

North Tyneside Council

Report to Cabinet

Date: 25 November 2019

Title: An Ambition for North Tyneside - Update

Portfolio: **Regeneration**

Cabinet Member: **Councillor Bruce Pickard**

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Wards affected: **All**

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

On the 26th November 2018, the Cabinet agreed a report which set out 'An Ambition for North Tyneside'. Having listened to the views of our residents and business the report articulated the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's ambition for North Tyneside and provided a series of projects and schemes which reflected the Authority's ambition around the themes of 'our people', 'our place' and 'our economy'.

Since agreeing 'An Ambition for North Tyneside' significant progress has been made by the Authority and its partners in keeping its promise and delivering a range of projects across the borough. This includes commencing work on the second phase of the Centre for Innovation in Wallsend. New family housing has been brought forward at the coast on sites that formerly blighted our coastal visitor offer such as the former Avenue Public House. There has been investment in flood defences at Killingworth Lake as well as further investment in the Authority's housing stock, highways and schools.

The purpose of this report is therefore to provide the Cabinet with an update on what has been achieved across the borough since the 'Ambition for North Tyneside' was adopted 12 months ago. It also sets out our future planned activities across the borough over the next 12 months and beyond. This includes plans for Segedunum World Heritage Site, further work to develop at Killingworth Lake, as well as completing public realm work at Whitley Bay. It also sets out the next steps for the regeneration and masterplanning of North Shields Town Centre and Fish Quay.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (1) note the progress made in delivering the overall plan since November 2018;
- (2) agree that 'An Ambition for North Tyneside' will continue to be monitored by the Investment Programme Board and progress reported regularly to Cabinet.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Twenty-eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 24th October 2019.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report is directly concerned with the delivery of the entire Our North Tyneside Plan with direct benefits expected for Our People, Our Place and Our Economy.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

1.5.2 Scope and approach

As set out in the 26th November 2018 Cabinet Report, An Ambition for North Tyneside considers the borough as four areas namely:

- The South West area around Wallsend, including the communities who live in Howdon, Willington Quay, Hadrian Park, High Farm and Battle Hill
- The North West including Benton and Longbenton, Forest Hall and Killingworth, Dudley, Weetslade, Burradon, Camperdown and Fordley
- The North East area around Whitley Bay, including Monkseaton and Earsdon, Shiremoor, Backworth and West Allotment; and
- The South East area around North Shields, including Cullercoats and Tynemouth, Chirton and Percy Main

In order to realise the bold ambition for the borough, the Authority has been undertaking a broad range of activities across the whole borough that impact positively upon “Our People, Our Places and Our Economy and which will make a real difference. The Authority has been working with a range of partners that include the Local Enterprise Partnership, the National Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic England, businesses and land owners to deliver meaningful change and to unlock potential and opportunity.

The above includes heritage and culture led projects such as Segedunum, where the Authority has engaged specialist advice and are working with Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums to refine plans for the World Heritage site. It also includes engaging with the market in respect of the Swan Hunter site to bring it back into beneficial economic use in line with the Cabinet’s objectives agreed in May this year. The Authority is also engaged in delivering smaller but meaningful projects which resonate with our communities such as the restoration of the Wooden Dolly sculpture using the original family firm that created the original sculpture in the 1950s.

1.5.4 Borough-wide ambition

The Elected Mayor and Cabinet’s ambitions for the Borough are set out in the Our North Tyneside Plan. Specific commitments have been made and are being met in terms of Our People, Our Place and Our Economy.

Looking toward the next 15 years the current commitments are as follows:

Our People

Will be listened to. Will be ready for school. Will be ready for work and life. Will be healthy and well. Will be cared for, protected and supported. Will be encouraged to be more independent, volunteer and do more for themselves and local communities.

Cabinet has already considered, and the Authority is delivering detailed plans in all of these areas but in the coming years this will also specifically mean:

- Delivery of a programme to ensure the Authority works better for residents making sure they know we listen and we care
- Continued support to early years and education to give children and young people the best possible start in life
- Continued work to make sure as many people as possible have good physical and mental health
- Building on work to make sure the people of North Tyneside continue to have the right skills to take advantage of a growing economy; and
- Continuing work to tackle the impact of deprivation

Our Place

Will be a great place to live. Will offer a good choice of quality housing. Benefit from the completion of the North Tyneside Living Project. Provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive, safe and sustainable environment. Have effective transport and physical infrastructure. Continue to regenerate Wallsend, North Shields and Whitley Bay. Be a thriving place of choice for visitors.

