

Meeting: Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee

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Title: Green Skills Sub Group

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update on the work of the Green Skills Sub Group.

2. Details

- 2.1 In November 2022 the sub committee appointed a sub group to examine the Council's approach to adapting to a green industrial revolution and ensuring people have the right skills for the future green jobs. The sub group was set the following remit, 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.
- 2.2 Since then the sub group has held a series of evidence gathering meetings with officers and key stakeholders during January and February 2022 and also had regard to a wealth of policy documents and research papers which have been published in relation to decarbonising the built environment and the skills and jobs that will be required to deliver it. The sub group have reviewed the evidence received to date and formulated their preliminary findings and conclusions but agreed to arrange a further meeting with training providers before preparing and finalising its report and recommendations.
- 2.3 In accordance with the Constitution, the sub group is required to present its report and any recommendations to the sub-committee for consideration and to either approve,

amend or reject it for submission to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and Cabinet. Given that this is the final scheduled meeting of the sub-committee until 5 July 2022, it may be necessary to convene an extraordinary meeting of the sub-committee to consider the report and recommendations so that it may be considered in a timely manner.

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:

- Green Skills Sub Group Scope & Work Programme
- North Tyneside Council Constitution