

Our North Tyneside Plan

2018-2021

The Our North Tyneside Plan sets out our bold ambitions for making North Tyneside an even greater place to live, work and visit by 2021.

It focuses on our three key themes - people, place, economy – and has 16 priorities for delivering positive opportunities for everyone in the borough.

These priorities were formed by listening to our residents, businesses and visitors to develop a clear framework for directing the council's resources on the things that matter most to local people.

The plan is also focused on ensuring the council works better for residents by improving how we do things and offering residents opportunities to volunteer, be more independent and do more for their local communities.

Looking back at my first term as Elected Mayor from 2013 to 2017, I am proud to see so many examples of progress and positive change in North Tyneside.

Since 2012/13, we have seen a 20% increase in the number of children that have reached a good level of development in their early years. More children (especially those on free school meals) are achieving the expected level of development by the time they reach five years old.

The inequalities between our most deprived and most affluent areas are closing, and we are continuing to narrow the equalities gap for our residents.

More people are now in work compared to 2013. The number of young people who are not in education, employment or training has reduced, as has the number of 18 to 24-year olds on Job Seekers' Allowance. People claiming unemployment benefits has dropped from 4.8% in 2012/13 to 2.7% in 2016/17.

Our residents are happier and healthier. Residents are more physically active than on average for the North East, and the number of people who smoke has reduced. Feedback from our residents' survey shows over 80% of local people are satisfied with where they live and, in the last year, there has been an 8% increase in residents thinking their local area has improved.

More and better homes have been delivered across North Tyneside. We have built more new affordable homes in the past three years than in the entire decade before. In the last year alone, 892 new homes have been provided, 347 of which were affordable. Our residents' survey showed that over a quarter of residents are very satisfied with the choice of housing now available to them.

The borough is attracting more businesses and creating more job opportunities at every skills level. There are now over 5,000 businesses based in North Tyneside - an increase from 3,890 in the last five years. Those businesses provide 81,900 jobs, which is over 10,000 more jobs than in 2012.

Opportunities for our young people have never been better. 88% of young people achieve qualifications at Key Stage 5 (A-Levels) and 90% of them, more than the national average, go on to higher education or employment.

This is all fantastic news for North Tyneside and its people. The Our North Tyneside Plan 2018-2021 builds on these successes and will ensure everyone in North Tyneside will have more and better opportunities over the next three years.

Norma Redfearn

Norma Redfearn CBE, Elected Mayor



North Tyneside Council

OUR PEOPLE WILL...

OUR PLACES WILL...

OUR ECONOMY WILL...



Be listened to



Be ready for work and life



Be cared for, protected and supported



Be ready for school



Be healthy and well



Encourage residents to be more independent, volunteer and do more for themselves and local communities



Offer a good choice of quality housing



Be great places to live



Benefit from the completion of the North Tyneside Living project



Provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive, safe and sustainable environment



Continue to regenerate Wallsend and Whitley Bay and deliver new schemes in Killingworth and Forest Hall



Have an effective transport and physical infrastructure



Be a thriving place of choice for visitors



Grow by supporting new businesses and building on our strengths



Be business friendly, ensuring the right skills and conditions are in place to support investment



Continue to support investment in our business parks, units and town centres

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OUR JOURNEY TO 2021

By 2021 ...

Our people will get the best start in life and have the right skills and abilities to achieve their full potential, find employment and live independently. They will be healthy and well, and be cared for and protected if they become vulnerable. Residents will be able to volunteer and do more for themselves and their local communities. They will have a council that works better for them.

Our places will be clean, green, healthy, attractive and sustainable. We will be a cycle-friendly borough with effective public transport and good roads, pavements and physical infrastructure. Our coastline and town centres will be regenerated through projects in Wallsend, Whitley Bay, North Shields, Forest Hall and Killingworth. We will offer a good choice of affordable homes and accommodation for older residents. Our award-winning parks and beaches, festivals and seasonal activities will make us a thriving place to visit.

Our economy will grow by supporting new businesses and the world-class companies based here. We will ensure the right skills and conditions are in place to attract new investment, and that high-quality job and apprenticeship opportunities are available to all. Ongoing investment will make our business parks and town centres locations of choice for businesses of all sizes and in all industries.

