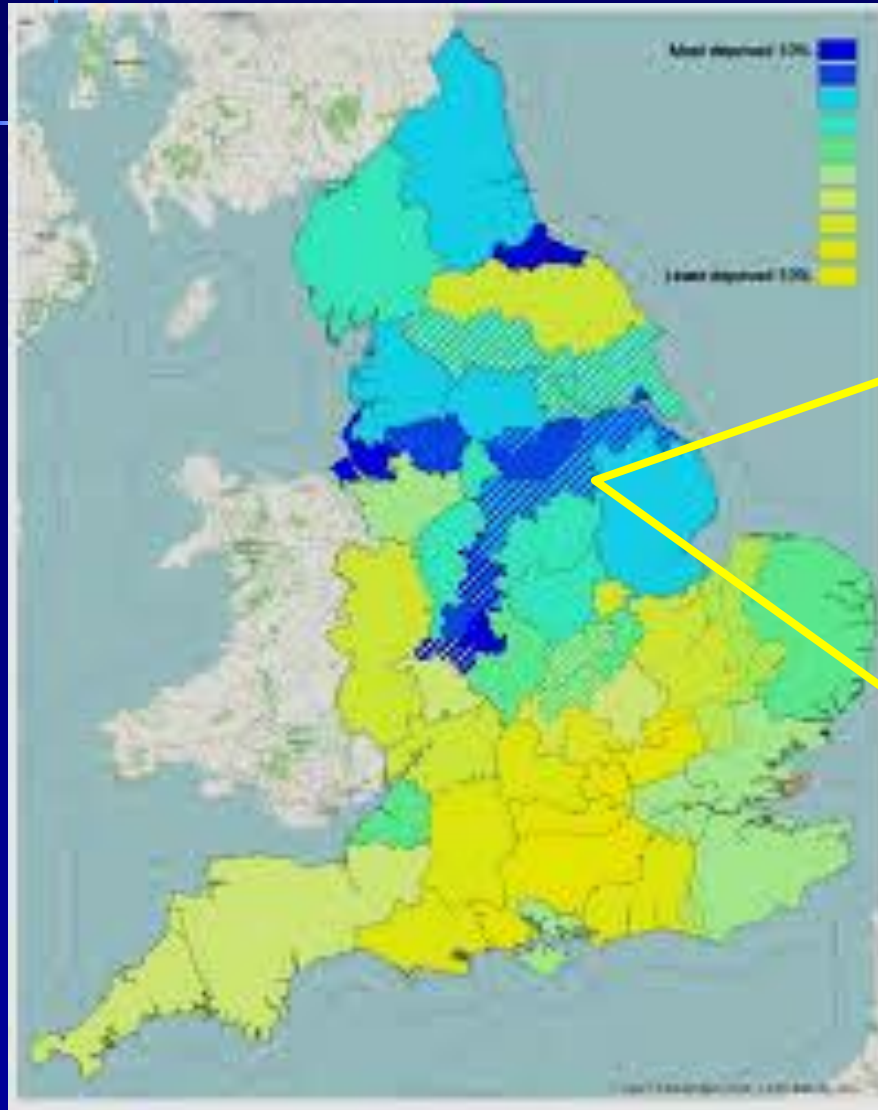


Long - standing Problem

Cumulative North-South Growth % Gap in GVA/cap
1971-2010

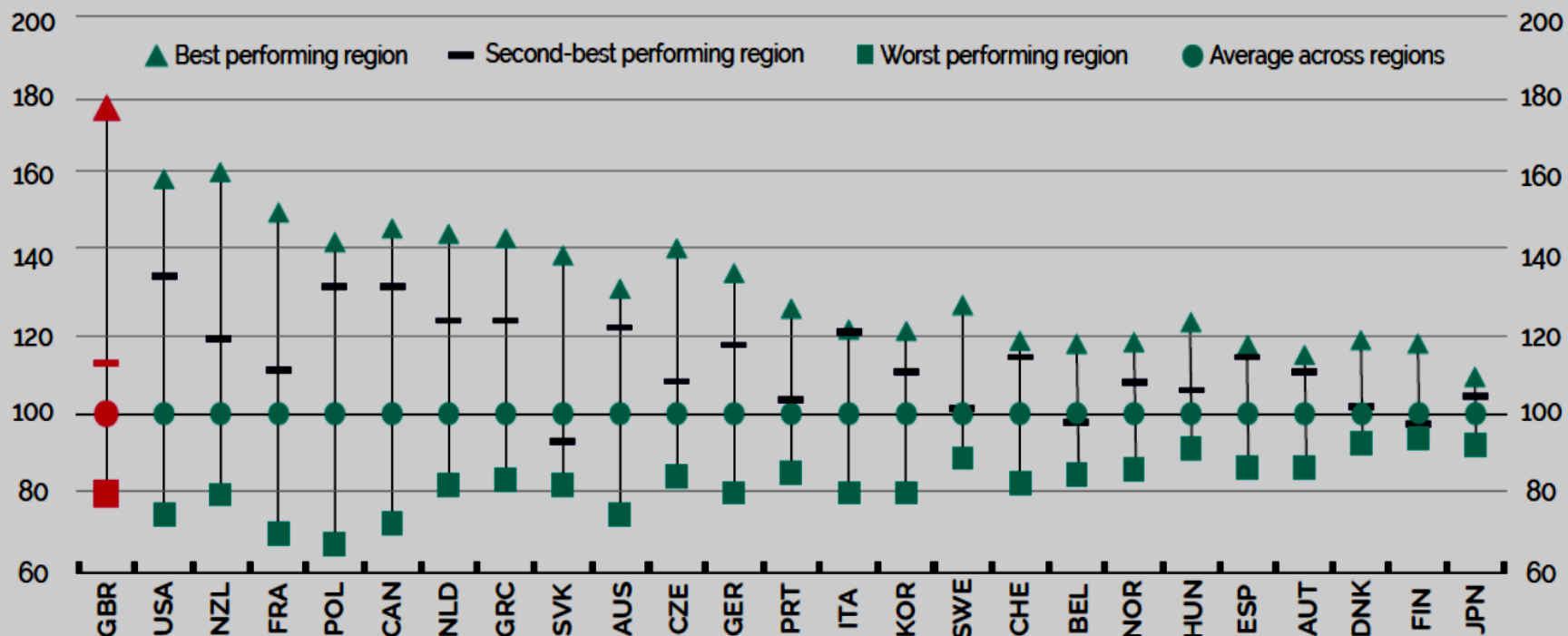


..... both inter-regional and intra-regional



