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# REPORT

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| **Title of Report:** | **Green North Tyneside Theme Partnership Update** |

# 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.

# 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.

# 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

# Key successes and achievements

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

# Whole House Innovation Project

# Fenwick Pit Heap Woodland Creation - Carbon offsetting and capture

* Sponsorship of NT Green Business award
* Whole House Innovation Project
* Power Rangers
* Game Of Homes
* Home Heating Heroes

# Challenges and Opportunities

The GNT budget which has enabled the delivery and completion of projects identified in section 3.1 above is now spent.

At the last full Board meeting, Members discussed that a different way of working was now needed in going forward. Specific issues covered in this discussion included:-

* the current Board Meeting schedule as agreed by Members in December 2016
* the potential expansion of the GNT partnership members
* the potential widening of scope in projects of the Board
* the potential provision of low level advice and signposting of environmental issues to communities and businesses; and
* the attendance of current Members.

A briefing paper on the way forward for the GNT Board will be prepared by the Chair in collaboration with Board Members. Consultation and input on this will be sought from the NTSP Executive at a future meeting regarding expectations moving forward as well as potential resourcing implications.

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

# The current remit of the Board is to contribute to reducing the carbon emissions of the Borough. As noted above, this remit may be broadened beyond carbon reduction, fuel efficiency and supporting the reduction of fuel poverty.

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

# The Chair and Deputy Chair of the GNT Board, as well as the Cabinet Member for Environment have been consulted on this report.