

Subject: Inclusive Economy Board – Membership and Terms of Reference

Report of: Head of Inclusive Growth

Portfolio: Employability and Inclusion

Report Summary

This report proposes the final arrangements for NTCA's Inclusive Economy Board.

Recommendations

The Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Cabinet portfolio holder, is recommended to agree the terms of reference for, and appointments to, the Inclusive Economy Board, as set out in this report.

1. Background Information, Proposals and Timetable for Implementation

- 1.1 The NTCA Devolution deal commits us to the creation of a single unified Inclusive Economy Board. The Inclusive Economy Board will bring together the organisations responsible for the most significant socially focussed interventions within the North of Tyne. It gives us a fantastic opportunity to raise the profile of our work and to make the biggest possible impact.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 25 February 2020 Cabinet agreed the approach to the establishment of the Inclusive Economy Board and authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the portfolio holder, to finalise the terms of reference for and appointments to the Inclusive Economy Board. A copy of the report to Cabinet is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The proposed terms of reference for and appointments to the Board are now set out at Appendices 2 and 3 respectively.

2. Potential Impact on Objectives

- 2.1 The Inclusive Economy Board is a specific commitment within the North of Tyne Devolution Deal. It directly supports NTCA's Economic Vision and Inclusive Economy Policy Statement.

3. Key Risks

- 3.1 Risks associated with the established and development of the Board have been addressed as part of the Terms of Reference.

4. Financial and Other Resources Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications in agreeing the Terms of Reference and Board membership.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Interim Monitoring Officer's comments have been included in this report.

6. Equalities Implications

- 6.1** As required by Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Combined Authority has considered its obligations regarding the Public Sector Equality Duty and there will be no anticipated negative impact on groups with protected characteristics from these proposals.
- 6.2** The membership of the Inclusive Economy Board will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that expertise and knowledge on equalities is present throughout the Board and informs the advisory capacity of the Board.

7. Inclusive Economy Implications

- 7.1** The purpose of Inclusive Economy Board is to further the Combined Authority's progress towards our inclusive economy ambitions. The advice and guidance of the Inclusive Economy Board will further the Combined Authority's ability to understand and develop its practice, and to raise awareness of the Inclusive Economy agenda with wider stakeholders.
- 7.2** The Inclusive Economy Board membership brings together stakeholders who represent the most significant socially focused interventions in the North of Tyne and those organisations with expertise and specialisms in the Inclusive Economy agenda. These stakeholders bring a collective insight into the needs of communities across the North of Tyne and provide critique and challenge to ensure our activities are contributing positively to creating a more inclusive economy.

8. Climate Change Implications

- 8.1** The Combined Authority has considered the implications relating to climate change in decisions regarding the activity and membership of the Inclusive Economy Board and believe there will be no negative impact as a result.
- 8.2** The advisory capacity of the Inclusive Economy Board means very little direct implications for climate change.
- 8.3** The membership of the Inclusive Economy Board includes stakeholders whose organisations engage directly in the field of Climate Change and as such ensures advice considers the context and implications for Climate Change.

9. Consultation/Engagement

- 9.1** Relevant stakeholders have been fully engaged in the development of the Board's membership and Terms of Reference.

10. Appendices

- 10.1** Appendix 1. Report to Cabinet in February 2020
Appendix 2. Inclusive Economy Board Terms of Reference
Appendix 3. Inclusive Economy Board appointments

11. Background Papers

- 11.1** None

12. Contact Officers

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13. Sign-off

1) Mayor and Portfolio holder: Yes	2) Director/SMT: Yes	3) Chief Finance Officer: Yes	4) Monitoring Officer: Yes	5) Head of Paid Service: Yes
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