..... and deeper than other comparable economies

GVA/Worker by Region 2014



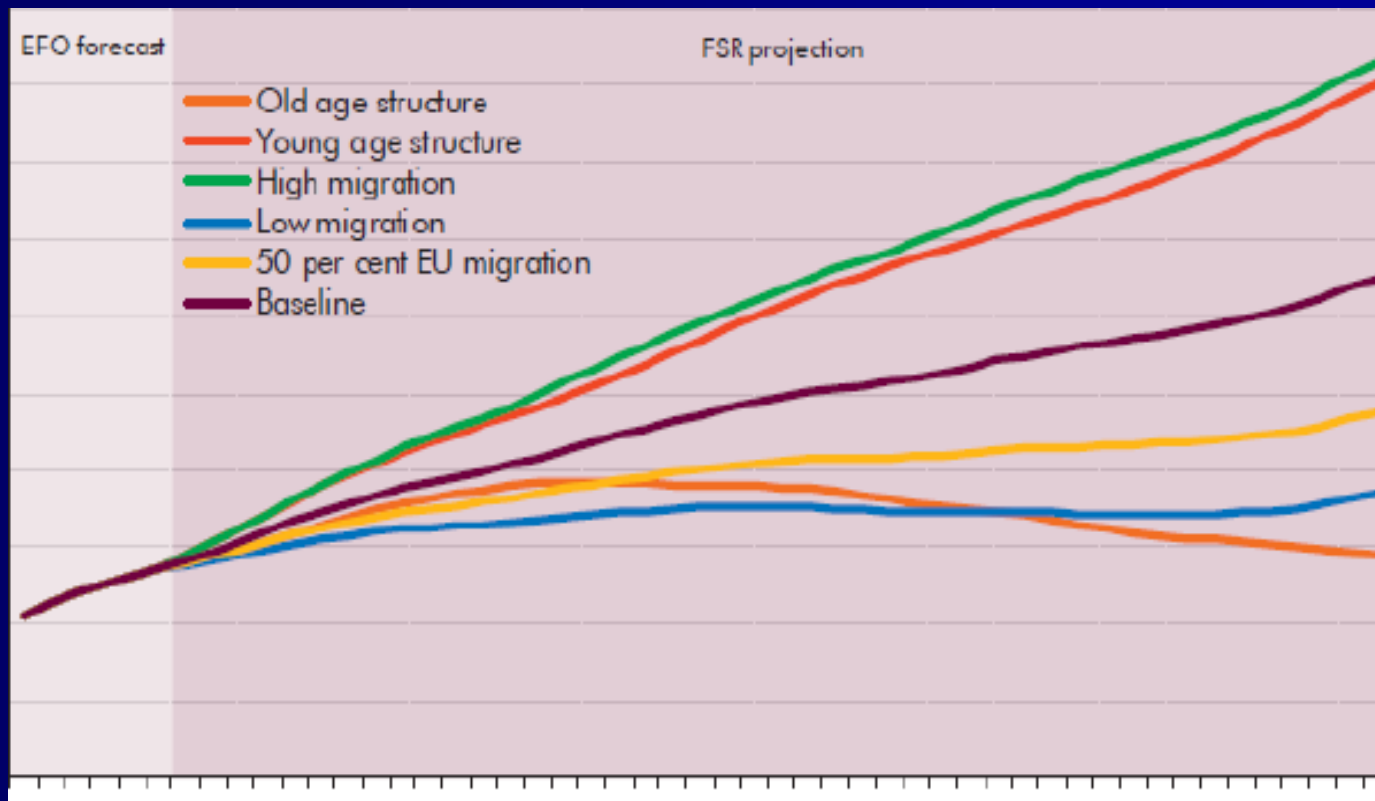
Source: OECD report, United Kingdom: Reducing regional disparities in productivity, Jan 2018

