

North Tyneside Council

Report to Cabinet

Date: 27 June 2022

Title: Cabinet Response to Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee Report on Green Skills for Retrofit Jobs

Portfolio(s): Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member responsible for Inclusion, Employment and Skills
Cabinet Member responsible for Environment

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor Carl Johnson and Councillor Hannah Johnson
Councillor Sandra Graham

Report from Service

Area: Regeneration, Economic Development and Culture

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

Cabinet received a report of the Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on Green Skills for Retrofit Jobs on 23 May 2022 which set out a series of recommendations for Cabinet to consider.

This is an extensive and complex series of recommendations which require detailed consideration by Cabinet in order to respond in full. Detailed work is ongoing in relation to the recommendations made by the Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee and it is proposed that a full report is presented to Cabinet on 1 August 2022 where a full response to the recommendations will be presented for its consideration.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet note the contents of this report and agree to receive a further report and action plan on 1 August 2022.

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 29 April 2022.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The report relates to the following priorities contained in the 2021/2025 Our North Tyneside Plan:

A thriving North Tyneside

We will bring more good quality jobs to North Tyneside – by helping local businesses to grow and making it attractive for new businesses to set up or relocate in the borough

We will invest in adult education and to support apprenticeships to make sure people have the right skills for the job

A green North Tyneside

We will publish an action plan of the steps we will take and the national investment we will seek to make North Tyneside carbon net-zero by 2030

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

Cabinet received a report of the Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on Green Skills for Retrofit Jobs on 23 May 2022 which set out a series of recommendations for Cabinet to consider.

1.5.2 The 10 recommendations in the Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee's report are extensive and complex and require further time for Cabinet to give detailed consideration and a full response to each recommendation.

1.5.3 The recommendations have been positively received and support our policy objectives and our approach to tackling climate change. It is therefore proposed that a further detailed report and associated Action Plan be presented to Cabinet on 1 August 2022 which will provide a full response to the recommendations made by the Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

Option 1

Cabinet accepts the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2.

Option 2

Cabinet does not accept the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 and provides an alternative response to the report at the meeting.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

This will allow Cabinet the necessary time to fully address the recommendations raised in the Green Skills for Retrofit Jobs and provide a detailed response and Action Plan.

1.8 Appendices:

None

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

No additional background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

The financial implications associated with each recommendation will be included in Cabinet's response to the report which will be presented on 1 August 2022.

2.2 Legal

In accordance with Section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Report. In providing this response, Cabinet is required to indicate what (if any) action it proposes to take in relation the recommendations and the reasons for its decision.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

The Study Group met with those officers listed in the Green Skills for Retrofit Jobs report.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

The Study Group met with a range of key stakeholders from outside of the Council, listed in the Green Skills for Retrofit Jobs report.

2.4 Human rights

There are no direct human rights implications arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no direct implications of equality and diversity arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

There are no specific risk management implications arising from this report.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

The report is directly related to the Council's decision to declare a climate emergency and to publish an action plan of the steps it will take and the national investment it will seek to make North Tyneside carbon net-zero by the earlier date of 2030.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive X
- Director(s) of Service X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Assistant Chief Executive X