

MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES

FOR THE NEXT MAYOR OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire and Humber manufacturing sector accounts for

£20 BILLION OF OUTPUT



Providing 316,000 JOBS

AVERAGE WAGES 21% HIGHER



than the rest of the economy in the region

1.

Promote collaboration between manufacturers and universities.

These partnerships and the knowledge they create can lead to the development of new cutting edge technologies and solutions that benefit both academia and industry, and are a key piece in the productivity puzzle.

2.

Upgrade transportation networks

including roads and public transit. The quality of infrastructure can be a large barrier to accessing labour and skills, the lifeblood of the manufacturing sector. As well as this manufacturers more than other make use of road and rail networks for logistical purposes.

3.

Support the ever growing industrial diversification

of the region through policies which allow the transformation of the manufacturing sector to take advantage of the vibrant new and emerging industries throughout the West Midlands, embracing Net Zero, digitalisation and upskilling employees.

MANUFACTURING IN THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

FOOD & DRINK **16.2%**

CHEMICALS **15.4%**

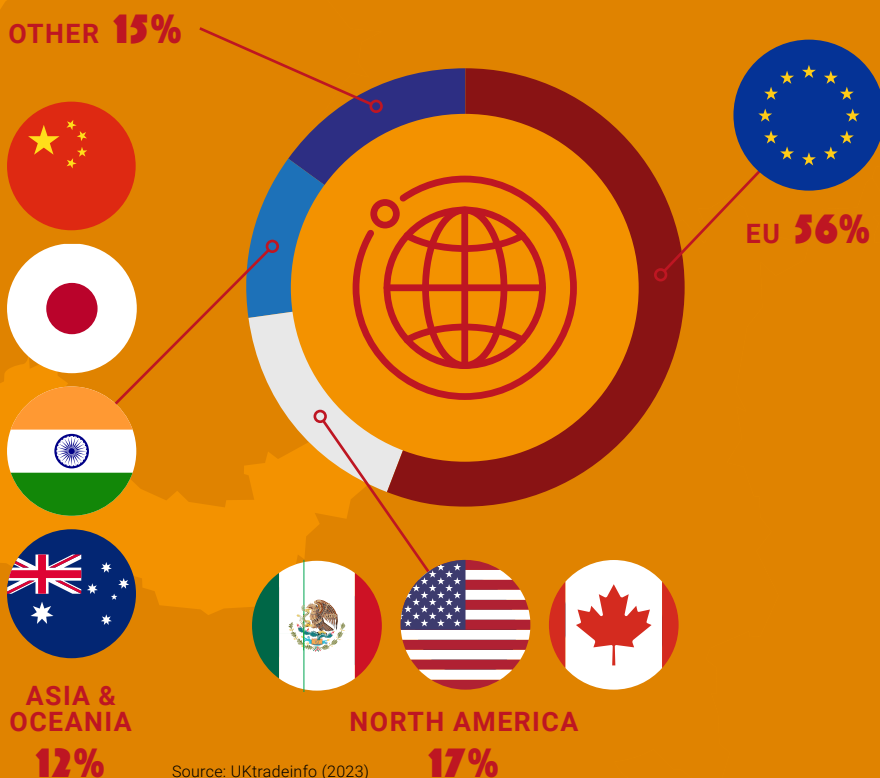
METAL PRODUCTS **13.9%**

OTHER
MANUFACTURING*
54.5%

*The sum of subsectors not included in the top 3

Source: ONS (2023)

WHERE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER EXPORTS GO



MANUFACTURING
ACCOUNTS FOR
15%
OF THE YORKSHIRE AND
HUMBER'S
TOTAL OUTPUT

THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER'S
**OVERALL
PRODUCTIVITY**
IS THE
10TH BEST
IN THE UK AT
82.8%

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE ARE PLANNING TO INVEST IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



1. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT



2. EXISTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING



3. EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE



1. 5G AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE



2. ADVANCED MATERIALS (E.G. GRAPHENE, CARBON FIBRE)

3. INTERNET OF THINGS DEVICES AND SYSTEMS



DAWN HUNTROD, MAKE UK REGION DIRECTOR – NORTH

Manufacturing has always had a crucial presence in the economy of South Yorkshire and it's vital that the future Mayor continues to build on the region's strength.

Manufacturers in South Yorkshire can continue to drive growth through creating well paid, skilled jobs and it is vital that future opportunities provided through the shift to net zero are taken. Building upon this, the Mayor must ensure that the regional infrastructure and skills programmes are improved upon. This, in tandem with greater collaboration between business, education, and government agencies will be essential in encouraging innovation and provide manufacturers with the skills they need to take advantage of emerging industries throughout South Yorkshire.

I look forward to working with the Mayor to ensure a successful partnership can be built and that provides a long-term vision with manufacturing continuing to be at the heart of it.



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The manufacturers we represent employ 1.2 million people who have created the new technologies of today and are designing the innovations of tomorrow. By investing in their people, they continue to compete on a global stage, providing the solutions to the world's biggest challenges.

Together, manufacturing is changing, adapting and transforming to meet the future needs of the UK economy. A forward-thinking, bold and versatile sector, manufacturers are engineering their own future.

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