

To: NTSP Executive

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Title of Report: Green North Tyneside Theme Partnership Update

1.0 Purpose of Report

To update the Executive on the Green North Tyneside Theme partnership achievements and challenges to date in delivering the Our North Tyneside Plan 2013-17 objectives.

2.0 Background

The Green North Tyneside Theme Partnership Board is made up of cross-sectoral representatives from across the members of the NTSP. Representatives from other organisations are involved in the delivery of projects through dedicated Project groups.

The agreed focus of the Board is to work together to reduce carbon emissions throughout the borough. To support this focus, the Board will endeavour to identify and apply for appropriate grant funding where possible.

3.0 Performance

The Green North Tyneside Theme Partnership objectives contribute to the delivery of the Our North Tyneside Plan outcome of, “**Our Places** will be places that people like living in and will attract others to either visit or live.”

It specifically contributes to the ‘Our North Tyneside Plan’ objective of, “We will reduce the carbon footprint of our operations and will work with partners to reduce the Borough’s carbon footprint.”

In addition the GNT projects contribute directly to achieving the outcomes outlined in our Creating a Brighter Future Themes:

- Ready for School
- Cared For and Safeguarded
- A Great Place to Live Work and Visit

3.1 Key successes and achievements

The last Chairs report outlined the detail of the following projects:-

- Whole House Innovation Programme
- Fenwick Pit Heap Woodland for Carbon Offsetting and Carbon Capture
- Power Rangers & Game Of Homes

- Home Heating Heroes
- Environmental App research &
- Green Business Awards.

4.0 Challenges and Opportunities

The Board agreed to fund the following projects in August 2015. The projects and their progress are outlined below:-

- **Whole House Innovation Project**

The commencement of this project is pending This project is based on retrofitting 25 homes with low cost energy efficiency products (Oxypods and Rad-fans). The project will be rolled out following a more extensive trail of the technologies in 45, North Tyneside Homes (NTH) properties. This extensive trial in NTH is supported by 100% grant funding from National Energy Action (NEA).

The commencement of this project is reliant on technology evaluation by NEA in 2017. If the results show a reduction in energy consumption, the GNT project will progress.

- **'Natural Technology' - Carbon offsetting and capture**

The project will enable approximately 10,000 new trees to be planted in the Borough and create a GNT Carbon Capture Woodland. North Tyneside Council Officers, in consultation with the NTC Environment Board, have identified the former Fenwick Pit Heap site as a preferred location for the establishment of the new woodland.

This project is now completed. Tree growth will be monitored and if successful, the intention will be to roll out planting in other areas which have been identified in the site improvement plan.

- **Sponsorship of NT Green Business award**

It was agreed at the March Board meeting to use some under-spend in one of the GNT project budgets to part sponsor the 2017 Green Business Award. This decision was based on the success of previous year's efforts by GNT and business applicants.

Additional commercial sponsorship for this award is being undertaken in conjunction with the NTC Economic Development Team.

5.0 What impact will the actions in this report have for North Tyneside?

Ongoing delivery of existing and proposed projects will continue to contribute to reducing the carbon emissions of the Borough. The projects will work collectively to address carbon reduction and also fuel efficiency and help to reduce fuel poverty.

6.0 Please detail those who have been consulted in the production of the report.

Members of the Board, including the Cabinet Member for Environment and relevant businesses and wider community organisations have been consulted on the projects outlined above.