

## AMANDA HOPGOOD JOINS TRUE NORTH STEERING GROUP

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True North, a leading northern Think Tank is proud to announce that Amanda Hopgood, Liberal Democrat Leader of the Opposition on Durham County Council and former Council Leader has joined the True North steering group.

True North specialises in developing bold and ambitious policy ideas and initiatives for the North East and Cumbria Region - the True North.

John Stevenson, Chair at True North said, 'I am delighted to welcome Amanda to True North. She brings with her enthusiasm and a wealth of experience in local Government. Amanda shares with us a positive vision for a prosperous future for the North, its people, its businesses and its communities. I am looking forward to working with her.'

Amanda Hopgood commented "I am pleased to be joining the team at True North, for too long the North of this country has been overlooked, we are home to amazing places and people with so much to offer, by working together we can be the place where businesses and people thrive."

Amanda joins existing members of the steering group Dan Harrison and Ian Dormer from Newcastle, Rachael Bell from Cumbria and Paul Howell from Darlington and Angela Lee from rural Northumberland alongside the founding members John Stevenson, Cath Homer, Peter Jackson and Nick Oliver.