Again, Cabinet has already considered, and the Authority is delivering detailed plans in all of these areas but in the coming years this will also specifically mean

- Delivery of a programme to encourage a greater sense of place, particularly in our areas of greatest deprivation
- Plans to tackle anti-social behaviour and promote community safety
- Delivery of the affordable homes programme and the Master Plans at Killingworth and Murton; and
- Development and delivery of a programme of public art to celebrate our communities and what makes them special.

Our economy

Will grow by supporting new businesses and building on our strengths. Will be business friendly, ensuring the right skills and conditions are in place to support

investment. Will continue to support investment in our business parks, units and town centres.

Cabinet has already worked to deliver detailed plans in all of these areas but in the coming years this will also specifically mean

- Work with Newcastle City Council and Northumberland County Council to make sure the Devolution Deal and the Combined Authority deliver inclusive growth; and
- Target infrastructure investment at improving the economy, particularly examining and adjusting the design of our town centres to improve access and traffic flow

1.5.5 The rest of this report explains in more detail progress that has been made on the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's ambitions for each part of the Borough. It sets out what has been achieved over the last 12 months, what is currently planned, what will happen next and what the Authority will do, if it can and when it can.

1.5.6 For the South West

What it has

The South West has some fantastic assets; a World Heritage site at Segedunum, the industrial north bank of the Tyne, with world leading business (including the Swans site), a great leisure offer with Hadrian Leisure Centre, well used libraries and the refurbished Richardson Dees Parks and, for some parts of the community, some strong transport links.

It also has some sharp contrasts between deprivation and affluence. It is the area of the Borough with the most students. It has more people who need help with mental health needs. It has concentrations of people suffering from deprivation who also work and concentrations of poor quality private rented housing.

What the Authority is trying to achieve

Based on those strengths and those needs the Authority is trying to support business and residents to create more and better jobs. The Authority also needs to help in the connections of those parts of the area that do not have strong transport links.

The Authority also wants to improve the housing offer and improve the sense of place and community: In doing so closing the gap in life chances.

How the Authority will achieve that

Right now: The investment and plans for the former Swan Hunter shipyard continue in line with the Mayor and Cabinet's objectives for the site. The Authority is currently on site delivering the next phase of the Centre for Innovation which will be completed in March 2020. This will bring forward some 10,000 sq. ft of commercial floorspace for businesses and will build on the success of the first phase of the scheme which is occupied by a range of companies related to the offshore / energy sectors.

The Authority is also reviewing offers for the wider Swan Hunter Site that were received on the 25 October 2019. This follows the Cabinet's decision in May 2018 to approach the market with a view to the sale or long leasehold of the site. This will see the site brought back into beneficial economic use which meets the Council's objectives around job creation and economic growth.

The Authority will continue to work with the Local Enterprise Partnership given their ongoing financial commitment to the site and new governance arrangements have been established with a Board to oversee the delivery of the Swan Hunters project in line with the Authority's objectives. It is anticipated that a decision on the site will be made early in the new year following full and detailed consideration of the offers received for the site.

Work is also ongoing to refine a Vision and Masterplan for Segedunum with Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums. Working with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to develop a policy steer, specialist advice has been procured which has given the Authority intelligence on the market and will identify potential opportunities to grow the visitor offer. It will form the basis for a 15 year plan for the site and it is anticipated the Cabinet will be able to consider options in the first quarter of 2020.

Initial works have also commenced at the former Buddle Arts Centre which is being developed out as office space in partnership with a private developer. It is anticipated that the conversion works will commence later this year.

Next: Plans are being developed for Segedunum which will be the first steps in a 15 year masterplan and vision which will see incremental investment into the visitor offer over the plan period.

The Authority will continue to work with town centre land owners and healthcare providers to examine opportunities for new healthcare facilities to be brought forward in the heart of Wallsend Town Centre as part of the regeneration of the town centre.

Demolition work will also begin on the later extensions to the GB Hunter Memorial Hospital in 2020/21. Opportunities for the wider site will continue to be explored with the current operator of the Civic Hall. Work will continue with the private sector over the development of Centurion Park.

