

Economic Prosperity Sub Committee

Tuesday, 10 May 2022

Present: Councillor M Wilson (Chair)
Councillors L Bones, M Hall, Janet Hunter, H Johnson,
B Pickard, J Walker and Westwater

Apologies: Councillors J Harrison and W Samuel

EP33/22 Appointment of Substitute Members

There were no substitute members appointed.

EP34/22 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

EP35/22 Green Skills Sub Group

In November 2022 the Sub-Committee had appointed the Green Skills Sub Group to:

- a) consider the steps required to ensure residential, public, commercial and industrial buildings in the borough have the lowest possible carbon emissions to support the Council's 2030 net zero ambition;
- b) analyse the skills, qualifications and accreditations that will need to be gained by the local workforce so that:
 - i. they are equipped to deliver energy efficient buildings;
 - ii. the need for imported skills is avoided; and
 - iii. the borough benefits from the low carbon economic growth;
- c) identify sources of funding that could be accessed for skills and training from a variety of sources to support the local economy; and
- d) make recommendations to the Elected Mayor and Cabinet on how the Council and its partners might stimulate the local training market so that the required skills, qualifications and accreditations can be taught to our residents by North Tyneside based providers.

Since then the Sub Group had held a series of evidence gathering meetings with officers and key stakeholders during January and February 2022 and had regard to a wealth of policy documents and research papers which had been published in relation to decarbonising the built environment and the skills and jobs that will be required to deliver it. The Sub Group had reviewed the evidence received and had prepared a report setting out its findings, conclusions and recommendations.

The Sub-Committee considered whether to approve, amend or reject the report and recommendations for submission to the Cabinet. The Chair of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee had waived the requirement that the report be submitted to and approved by the Committee because its next scheduled meeting is not until 13 June 2022. It was hoped that by presenting the report and recommendations to Cabinet at the

earliest opportunity this would assist the Cabinet in reviewing and revising its Climate Emergency Action Plan during the summer.

Resolved that the report of the Green Skills Sub-Group be approved for submission to Cabinet at its meeting on 23 May 2022.