

Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee Work Programme 2018/19

Chair: Councillor Janet Hunter

Deputy Chair: Councillor Joan Walker

DSO: Michael Robson

Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead Officer	Outcome/Issues
26 June 2018	Room 4.01		
Work programme 2018/19	To determine the sub-committee's work programme for the year ahead. Items already identified by Members and officers will be presented, with the opportunity for the sub-committee to raise any additional topics for potential consideration.	Michael Robson	Work programme agreed and the future of town centres identified as a possible topic for in depth investigation.
Business Support Sub-Group	To review implementation of the action agreed by Cabinet on 12 June 2017 in response to the sub-committee's report and recommendations relating to Business Support. Councillor B Pickard to be invited to attend.	Sean Collier	Progress noted.
11 September 2018			
Apprenticeships	To receive an update on apprenticeships when the Apprenticeship Levy and other government reforms have been operational for some time to evaluate its effect in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the number of apprenticeships in North Tyneside; b) the outcomes in terms of young people entering employment and gaining qualifications; and c) the social mobility. To include a short introduction to the Apprenticeship Levy for new members of the sub-committee. To be preceded by a visit to a local employer to talk to employers and apprentices about their experiences. Councillor P Earley to be invited to attend.	Mark Barrett	The sub-committee visited Accenture Technology Centre to learn about Accenture's operations and apprenticeship programme and spoke directly with apprentices. The apprenticeship reforms, the local response to them and their effect on numbers of apprenticeships (decline) were examined. The sub-committee to continue to monitor outcomes.

13 November 2018			
Highways Asset Management Plan – Annual Report	a) To examine the annual report presented to Cabinet setting out delivery of the HAMP over the past 12 months and the plans for the coming 12 months and b) Give particular consideration to the impact of significant investment on the highway network at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Coast Road/Beach Road; ii. Norham Road, iii. Holystone Roundabout; and iv. North Bank of the Tyne in terms of reducing congestion and supporting economic development and inward investment.	Colin McDonald Mark Newlands Nick Bryan	The sub-committee examined both the HAMP Annual Report and the Highway Network Strategy. The sub-committee made a recommendation to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport asking him to review the sustainability of the HAMP.
15 January 2019 at 4.00pm In Room 2.27			
	Meeting cancelled and items deferred until March.		
26 March 2019			
North of Tyne Devolution	To examine the North of Tyne Combined Authority's Vision and work programme to consider how the £600m of extra money will benefit the economy of North Tyneside and how decisions of the Authority will be scrutinised.	Paul Hanson & Jackie Laughton	The sub-committee received an overview of the Combined Authority's vision and emerging work programmes and considered their likely impact on the economy in North Tyneside.

Items to be scheduled			
100% Business Rate Retention	To revisit the topic when more detailed proposals are known. Given the broad implications of the proposals on the overall financial management of the authority any work might be undertaken in conjunction with the Finance Sub-Committee. (Overview of proposals presented in March 2017.)	Janice Gillespie	Nothing yet to report (Oct 2017).

100% Business Rate Retention	To examine the outcomes from the pilot business rate retention schemes.	Janice Gillespie	
Parking on Pavements	To examine any proposals from the Government to introduce new legislation to strengthen the Council's powers to enforce parking on pavements and consider how this might be implemented in North Tyneside.	Andy Flynn	
The Tyne & Wear Bus Strategy	To examine the Bus Strategy.	John Cram Nick Bryan	Public Consultation on both strategies was expected early 2018 but delayed.
North East Transport Strategy	To examine and comment on the draft Transport Strategy.	Andy Flynn	Update to be sought on timescales and Councillor C Johnson to be notified of sub-committee's wish to contribute to any response from the Council to any future consultations.
Visits to local businesses	<p>To provide the sub-committee with a better understanding of the economy in North Tyneside, to provide an insight into the types of issues faced by large employers and help shape the sub-committee's work programme. Potential visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sterling Pharma Solutions, Dudley b) LEDA Transport Solutions, Killingworth – North Tyneside New Business of the Year Award Winner 2017 c) Gastech, Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system manufacturer and installer – North Tyneside Business of the Year Award Winner 2017 d) Kykloud, on the Royal Quays provide asset management and mobile building inspection software and was acquired by Texas company Accruent in 2017. e) Elfab manufacture pressure relief systems on West Chirton Ind Est. They were identified as one to watch in the European Business Awards. 	Sean Collier	

Skills Shortages	To examine whether any progress has been made by the Council in gaining a better understanding of skills shortages in the borough.	Craig Anderson	Options not yet formulated (Aug 2018).
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In-depth investigation

Name of sub-group	Membership	Brief outline of scope and timescale	Lead officers	Progress
Retail and Town Centres	Councillors S Graham J Harrison J Hunter F Lott J O'Shea W Samuel	If the Council were to regenerate its town and retail centres, how could it develop sustainable retail models in the light of the growth of online shopping?	Sean Collier Graeme Sword	Sub Group appointed 11 Sept 2018. Report and recommendations to be reported to sub-committee in September.