The Authority will vastly improve the quality of place for existing residents as well as creating new, high quality affordable housing options within the area. Work will commence on the properties in 2020 and is anticipated improvement works will be carried out over a 20 week period. The Authority will also review options for working with registered housing providers who may have an interest in the properties.

When funding and timing allows: Plans for housing renewal will be developed and delivered; as will a long term plan to redesign traffic and transport flows around the town centre.

1.5.7 For the North West

What it has

The North West is a great place to live across a range of historic communities with a mining past and a new town; the area has a broad range of housing and sees strong demand from families who want to live there. It has access to national infrastructure assets at the A1 and Newcastle Airport with a good leisure offer and a significant portion of the Borough's open land and major development sites.

It also has small pockets of deprivation with a gap in life chances and particularly towards Dudley, Fordley, Annitsford, Seaton Burn and Wideopen, a public transport deficit.

What the Authority is trying to achieve

For the North West the Authority is trying to develop sustainable communities, supporting retail and bringing local centres to life while meeting housing need (particularly in and around the former mining communities). The Authority aims to grow the economy, seeing more and better jobs to which people are better connected. As well as delivering the Killingworth Master Plan in a way that promotes a richer living environment on human scale.

How the Authority will achieve that

Right now: A major £6m flood alleviation project has been delivered by the Authority and the Environment Agency at Killingworth Lake by recontouring parts of the site and introducing new planting. This will help improve the visitor experience and help make the drainage in the area more sustainable. The new surface water management arrangements also provide opportunities for further activities to be explored which will broaden the offer of the park.

Forest Hall shopping centre has also been improved with £600k investment into the public realm which was completed in April of this year. Working with the community and businesses, this scheme has transformed the appearance of this well used local centre and has acted as a catalyst for further private sector investment into commercial properties. It also helps reinforce positive perceptions of the area as a great place to live and invest.

A new 3G pitch has been developed at Killingworth Young People's Club (the KYPC) which represents £750K of investment. The KYPC is well used community asset and is home to some 20 teams ranging from toddlers to young adults. It is also home to the Pin Point football league which operates across the region.

Work has also been completed to add a new bus lane and improve access for cyclists and pedestrians along Salters' Lane between Haddrick's Mill and West Moor. This was completed in October and is part of the wider Salters Lane A189 Improvement Works which have a value of £5.5m which was funded through a successful bid to the National Productivity Investment Fund.

In terms of the Authority's plans for new housing, in September the Cabinet agreed to accept £10m of Housing Infrastructure Funding from Homes England. This will help deliver highways infrastructure as part of the Killingworth Moor Masterplan which will see 2000 new homes delivered as part of the Authority's Local Plan which was adopted in 2017. The wider development will also include new highways, schools and open space and associated green infrastructure required to deliver a high quality residential environment. Work is ongoing with developers and land owners to refine plans for the site which accord with the masterplan and which reflect the Authority's place-making aspirations for the development.

Next: Plans are being developed for projects such as Killingworth Lake to further develop facilities and to unlock additional opportunities and activities which will lead to increase patronage whilst preserving the ecology of the site and its landscape setting.

The Authority is also seeking to invest in the Wagonways infrastructure. This will celebrate the borough's rich mining heritage and will give an insight into how the industry shaped the borough and its communities. It will also build upon the unparalleled network of cycleways, footpaths and bridleways across the borough providing opportunities for improved health and wellbeing as well as sustainable travel options. It will also include historical interpretation both along the route and as part of a proposed digital app.

Work will also commence in 2020 on procuring the primary highway infrastructure associated with Killingworth Moor housing site which is funded through the Housing Infrastructure Fund. The procurement will be completed in late 2020 with construction works commencing in 2021 and completing in 2023. It is also anticipated that new housing will also be brought forward by the developer's subject to receipt of planning permissions.

When funding and timing allows:

The delivery of the Killingworth Master Plan in its entirety to include the right transport infrastructure and school capacity and other associated infrastructure.

The Authority will also seek to develop the transport network including continued lobbying for a Metro extension between North Tyneside and Newcastle Airport with a view to enhancing service provision for residents and visitors. The Authority will also work with partners for the delivery of the Northumberland / Tyne heavy rail link subject to a successful bid to the Transforming Cities Fund which is to be submitted to the Government by Transport North in November.

