

Meeting: Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee

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Title: Green Skills for Green Jobs Sub Group

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the sub-committee with information to aid its consideration of whether to appoint a time limited sub-group to consider the Council's approach to adapting to a green industrial revolution and ensuring people have the right skills for the future green jobs.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The sub-committee is recommended to consider whether it wishes to pursue the option of appointing a Green Skills Sub-Group.

3. Details

- 3.1 In determining its work programme for the year ahead, it was suggested that a sub-group be established to examine in more detail the Council's approach to ensuring people have the right skills for future green jobs.
- 3.2 The sub-committee has the option of establishing a sub-group to carry out in-depth investigations. Sub-groups operate in a more informal way and can be an effective method of fulfilling the role of scrutiny in terms of:
- a) carrying out investigations into services and policy areas of interest and concern to communities in North Tyneside;
 - b) involving communities in its work and reflecting their views and concerns; and
 - c) supporting and assisting the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and partner organisations in the formulation of their future plans, strategies and their decision making by making evidence based recommendations to them on how services can be improved.
- 3.4 To ensure that sub-groups are effective it is suggested that when evaluating topics for investigation the following criteria should be considered:
- Is it timely?
 - Will it duplicate any other work ongoing within the Council or the North East Combined Authority scrutiny work programme?

- Will it add value/contribute to decision making or the formulation of future plans, strategies?

- 3.5 If the sub-committee is minded to appoint a sub-group it will then need to:
- a) determine its terms of reference, setting out its objectives, key lines of enquiry and desired outcomes;
 - b) determine the membership of the sub-group to be drawn from non-executive members of the Council;
 - c) appoint a lead member;
 - d) consider the officer support required;
 - c) formulate a work programme for the sub-group, identifying the evidence required and how this will be obtained; and
 - e) set a timescale in which the sub-group will reports its findings, conclusions and recommendation to the sub-committee.
- 3.6 To inform the sub-committee's deliberations the Chair of the Committee, Coun Matt Wilson intends to present the results of his work in relation to Green Skills for Green Jobs.

4. 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 2020/21