

Job Description

Job Title:	Chief Economist
Service:	North East Local Enterprise Partnership (North East LEP)
Responsible To:	Strategy and Policy Director, North East Local Enterprise Partnership
Host Employer:	North of Tyne Combined Authority
Salary:	£51,874 - £55,034 (Pay award pending)

Background:

The North East LEP leads on the development and delivery of the North East Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), and aims to provide an expert source of economic insight and intelligence to the region.

The Strategy, Policy and Analysis team provides the focus for this work in the LEP Executive Team, supporting the LEP Board, and working with partners regionally and nationally.

Purpose of role:

To provide a strong economic input into the work of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership so it becomes the key organisation to provide intelligence on, and insights into, the North East of England economy.

To develop and maintain accurate and accessible economic evidence for the North East LEP, North East Combined Authority, business community and other key stakeholders to inform the ongoing development of the SEP, wider policy direction and decision making

To provide expert economic advice and support to other members of the Executive Team in the context of programme development and evaluation.

Main Responsibilities

1. To provide economic evidence and insight to support the work of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership so it becomes the key organisation to provide intelligence on the North East economy and can drive the economic policy debate through independent analysis of the economic performance.
2. To develop and maintain accurate and accessible economic evidence for the North East LEP, North East Combined Authority, business community and other key stakeholders to inform policy direction and decisions, with a particular focus on the North East Strategic Economic Plan.
3. To work with key stakeholders to strengthen the evidence base, raise awareness of its value and gain a positive reputation about the accuracy and currency of its content.
4. To manage a small analytical and research team, and to work closely with SEP Programme managers in the LEP Team and Combined Authority to provide economic evidence and advice to support programme and project development and evaluation.

5. To lead on the identification and monitoring of performance against key regional economic indicators and to develop and maintain communications about them.
6. To represent the North East LEP nationally, regionally and locally and inform stakeholders of the economic analysis as appropriate on economic matters.
7. To procure, manage and analyse intelligence products to maximum effect within budget.
8. To undertake other duties commensurate with this grade as directed by the Chief Executive or Strategy and Policy Director

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