

1. Demographic and Economic Projections

Scope

- Through a review of existing studies, relevant Council discussion documents, consultation with relevant Council staff and industry leaders, and data projections based on the latest census information and labour force projections, the consultant shall:
- Provide an analysis of the projected population and household growth levels for the study area through to 2045. This would include the net migration component, and identification of trends that may influence household formation rates over the period.
- The projected population demographic shall include age and ethnicity cohorts.
- Identify Central Government policy or directives that may have an influence on the demographics of the region.
- Identify the economic drivers for the regions growth and how these may impact on employment over the period of the study.
- Identify business and economic trends that may influence the economic forecasts and employment projections beyond the currently available 2026 figures.
- Consider how the demographic projections and economic drivers identified may translate into demand for residential, commercial, and industrial land.
- There need not be any in depth consideration of the retirement component of the demographic, as this is being covered by a separate study.

Exclusions

It is acknowledged that to project over such a long time frame cannot be an exact science and that the projections in the longer term will be based on the best information and knowledge available at the time

Deliverables

Demographic and Economic Projections Report

- A report and recommendations addressing the matters outlined in the scope.
- A list and contact details of those consulted during the course of the study.