

North East Local Enterprise Partnership Person Specification



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, 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, 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

Essential

Experience & Knowledge

1. Good interpersonal and people management skills.
2. High level of educational attainment, a good first degree in Economics or equivalent experience providing economic advice and evaluation.
3. Demonstrable experience at working nationally, regionally and locally in an economist role.
4. A proven track record of demonstrating excellent quantitative and qualitative analytical skills and previous experience of working in an analytical role to inform policy development and decision making.
5. Experience of interpreting and presenting data sets to a wide range of audiences.
6. Excellent communication skills, both written and oral including the ability to present complex information in an easily understood, accessible format.

7. Understanding of how intelligence is used by the North East LEP and its key partners.
8. Knowledge and understanding of a wide range and interdependency of economic data sets.
9. Stakeholder engagement skills.
10. Financial and human resource management skills
11. Experience in managing conflict and articulating coherent rationales for action.
12. Personally credible, with a professional demeanour that generates the trust of audiences from a range of backgrounds and at all levels within and outside the North East LEP.
13. Experience of working in a responsive, flexible and targeted way.
14. A background of engagement with senior (Board-level) leaders and other professionals across a range of organisations and sectors

Ability and skills

1. Excellent communication skills including the ability to network and build working relationships with a range of partners across all sectors both nationally and internationally.
2. The capacity to develop as a recognized economic commentator in the North East
3. Proven track record of delivery of outcomes in a multi-agency sector setting.
4. Ability to think and plan strategically, developing effective strategies to meet outcomes.
5. High-level analytical skills, with the ability to exercise sound judgment in seeking creative solutions to complex situations.
6. Strong team working skills, with the ability to manage a small team and to support others through information and advice
7. Ability to operate effectively with a high volume workload and the ability to prioritise effectively.

Personal Attributes

1. Strong and open style that engages and inspires others.
2. Committed to working collaboratively – within the organisation and externally.
3. Commitment to equality of opportunity in all aspects of the role with partners.
4. High level of drive and motivation to deliver results.
5. Strong interpersonal skills.
6. Outcome and achievement focused.
7. Entrepreneurial outlook with the ability to identify and maximise opportunities and manage risks.

Date – September 2020