

Meeting: Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee

Date: 13 July 2016

Title: Port of Tyne Visit

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| Wards affected: | All | |

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the outcomes to emerge from the sub-committee's visit to the Port of Tyne Passenger Terminal on 6 July 2016.

2. Recommendations

The sub-committee is invited to reflect on the findings to emerge from the visit and to consider whether it wishes to take any further action, either in terms of making any evidence based recommendations or undertaking further scrutiny of the topic.

3. Information

A visit has been arranged for members of the sub-committee to the Port of Tyne Passenger Terminal to take place on Wednesday 6 July 2016.

The sub-committee has previously noted the significant contribution made by the Port of Tyne to the economy of North Tyneside. The purpose of the visit is to learn more about the operation of the Port in North Shields, its impact in terms of attracting visitors and trade to North Tyneside and whether this could be enhanced.

The sub-committee may in particular be interested to learn more about:-

- a) the numbers of visitors passing through the passenger terminal in North Shields from ferries and cruise ships and the extent to which North Tyneside is promoted as a destination;
- b) how much freight passes through North Shields, how this is supported by our transport networks and how it supports the economy of North Tyneside; and
- c) the operation of the North Shields car terminal.

Those members who visited the terminal are invited to report their findings to the sub-committee and the sub-committee may then wish to consider whether it wishes to take further action, either in terms of making any evidence based recommendations to or undertaking further investigations.

4. Background Documents

The following background documents have been used in the compilation of this report and available from the author:

- Invitation to Members of the Economic Prosperity Sub-Committee to visit the Port of Tyne Passenger terminal on 6 July 2016
- www.portoftyne.co.uk