The Authority will also continue to look at options for the delivery of high quality employment / industrial accommodation at Indigo Park which is identified as a strategic employment site in the Local Plan.

1.5.8 For the North East

What it has

This part of North Tyneside contains some great places to live, work and visit. It has seen significant investment at the coast to create an asset for the Borough and the Region.

It contains some of our more affluent communities and significant migration out each day for work but also pockets of significant deprivation in Valley Ward, Collingwood Ward and parts of Whitley Bay. Its quality of life can create house price hotspots and concerns about volume of house building and volumes of traffic. The area has high levels of owner-occupied housing and an ageing population.

What the Authority is trying to achieve

For the North East and the surrounding communities, the Authority is investing in a fabulous environment to encourage visitors to support the local economy. The Authority aim to create at the coast a first class facility for all of North Tyneside and the Region. The Authority aims to meet housing and transport demand in a sustainable way.

How we will achieve that

Right now: The development of the former High Point Hotel to create 14 high quality sea front town houses has been completed. The scheme is a joint venture between the Authority and High Point View Ltd and has transformed the site which was previously occupied in part by a semi-derelict hotel. The town houses are currently on the market with a local agent and several properties have now been sold and are occupied. The scheme has had a major impact in improving the appearance of this part of the seafront and in improving perceptions of the area through its high-quality contemporary design. It has also brought new, high quality housing opportunities to the area for people seeking to live on the coast.

The redevelopment of the former Avenue Pub by the Authority's Trading Company, Aurora, has also completed with a hand over from the contractor at the end of October.

This scheme (Empress Point) comprises 12 high quality family homes at a prominent location has transformed this part of the seafront and has complemented investment at the Spanish City. Offers have been received and accepted for 6 of the properties which highlights the success of the scheme.

Also, 12 new homes have also been delivered by the Authority's Trading Company on the site of the former care home at Wallington Court on the Marden Estate of which 10 have now been sold. These new bungalows have provided a first class housing offer and greater choice for people wishing to live in the area. Collectively, the Authority's investment in housing across the borough will help deliver on the commitment to deliver 3000 new homes across the Borough by 2023.

The Authority has have also carried out remedial works to St. Mary's island causeway as part of initial steps to secure further investment into the island as part of the visitor offer.

Next: Plans are being developed to continue investment and to complete the refurbishment works to the rest of the Northern Promenade commencing with the area around the Rendezvous Cafe. This investment will improve the setting of this much loved local landmark and will hold true to delivering on the Elected Mayor's commitments to this part of the borough.

The Authority is also developing plans for sporting facilities at Churchill Playing fields. A long term investment strategy for the site will be refined which will see it developed as a regional centre for sporting activities which further broadens the boroughs offer and attractiveness as a place to live, work and visit.

When funding and timing allows: The delivery of the Murton Master Plan which will deliver 3000 homes over the Local Plan period. The development will include investment in new transport infrastructure including a new Metro Station as well as new schools. It is anticipated that the indicative allocation of £15m Housing Infrastructure Funding from Homes England to deliver enabling highways infrastructure will be confirmed later this year at which point Cabinet approval to accept the funding will be sought.

The Authority will also seek to further develop the transport network including continued lobbying for a Metro extension in the Cobalt corridor and the potential for a rail station at Northumberland Park as part of Northumberland / Tyne Railway proposals.

The Authority will also develop options and seek funding to manage and appropriately develop St Mary's Island. This will preserve and enhance the historic and iconic lighthouse and will seek to protect the ecology of the island with the focus for any new development on the landward side of the causeway.

The Authority will also examine options for future investment in the Southern Promenade as part of our ongoing investment on the coast.

Also, a longer term plan to redesign traffic and transport flows in and around Whitley Bay town centre will be developed to improve the pedestrian environment and visitor experience.

1.5.9 For the South East

What it has

The South East and the surrounding communities contain some significant assets, England and Wales' largest prawn landing port as part of an active Fish Quay as well as

longstanding fishing activity from Cullercoats Harbour. It contains the major Port of Tyne site, the north side of the Tyne Tunnels and a major site for Northumbrian Water as well as the two retail outlets at Silverlink and Royal Quays as well as the attractions of Tynemouth Village. Northumberland Park, Tynemouth Pool and The Parks are at the core of a significant leisure offer.

