

# Meeting: Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee

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**Title: Green Skills Sub Group**

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**Wards affected: All**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This reports presents a proposal for the appointment of a task and finish 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:
- a) appoint the Green Skills Sub Group;
  - b) approve the remit for the sub group as set out in section 3.2 of this report;
  - c) appoint the members listed in section 3.3 of this report to the sub group.

## **3. Details**

- 3.1 At its previous meeting in September 2021, the sub-committee agreed to appoint a 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. In appointing a sub group the Council's Constitution states that the sub-committee must:
- a) have regard to the approved work programme and advice of relevant officers on the overall capacity of the Authority to support such studies;
  - b) determine the remit for each sub group who will be bound by the terms of that remit; and
  - c) determine the membership of the sub group to be drawn from non-executive members of the Council.
- 3.2 Since then preparatory work has been undertaken in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee and relevant officers. Arising from this work it is proposed that the remit of the sub group will be 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;
- 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.

3.3 All members of the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Children, Education and Skills Sub-Committees were invited to express an interest in serving on the sub group as the topic cuts the across the remit of each sub-committee. The following members responded and it is proposed that they be appointed to the sub group:

Councillor Matt Wilson  
Councillor Margaret Hall  
Councillor Trish Brady  
Councillor Bruce Pickard  
Councillor Brian Burdis  
Councillor Liam Bones  
Councillor Maureen Madden

3.4 Work is continuing to identify the relevant sources of evidence and to formulate a work programme for the sub group. It is envisaged that the group will undertake much of its work between December and February with a view to reporting its findings and any recommendations to the Sub-Committee in March 2022.

#### **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 2021/22