YORKSHIRE HOUSE PRICES TO GROW 16% BY 2017
-U K market has reached a turning point-

House prices in Yorkshire are set to rise by a cumulative 16% between 2007 and the end of 2017, according to the latest research by BNP Paribas Real Estate. Yorkshire has an annualised growth figure of 5.2% and growth this year of 0.5%.

The leading international real estate adviser, which has offices in Sheffield and Leeds, has published its latest Housing & The Economy report - its annual house price forecasts put together with Professor Patrick Minford, a former economics adviser to Margaret Thatcher and the current Professor of Economics at Cardiff Business School.

The UK picture overall is also positive with 33% cumulative growth expected between 2007 and 2017. UK house prices are forecast to grow by a modest 2.5% this year; a significant improvement on 2012 when prices fell -0.9%. In the North West, cumulative price growth is predicted at 13%.

Growth last year in London was 1.6%, growth this year will be 6.8%, but in 2014 it is forecast to rise to 8.6%, BNP Paribas Real Estate predicts. This means that in the decade from 2007 to 2017, London house prices will have grown by an impressive 69%.

The South East (outside London) is the second biggest winner behind London, in terms of house price growth, with cumulative growth of 50% forecast between 2007 and the end of 2017. In 2013, growth will be 4.3%.

The lowest growth is forecast in the North West and North East, with cumulative rises in house prices predicted at 13% and 12%, respectively.

BNP Paribas Real Estate’s head of residential development in the North, David Couch, commented: “Finally there is some positivity in the northern markets, with house prices forecast to grow in Yorkshire, the North East and the North West. Growth in Yorkshire will be somewhat slow this year, with prices forecast to rise by less than 1% - but from 2014 onwards, the pace will pick up. The improving housing market conditions in the North are positively impacting the whole market and not just benefiting one group, such as first time buyers. This is encouraging the development of a cross section of housing units, which is what the market needs to help solve the housing crisis.”
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