**New Deal for North East Workers**

**Summary**

This report is about what the North East Combined Authority will do to help more people get good jobs over the next 5 years.

We want to make sure the North East has an economy that works for everyone and that more people and their families will have happier, healthier lives.

We’re going to do 4 big things to make this happen:

1. Make sure everyone gets the right support to find the training they need.
2. Help employers find the right people.
3. Support people with health conditions and disabilities to learn new things and find good jobs.
4. Improve the things that stop people from being able to do training or go to work – like having to pay a lot of money to look after children.

**About the North East**

The economy in the North East is worth £54 billion.

There are some large companies in our region including Nissan, Sage Group and Proctor and Gamble.

Our region has a long history of manufacturing and mining, and we have a lot to be proud of.

However, we also have a high number of people who are not working or studying.

This might be because they have health problems or disabilities.

**What are we going to do?**

1. Our **first task** is to make sure everyone gets the right support to find the training they need.

Finding training can be difficult. Lots of people don’t know what training is out there is or how to find it. We will help people to work this out so they can develop their skills and get into good work.

1. Our **second task** is to help employers find the right people for the right jobs

Lots of businesses in our region can’t find the right type of workers. Too many people applying for jobs don’t have the right skills, qualifications, or experience.

We will work with employers to support workers to gain the right skills to fill current and future job roles.

1. Our **third task** is to support people who cannot be in work due to health problems, disabilities or for other reasons.

To do this, we need to work with other support services and the people who are out of work.

Connecting people with the right services means more people feel more able to find and stay in work. This then means more people can live happier healthier lives.

1. Our **fourth task** is to improve the things that stop people from being able to do training or go to work.

The North East Combined Authority must work with organisations across the transport, childcare and benefits systems to make sure that people who are unable to work are supported.

**Partners**

There are lots of organisations doing good work already in the North East. Our plan will only work if we join up with them.

Below are some important partners who will help carry out this plan.

* The NHS
* Careers guidance
* Schools and colleges
* Universities
* Government
* Skills England
* Local skills improvement plan (An LSIP is a plan lead by employers)
* Employers
* Charities and community groups.