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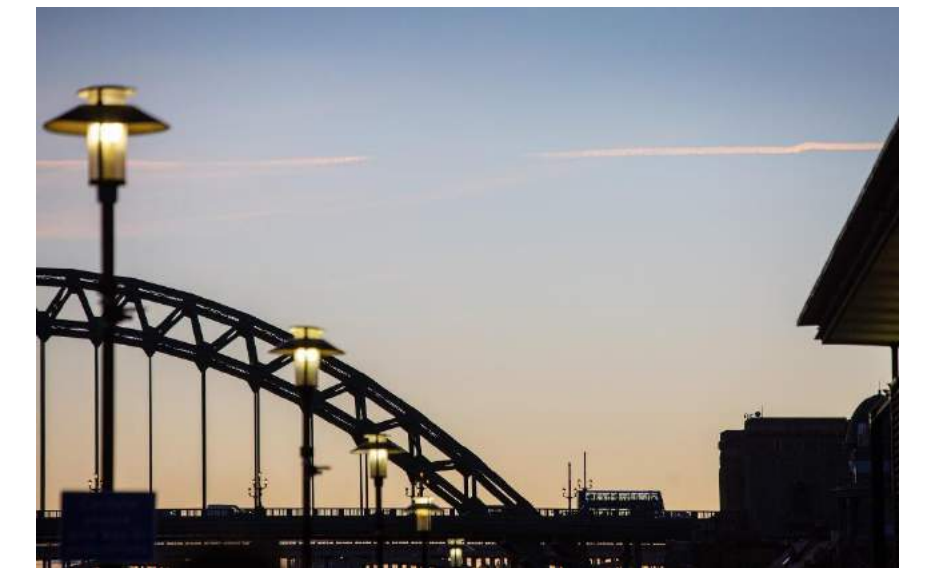
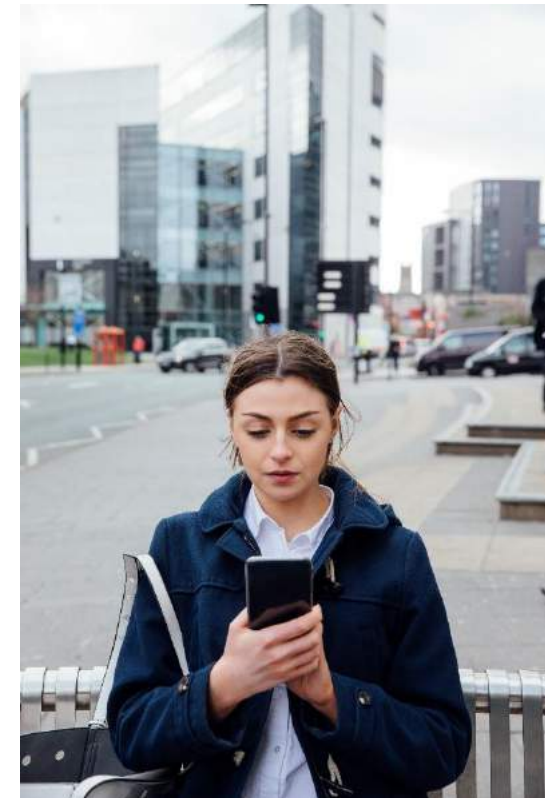
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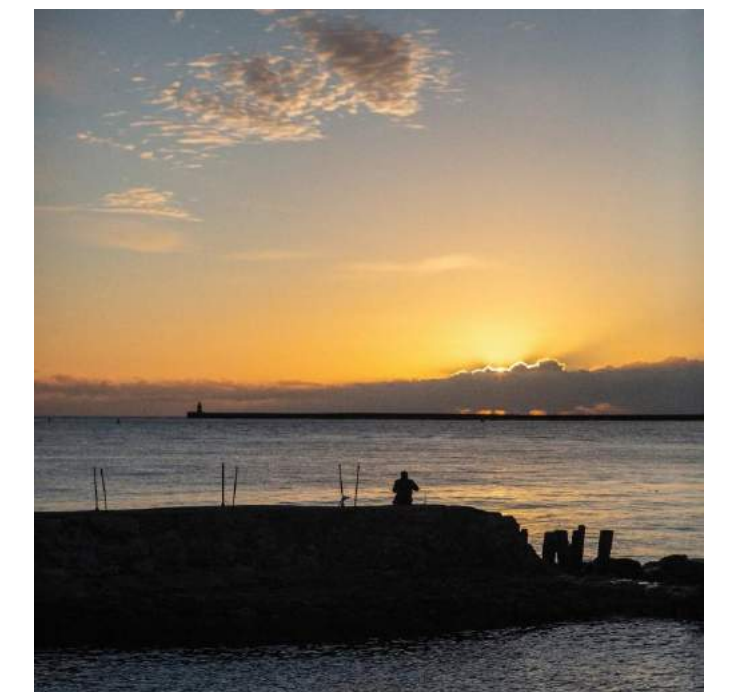
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# **Councillor Peter Jackson, Leader of Northumberland County Council – Cabinet Member of the North of Tyne Combined Authority**



