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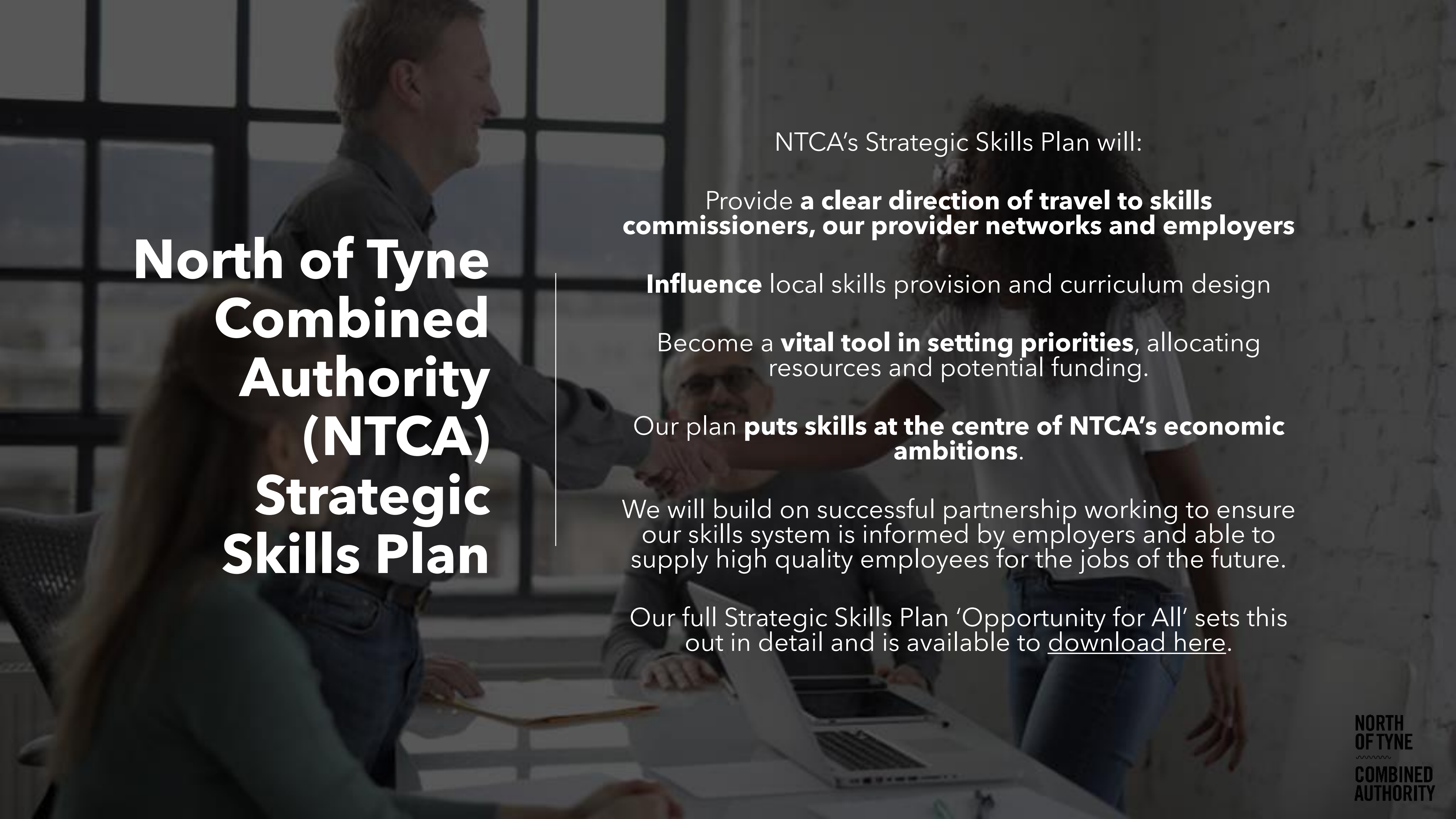


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Strategic Skills Plan

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Summary



North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) Strategic Skills Plan

NTCA's Strategic Skills Plan will:

Provide a **clear direction of travel to skills commissioners, our provider networks and employers**

Influence local skills provision and curriculum design

Become a **vital tool in setting priorities**, allocating resources and potential funding.

Our plan **puts skills at the centre of NTCA's economic ambitions.**

We will build on successful partnership working to ensure our skills system is informed by employers and able to supply high quality employees for the jobs of the future.

Our full Strategic Skills Plan 'Opportunity for All' sets this out in detail and is available to [download here](#).

Our priorities:

- Secure **better outcomes** for young people
- **Invest in skills** to support the local economy
- Help people **progress into work**

This is essential in achieving **an inclusive economy** for all our residents.





Our region has many challenges to overcome...

- Covid-19 led to an economic shock that has been unprecedented in its size and speed
- The pandemic has made **existing high youth unemployment and high adult worklessness more acute in our region; many of our businesses have been impacted** and a **significant proportion of our residents are reliant on employment in the sectors most affected, such as retail, culture, leisure and tourism**
- The **skills system has a key role to play in supporting our recovery from the crisis as well as meeting our longer term economic and social challenges** such as the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, rapid technological change and population ageing which all demand a prompt and effective response.



Our recovery and growth sectors

- fast-growing tech and digital sector
- Green growth and energy
- Culture, creative and tourism
- Health, pharmaceuticals and life science
- Ageing and longevity



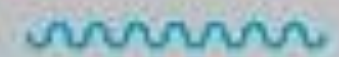
NTCA investments are making a positive difference to the lives of many of our residents. We are:

- Investing in **new employability and skills programmes and pilots** that deliver through communities and removing barriers for residents accessing employment, education and training
- **Reshaping the delivery of Adult Education provision** to better equip our residents with the skills needed to access good work and to progress
- Supporting residents to **become digitally connected, removing barriers to participation and equipping residents for the future of learning** and work
- **Supporting skills in our growth and recovery sectors** through our Digital Growth and Innovation Programme and unlocking the potential of a green economy through our Green Skills Fund
- **Prioritising the provision of quality apprenticeships.** This includes an Apprenticeship Hub which provides useful resources, links and signposting and a service to match potential apprentices to apprenticeship vacancies tailored to actual opportunities and growth sectors
- Building on the **NTCA/DWP Framework Agreement with a delivery plan focused on a joined-up approach** to drive the better coordination of employment, skills and health services across the North of Tyne area in order to increase the number of residents moving into work.

A call to action:

- Working together across our constituent local authorities, the North East LEP, employers, colleges, training providers, universities, and the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VSCE) sector, we have made great progress but **there is more to be done**
- We need a **collaborative model of skills provision, with providers and employers working together to make the most of specialist strengths and sharing resources where appropriate**
- **We need to support our employers to recognise their role and responsibility in developing the skills of their current and future workforce.**

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'it is essential that our region has a workforce which is equipped with the skills to fulfil the needs of businesses in a rapidly evolving economy and which enables all people to build successful and rewarding careers....The North of Tyne Combined Authority's skills plan is exactly what is needed to help create that landscape and we welcome its publication.'

Jonathan Walker, Director of Policy North East
Chamber of Commerce

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