Dear Partners,

Welcome to our latest newsletter and apologies for the absence of the last quarter's update. In this one we summarise everything that has happened since the last issue.

YOD Platform Maintenance

Based on your suggestions, we regularly make improvements to the Open Data platform to make it more user-friendly and to enhance the quality of the data we provide. We have collated all of your latest suggestions, looked at what is achievable and pulled together a small programme of changes to be deployed in the following months. Hopefully these changes will not affect you too much in your daily work, but to reduce any inconvenience it might cause, we will publish the exact date of implementation on the platform's information section.

Changes have been broken down into 3 main categories: Management, Styling and Functionality.

- Modifications in the management category are aimed at making our administrative work in the background easier, and the datasets upload faster. This is key to have a cost-effective solution of publishing the data and making sure the technology is as up to date as possible to open data industry standards.

- Styling alterations are planned on the platform which will make the experience "cleaner" with improved navigation on the site. We are completing tasks like reviewing the homepage footer, hiding or remove unnecessary elements and including guidance on maps preview for non GIS datasets. Upon completion a full list of styling changes will be posted on the platform.

- Finally, the biggest part of the whole initiative are the functionality improvements such as:

    - Shape files will be included for every GIS dataset, along with the already available KMLs and GeoJSONs.

    - CKAN (the software driving the platform) will be upgraded to a higher improved version.

    - The quality of our maps previewing will be improved by replacing OpenStreetMap with Ordnance Survey basemaps.

New Data Releases

GIS data

We have added a few new GIS datasets to YOD in the last quarter regarding community venues and hubs across the city offering a wide range of activities and services, different health services clinics locations or city walls related.

They can all be accessed in a table-like format as an spreadsheet (csv) or in a geospatial format (kml, geojson) and are available through the following links:

Title	URL
Community Hubs	https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/community-hubs
Community Venues	https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/community-venues
Children's Centres	https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/childrens-centres
GP Surgeries	https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/gp-surgeries
Sexual Health Services	https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/sexual-health-services
City Walls	https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/the-city-walls
City Walls Gateways	https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/city-walls-gateways

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

We have updated all the KPIs on YOD with data for Q2 2017/2018 (July 2017 – September 2017). Along with this update, we have also added 37 new KPI datasets. A few examples of these are:

- Lone Working Parents Claimants: % of Population
- % of dwellings failing to meet the decent homes standard
- Disability Living Allowance Claimants: % of Population
- Missed bins per 100,000 collections - (YTD)

Cycle sensors

One of our small projects that we've been working on and that's about to go live is the release of cycle footage data in York. With over 40 automatic cycle counters deployed at the city, the council has been tracking cycles passing over the counters' loops for the last few years. The inductive loops (metal detectors) in the cycleway (or highway) record cycles passing over them by direction and by hour of the day. This data is then used to monitor scheme implementation and trends in cycling numbers in order to help understand the effectiveness of policy measures. The data to be published covers from 2003 onwards.

Road and Footway Condition Survey

An external company commissioned by the council has carried out a detailed video survey of council's adopted highway network in 2016. This survey was utilised to assess the condition of all parts of the network and classified them in five condition categories. All of this data has been published in YOD in geospatial formats in the links below:
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https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/road-condition-survey
https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/footway-condition-survey

Local Area Team (LAT) Profiles

Information covering LAT profiles for the last year – up to March 2017, has been published on the platform. A Local Area Team (LAT) is a multi-agency team covering one of three defined geographical areas of York which are a key part of York's early help response to working with children, young people and families.

Portfolio Scorecards

The 2nd Quarter of financial year 2017-2018 portfolio scorecards have also been published on York Open Data. The easiest way to access them is to type "portfolio scorecards" into the search bar.

Thanks for reading our newsletter. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch at info@yorkopendata.org. We'd love to hear from you and will answer any questions you may have.

Regards,

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