

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 response of Cabinet to the recommendations of the Green Skills Sub Group.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The sub-committee is recommended to note the response of Cabinet to the recommendations of the Green Skills Sub Group.

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 The Sub Group held a series of evidence gathering meetings with officers and key stakeholders during January and February 2022 and prepared a report setting out its findings, conclusions and recommendations
- 3.3 The report was presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 23 May 2022 by Councillor Matt Wilson. On 1 August 2022 the Cabinet agreed its response to the report and recommendations. The response is attached as Appendix A. The Cabinet accepted all but one of the recommendations. It rejected the recommendation 8, to commission a Retrofit Academy in North Tyneside for the delivery of PAS2035 qualifications, because this is something beyond the power of North Tyneside Council but well within the influence, and already in the thinking of the Mayor and Cabinet of the North of Tyneside Combined Authority.

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 and Report
- Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee Report and Minutes 10 May 2022
- North Tyneside Cabinet Reports and Minutes 23 May 2022 & 1 August 2022