



## Meeting of the North East Strategic HR Forum

Wednesday 20 May 2020 (10.30am)

### A G E N D A

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Update from LGA (Nigel Carruthers and Selena Lansley)
3. General Update from Sarah Kilner, Programme Manager, NE&NC Great Place to Work Delivery Board
4. Update from NEREO (Mick Brodie)
  - Government's Death in Service Scheme
  - Furloughing
  - LGA Data Collection
  - Schools Re-opening 1 June
  - RIDDOR
  - Return to Work
5. Discussion Items from Ged Gray, Newcastle City Council
  - Post-holiday 'Quarantine' periods – views on pay/leave arrangements
  - Recovery Plans – phasing of returns to work & permanent homeworking arrangements
  - Schools post June 1<sup>st</sup> – round table update
6. Queries sent to NEREO from Local Authorities (for discussion with NESHRF)
  - Joanne Farrey, Gateshead – Apprentice Intake 2020 : What are other LAs doing in terms of recruiting Apprentices for this year
  - Request from Graham Noonan, RCBC plus a few other LAs - Home Working/Agile Working – Request for copies of Policies and in particular are they considering payment for home office set-up costs etc.
  - Sophie Anderson, Northumberland CC – Mentoring Programme – information on LA's internal mentoring programmes
  - Colin Curtis, Sunderland – Pay and Grading within Fleet Workshop Division of LAs of HGV Fitters (alternative job title may be Driver/Fitter, Motor Vehicle Technician or Engineering Fitter/MOT Test operative)

**Also would LAs be able to accept Requests for Information once again.**
7. Any Other Business