..... and it matters!
The Cost to the Nation!

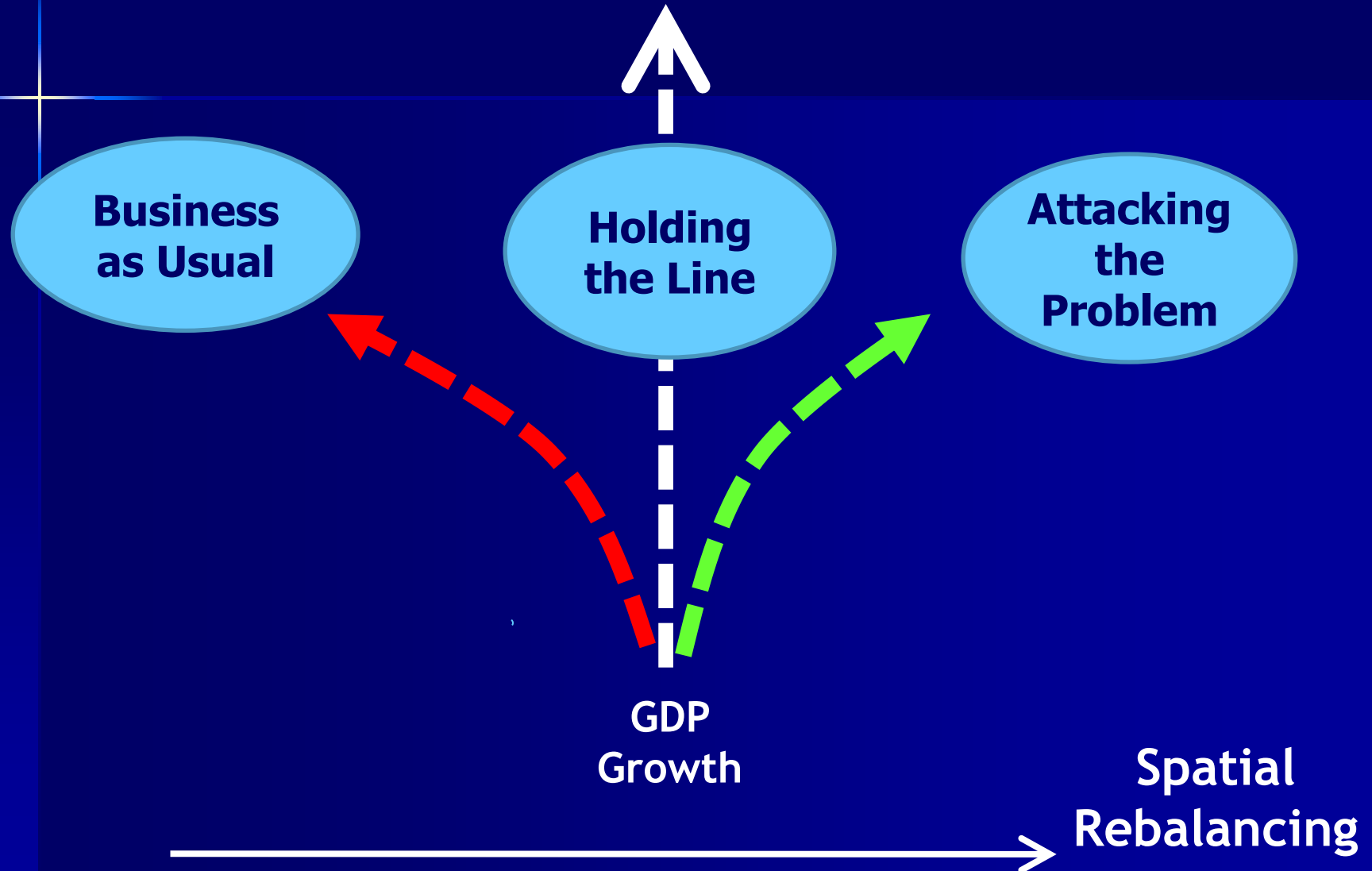
- Economic
 - £40bn 'productivity gap'
 - 500K 'excess' workless
- **Social Vulnerability**
 - **Struggling Communities**
 - **Social Mobility**
- Liveability where Growth
 - Indebtedness
 - Commute Distances
- **Environmental Risk**
 - **Water & Land Resources**