But it also contains the Wards with greatest levels of deprivation next to two of the more affluent. The town centre is well used but not as well connected as it might be to the rest of the area and nor to the river bank where an emerging food and drink offer is increasing its attraction as a destination.

What the Authority is trying to achieve

For the South East and its surrounding area the Authority is working towards raising the quality of the built environment, connecting a vibrant town centre and quayside. The Authority wants to tackle working poverty and poor quality private rented housing as part of the work to close the gap. The Authority wants to work in partnership to develop a master plan for the town centre and the riverside.

How the Authority will achieve that Right now:

The Authority is investing £5.6m in the heart of the town centre with the restoration of the historic Grade 2 listed Georgian terrace at Northumberland Square further enhancing the character of the Conservation Area. This stunning scheme which will see 28 new family homes developed which will create a new residential quarter in the town centre which, in addition to providing a unique housing offer, will also drive footfall into the town centre helping to support local shops and services as part of the Authority's plans to diversify and broaden the town centre offer. The scheme will be completed in mid-2021.

Within Northumberland Square is the Wooden Dolly Sculpture which is part of the DNA of North Shields. There have been seven dollies over the course of the town's history with the current sculpture commissioned in the 1950's and carved by Robert Thompson Craftsmen Ltd. Unveiled in 1958, the current sculpture has weathered the last 61 years remarkably well but is now in need of some much needed restoration works to bring it back to its former glory. The sculpture will be removed later this year by Robert Thompson Craftsmen Ltd and will be taken to their workshops in York where it will be restored.

Having listened to the views of the town centre businesses, residents and visitors, the Authority is also investing in improved WC facilities in North Shields Central Library. These will improve the current facilities and, importantly, they will be accessible outside of library opening times. This work will have a value of circa £90K and will be completed within the current financial year.

Following the award of £200k Funding from the North of Tyne Combined Authority, work is underway to develop a masterplan for North Shields Town Centre and Fish Quay. Like many town centres, North Shields has suffered from the decline of town centre retailing which is a consequence of structural changes at a national level in the retailing and leisure industries. The purpose of the masterplan is to set out a vision for the town centre which reflects the Authority's policy objectives to broaden and diversify the visitor offer and to create a sustainable future for the town centre with improved links to the Fish Quay.

An initial draft of the masterplan will be completed this year and will comprise a series of projects which, collectively, will transform the town centre and create opportunities for

new commercial and residential developments as well as investment in the public transport infrastructure and public realm. In addition to the heritage based projects referred to above, these will include improvements to key gateways into the town centre, a proposed new bus station integrated with the existing Metro Station as well as other improvements to the highway network and public realm to improve the appearance of the town centre and enhance the visitor experience. Other interventions will see new housing identified for the former Tyne Brand Site and Bedford Street.

Once the emerging masterplan has been agreed by the Cabinet it is proposed that further engagement is undertaken with residents and businesses in early 2020. The masterplan work will also be augmented by additional technical studies which will provide an evidence base to inform overall costs and delivery strategies.

Next: The Authority will continue to work with funding bodies such as Historic England to further refine proposals to improve Northumberland Square Conservation Area. Having submitted a successful Expression of Interest in the first round of the Future High Streets Fund Heritage Action Zones earlier this year, we are currently refining a scheme and will submit a further funding application to the next round later this year.

If successful, this will see significant investment into the fabric of the Conservation Area including both buildings and public realm. This will improve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and will build upon our investment at Northumberland Square. It will also provide new commercial opportunities for some of the buildings on Howard Street which could be repurposed toward high quality food and beverage / leisure uses and which would take advantage of this unique location.

In November 2019, Transport for the North on behalf of the Joint Transport Committee will submit a bid to the Transforming Cities fund. This includes major infrastructure projects such as Metro track improvements to improve rail capacity a train frequency as well as the Northumberland / Tyne Line. However, it also includes proposals for a new integrated transport facility within North Shields Town Centre which will link bus and Metro services and provide a better customer experience.

In addition to the Transforming Cities Bid, the Authority is also working with Nexus to explore options for moving the Ferry Landing to Western Quay which is at the heart of the Fish Quay and which is a more appropriate location from a visitor / ferry patron standpoint. It will also examine the opportunity to connect the Shields Ferry to Royal Quays which would create new opportunities for visitors to explore our offer, especially those visiting the region by cruise ship.

