

# Meeting: Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee

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**Title: Inclusive Economy**

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**Wards affected: All**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an introductory briefing ahead of meeting with Councillor Hannah Johnson, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Inclusion, Employment and Skills.

## **2. Details**

- 2.1 The sub-committee is responsible for reviewing and challenging the impact of decisions and actions taken by the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and partner organisations in relation to, among other things, economic development, business and enterprise and inward investment. In fulfilling this role the sub-committee has agreed to meet with Councillor Hannah Johnson, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Inclusion, Employment and Skills.
- 2.2 Councillor Johnson has responsibility for employment and skills and the Council's [inclusive economy strategy](#). In May 2021 the Cabinet approved an overarching approach to building a more inclusive North Tyneside, particularly using the local economy as a route to make that happen. It provided a framework for a range of projects and activities which aimed to make North Tyneside and its economy, more inclusive.
- 2.3 The purpose of the meeting will be to examine the Authority's overarching approach to building a more inclusive North Tyneside and to assess the effectiveness of the range of projects and activities aimed at making North Tyneside and its economy, more inclusive. At previous meetings the sub-committee has expressed a particular interest in examining how the Authority can tackle the continuing high rates of people claiming Universal Credit and the proportion of people without basic numeracy and literacy skills. The sub-committee may wish to explore these issues in more detail with Councillor Johnson.
- 2.4 The Chair has invited Councillor Johnson to give a short introductory presentation followed by an opportunity for members of the sub-committee to ask questions and discuss any issues.

### **3. Background Information**

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author:

- North Tyneside Council Constitution
- Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee minutes and work programme 2022/23
- Minutes and reports to Cabinet 24 May 2021