... and it will continue to deepen!

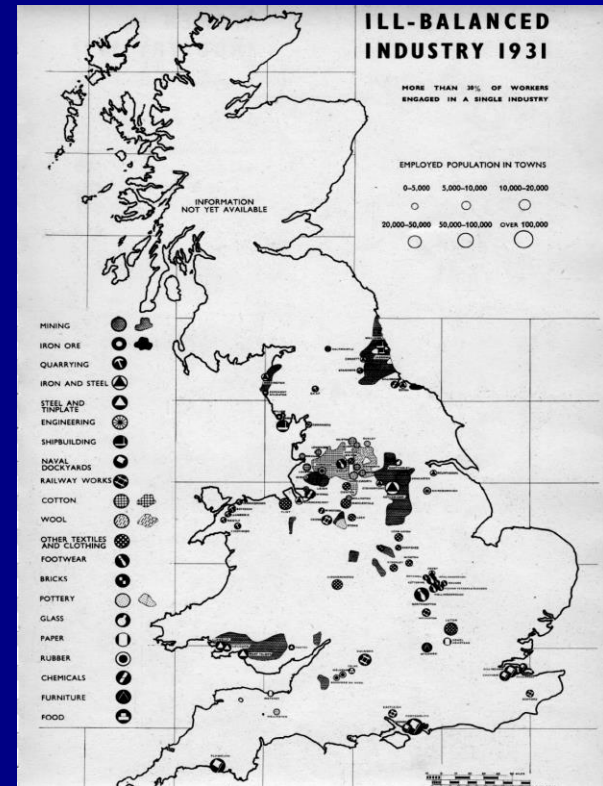
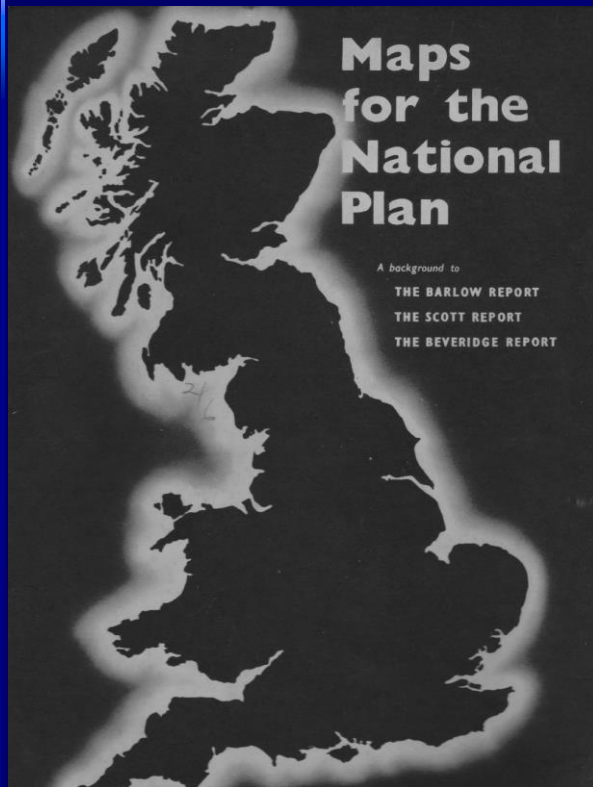
OBR Employment projections Different Demographic Scenario 2018-2068