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# **Update on the operation and work of the Combined Authority**

**Jacqueline Laughton, Interim Director of Communications, Policy and  
Business Operations, NTCA**

# Devolution: Deal 1

- Directly Elected Mayor (May 2019)
- £600 million over 30 years
- Adult education budget
- Education System
- Housing and Land
- Rural communities
- Trade and Investment
- Digital and low carbon economy
- Joint committee on public transport across North East
- Tourism development
- Further deals

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## Cabinet Members



**Nick Forbes**  
Business  
Competitiveness



**Joyce McCarty**  
Employability &  
Inclusion



**Peter Earley**



**Norma Redfearn**  
Interim Mayor  
Housing & Land



**Bruce Pickard**  
Economic  
Growth



**Peter Jackson**  
Place &  
Productivity



**Wayne Daley**  
Education  
Improvement

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North Tyneside  
Northumberland

The Vision for  
the North of Tyne  
Combined Authority



Newcastle  
City Council



North Tyneside Council



Northumberland  
County Council

## **Six Pillars of Ambition**

- Champion of Enterprise
- Leaders of tomorrow
- Hotbed of Talent
- Spark of Innovation
- Network of Connections
- Pride of Place

# Further work before Summer

| Pillars                 | Themes / programmes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Enterprise / innovation | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preparation for Industrial Strategy</li> <li>2. Strategic dialogue with business/ sectors/ VCS</li> <li>3. Review of inward investment, inc. DiT involvement</li> <li>4. Map sectoral /business support – advise on additionality post May</li> <li>5. Further develop project pipeline development</li> </ol>                                      |
| Talent / Skills         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Adult Education Budget</li> <li>7. Develop Education Challenge</li> <li>8. Agree scope of the ‘Returnships Programme’</li> <li>9. Develop Inclusive Economy approach and proposals for Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund</li> </ol>                                                                                                                 |
| Connections / Place     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Support development of Transforming Cities Bids</li> <li>11. Review of destination marketing and tourism</li> <li>12. Development of a NoT Events Programme</li> <li>13. Support High Streets Fund applications</li> <li>14. Support Housing &amp; Land Board – and HIF Bids</li> <li>15. Start to develop an Joint Infrastructure Plan</li> </ol> |



# **Mayoral Election - 2 May 2019**

- Preparation underway across 3 councils
- Public awareness campaign with Government
- Nominations close and candidates confirmed - 3 April
- Central count – Friday 3 May

# Combined Authority Budget 2019/2020

- Current and next year's budgets focused on set up activity:
  - Establishing capacity to deliver
  - Lean, agile organisation
- Election costs
- £2m Mayoral Capacity Funding
- Investment Fund – policy / programme development
  - early investment priorities considered
  - Provision for technical support
  - leverage additional funding

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# **Inclusive Economy Approach**

**Kevin Higgins, Northumberland County  
Council**

## Devolution Deal, November 2017

Inclusive economy placed at the heart of the devolution deal:

- Education and Skills
  - School improvement
  - Adult Education Budget
  - Higher Skills
- Employment
  - Employment Support Framework Agreement
  - Employability tests and trials
- Inclusive Economy Board

## **Home of Ambition Vision, November 2018**

- Central theme of the vision is to bring together people and opportunities to create vibrant communities and a high quality of life, narrowing inequalities and ensuring that all residents have a stake in the area's future.
- Approach further expanded in a dedicated Inclusive Economy Policy Statement which sets out a new narrative for our place based on ambition, opportunity and everyone doing their bit
  - Leading by example
  - Inclusive innovation

## **Influencing our core operations**

### **Inclusive Economy Assessment Tool**

- Designed to qualitatively assess and maximise the promotion of inclusive economy principles and activities within all our investment and policy decisions

### **Inclusive Economy Board**

- To operate as an authoritative, external Advisory Board to the Combined Authority with its primary purpose being to advise the Cabinet on how best to shape its delivery approach to creating an inclusive economy

## **Emerging Workstreams of Activity**

- Education Challenge
- Devolution of Adult Education Budget
- Employment Support Framework Agreement
- Good Work Business Pledge
- “Early Win” Projects
  - STEM and Digital Skills Programme
  - Working Homes
  - Returnships

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## Closing Remarks





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