Whilst it was disappointing that we were unsuccessful in progressing to the second round of the main Future High Streets Fund earlier in the year, the Authority continues to position itself for a successful bid once a second round is launched. Specifically, the Authority has confirmed with MHCLG that it would like to work with the emerging High Streets Task Force which is a consortium led by the Institute of Place Management. This will provide expertise, advice, training, data and insight to help people, partnerships and other organisations transform their high streets. For Local Authorities that have been unsuccessful in Round 1, this includes advice on how to improve applications for Round 2, which is to be announced in due course.

The Authority will also continue to work with the new owners of the Tyne Brand site on the Fish Quay, as well as funding bodies such as Homes England, to identify development solutions that will see this prominent site brought forward for residential purposes. In broadening the housing offer at this stunning and unique location, the

redevelopment of the site will address the issues of dereliction that blight the site and its surrounds. Moreover, it will open up new opportunities on Tanners Bank and Brew House Bank which will further improve the quality of place.

When funding and timing allows: The Authority will further develop infrastructure to support both the working quay and the Fish Quay as a food and drink destination. Subject to securing funding, the Authority will also seek to implement proposals contained in the emerging North Shields masterplan which will include improvements to gateways into the town centre, improvements to the public realm and improved connectivity between the town centre and the Fish Quay.

The Authority will also await Government funding decisions in respect of transport improvements that are planned at Tanners Bank and into North Shields town centre.

1.5.11 How the plan will be managed

Progress on the plan will be reported regularly to Cabinet. Property-related projects will be dealt with via the Strategic Property Group chaired by the Elected Mayor and investment projects overseen by the Investment Programme Board chaired by the Cabinet Member for Finance who will also oversee the programme. Specific project and working groups will be established to handle more significant projects with appropriate Elected Member and Chief Officer leadership.

1.5.12 Next steps

The next steps will include:

- agreeing the Authority's Budget and Investment Plan Proposals to reflect this programme;
- Options on the major projects moving through appropriate governance;
- Finalise the Investment Programme based on a £10m budget over 5 years.

1.6 Decision options:

There is no decision to be made as the report is for information purposes only.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

There is no recommended option as the report is for information purposes only.

1.8 Appendix:

Appendix One: An Ambition For North Tyneside – Regeneration Strategy: Delivery by Area

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1.9 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Our North Tyneside Plan 2018-2021

(2) State of the Area 2018

(3) Cabinet report 26th November 2018 'An Ambition for North Tyneside'

(4) Cabinet report 1st April 2019 'An Ambition for North Shields'

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

The capital and revenue implications relating to those projects currently underway are included within the Authority's current Investment Plan and Financial Plan respectively. Any future proposals will be considered as part of the investment plan gateway process in line with the Authority's Capital Investment Strategy.

However, in order to support this ambitious programme the Elected Mayor and Cabinet are proposing a 5 year, £10m investment pot as part of their Budget Proposals. This will support specific projects but, crucially, be available as matched funding to take advantage of emerging public and private finance opportunities.

2.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. As projects and plans come forward individual consideration of the legal implications of these plans and projects will be required.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

The report is based on discussions with the Elected Mayor and Cabinet Members as well as detailed technical discussions across the Senior Leadership Team.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

As the Authority has begun to mobilise on many of the key projects contained in Our Ambition for North Tyneside, the Authority has undertaken a numerous consultation events and have engaged with businesses and stakeholders to seek their views. This has included meeting with businesses at specific engagement events as well as meetings with the Chambers of Trade.

As proposals contained in Our Ambition for North Tyneside move towards delivery and where statutory processes are involved, for example Planning Applications, formal consultation will take place.

Future engagement will also build upon earlier consultation that has been undertaken which includes the Big Community Conversation; Budget Engagement and the engagement which supported the production of the North Tyneside Local Plan, Master Plans and Community Infrastructure Levy.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

Equality Impact Assessments will be carried out for each project where appropriate. This is a key part of project planning as it assesses the potential impact a project may have on people with protected characteristics.

2.6 Risk management

Specific projects will have their own risk management arrangements in line with the agreed corporate approach.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder issues directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

The contents of the plan aim to support sustainable development and contribute to reducing carbon emissions and responding to our climate change emergency.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive ☒
- Head(s) of Service ☒
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) ☒
- Chief Finance Officer ☒
- Monitoring Officer ☒
- Head of Corporate Strategy and Customer Service ☒