Spatial Implications of Alternative Trajectories?



... but a long history of interventions to try & fix



Ill-balanced Industry 1931

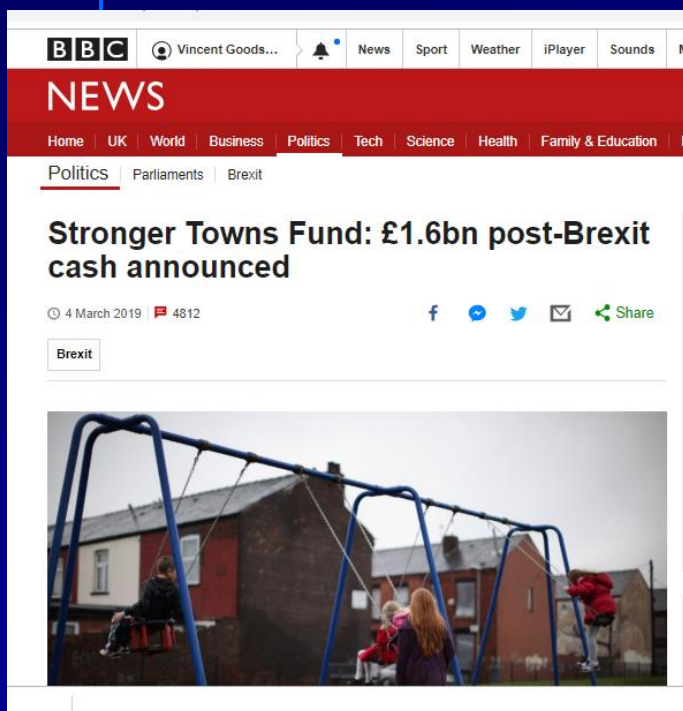
The Problem?

Policies and programmes are:

- Too short term
- Silo-based
- Driven by trends
- Overtaken by events
- Too small, not bespoke & competitive
- Stop-start policy churn
- Undermined by Perverse & hidden policies

The British Problem - Lack of Vision?

Latest Example?



- Only ⅓ to Northern Regions
- Same as offered to DUP
- Less than lost Support Grants
- Allocated on unaudited need
- ... and still a lottery
- .. And what about the rest?

Scale of Nature of Inequalities Emerging Narrative

1. Inequalities long standing
2.and inter-regional and intra-regional therefore
3. and deeper than other comparable economies
4. and will deepen
5.and the costs & risks are high
6. Therefore need new national narrative
7. rebalancing through major sustained disruptive interventions
(priorities, fiscal regimes, governance, & place-based action)
8.and linked National & Sub-national Spatial Frameworks:.

What is distinctive about the UK2070

Fresh Thinking

- Looking at the Long term – need Consistent and sustained policy
- Need a spatial context, for investment priorities, proofing & audit of Policies and programmes
- Refreshed fiscal regimes
(e.g. Resources, Green Book & Regional Banks)

... much action proposed is desirable & necessary
but are they sufficient?

Need Interventions that are
Structural, Generational and interlocking
in terms of :

- Change Targets? Scale of Change
- What will drive it? Drivers of Change
- Where & when? Spatial Framework?
- How will it be delivered? Fiscal Regimes
- Who will be responsible? Devolution / Decentralisation

Questions?

1. Interregional and intra-regional inter-relationship

- Local perspective on nature of inequalities?
- What are driving these?

2. Changing the scale of ambition & action

- How to scale up the flagship local projects? E.g. AMRC
- What additional major infrastructure is needed?
- What major sustainable development goals could be set?

3. Removing road blocks?

- The scope of a national spatial economic framework?
- New fiscal regimes? E.g. local taxation
- Decentralised and devolution of what & to whom?