

Reference: FOI-784

Request:

Can you provide information on any programs or initiatives aimed at promoting economic development or job growth in the area?

Response:

This information is refused in answer to this request under the FOI Act 2000, section 21, as the information is already accessible by other means.

Please see the links provided below for further information:

Inward Investment Capacity Fund - Support is available in North Tyneside to support businesses looking to invest and create jobs in the local area. This funding is delivered by the North of Tyne Combined Authority and the programme details can be found here Inward Investment Capacity Fund

Digital Ecosystem Support –programme information can be found here <u>Digital</u> <u>ecosystem</u>

Cultural and Creative Zones –programme information can be found here <u>North Shields Cultural Quarter awarded £1.7m funding | North Tyneside Council</u>

Town and High Street Innovation Programme – Programme information can be found here <u>South West | North Tyneside Council</u>

North Tyneside Council's 'Ambition for North Tyneside' provides a clear framework for the regeneration of the borough in line with the Our North Tyneside Plan. All of our programmes are clearly aligned to these priorities. Please see the links provided below for further information.

<u>Plan reveals Ambition for North Tyneside | North Tyneside Council</u> and <u>Our North Tyneside Plan</u>

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The Regeneration and Economic Development Team within North Tyneside Council work hard to develop and deliver programmes and projects that fit with Council priorities, that promote economic development and create and safeguard jobs within the borough.

We have also recently delivered / are currently delivering the following programmes of activity;

Covid 19 Capacity Fund – Between April 2020 and September 2021 a programme of activity was delivered offering a package of support including a grant scheme to complement the national Covid grants scheme and specialist advice to businesses, a grant scheme and employment funding for Community organisations, back to work employment support for residents and a marketing campaign for the town centres. As a result of this programme 241 jobs were created and 1,100 jobs were safeguarded.

Made in North Tyneside – North Tyneside Council use European funding to provide pre-start up support to individuals with a business idea and an interest in setting up a business, and business growth support which is delivered to existing small and medium sized enterprises. The current programme has been running since 2019 and ends in June 2023, the programme has supported 369 businesses and created 81 new jobs.

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