

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 present the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Green Skills Sub Group and to seek the sub-committee's approval for its submission to Cabinet.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The sub-committee is recommended to approve the report of the Green Skills Sub-Group for submission to Cabinet at its meeting on 23 May 2022.

3. Details

- 3.1 In November 2022 the Sub-Committee appointed the Green Skills 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.
- 3.2 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 and formulated their findings, conclusions and recommendations set out in the report attached as Appendix 1. A draft report has been shared with key officers and all those stakeholders who were involved in the study. The final report takes into account the comments and feedback received during this consultation.

- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 The Chair of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, Councillor Janet Hunter, has waived the requirement that the report be submitted to and approved by the Committee because its next scheduled meeting is not until 13 June 2022. It is hoped that by presenting the report and recommendations to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity this will assist the Cabinet in reviewing and revising its Climate Emergency Action Plan during the summer.

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:

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