

**North of Tyne Combined Authority
Job Description**



Post title: Strategic Lead: Education Challenge

Responsible to: Director of Inclusive Growth

Responsible for: N/a

Grade: Soulbury

Job purpose: To develop a North of Tyne Education Challenge proposal, focused on the North of Tyne Combined Authority's three agreed priorities:

- Ready for School
- Achievement for All
- Leadership, Recruitment and Retention

To develop clear, ambitious and deliverable proposals relating to the Education Challenge ambitions, which are:

- Making sure every young person is ready for school
- Making sure all schools North of Tyne are Good or Outstanding
- Aiming to make sure no one is left behind
- Developing and delivering a universal mental health offer to all schools
- Creating a North of Tyne Teacher Deal
- Creating a North of Tyne Leadership Deal

To develop clear, ambitious and deliverable proposals relating to the School Improvement Strategy priorities, which are:

- Ready for School
- Educational Achievement for All
- Closing the Gap
- Career Pathways; and
- Leadership, Recruitment and Retention

To build and use appropriate supporting networks across North of Tyne

Main Duties: The following is typical of the duties the postholder will be expected to perform. It is not necessarily exhaustive and other duties of a similar nature and level may be required from time to time.

1. To make a substantial contribution to meeting the Combined Authority's objectives and outcomes set out within the Leaders of Tomorrow priority of the Combined Authority Vision.
2. To assist and advise the Elected Mayor, Cabinet and senior officer team in relation to the development of education improvement strategies, priorities and plans.
3. To champion and promote educational excellence across the North of Tyne area, working with the constituent members to develop and support high quality provision for all pupils and young people.
4. To provide a clear leadership, optimism and purpose in relation to the Combined Authority's approach to education improvement.
5. To foster positive relationships and collaboration between the Combined Authority, the three constituent local authorities, schools, education providers and other key partners with an interest, and role to play, in meeting the Education Challenge.
6. To represent the Combined Authority on a local, regional and national basis, as appropriate.
7. To produce, develop and implement the Education Challenge proposal for the Combined Authority.
8. To manage the budget in line with statutory provisions and Combined Authority policies and procedures
9. To promote and implement the Combined Authority's Equality Policy in all aspects of employment and service delivery.