

**Richard Wearmouth**

**Northumberland County Council Deputy Leader**

**Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services**

As part of his role at Northumberland County Council Richard has worked alongside council officers to secure funding for a host of regeneration initiatives for Blyth. The Northumberland Line, Future High Steet and the Blyth Town Deal were the first of these followed by additional funds reflecting areas where progress could be built upon. Richard has been instrumental in backing the "Energy Central" brand that covers the Blyth Estuary and was part of the team which landed the £10bn AI campus investment proposed by Blackstone QTS at Cambois. He has a wealth of experience in town and county planning and environmental science, particularly in the field of power and energy, a sector in which he has worked for the best part of two decades.