

**NORTH
OF TYNE**
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**COMBINED  
AUTHORITY**

**Cabinet, 28 January 2020**

**Decisions Notification**

**Please Note:** In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, key decisions will not be implemented pending any call-in.

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Any valid requests for call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 5 February 2020.

| Agenda item                        | Decision                      | Contact Officer(s)                                                                                       |
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| 3. Minutes of the previous meeting | Approved as a correct record. | Victoria Miller<br>Democratic Services Officer<br>Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk<br>0191 211 5118 |

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| 4. Investment Fund Update and Funding Approvals               | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Considered the recommendations itemised in appendix A, B and C;</li> <li>ii. Agreed £30,385 to support the Northumberland Energy Park Phase 3 (NEP3) Feasibility Study, subject to conditions outlined at paragraph 2.1.6 of the report;</li> <li>iii. Agreed £40,000 to support the Robotics Cluster for Offshore Energy proposal subject to conditions outlined at paragraph 2.2.8 of the report;</li> <li>iv. Authorised the Head of Paid Service to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding award and authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.</li> </ul> | Henry Kippin<br>Director of Economic Growth |
| 4 (a)<br>North of Tyne Tourism – proposed investment approach | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the contents of the report, considered the proposals for an events strategy and destination marketing and endorsed the recommended approaches.</li> <li>ii. Agreed an indicative overall Tourism Programme allocation of £15m over 10 years</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                             |

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|                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Approved a budget of £3.5m for the Tourism Programme up to 2022/23 (from the Culture, Creative and Tourism allocation in the NTCA Investment Plan) and agreed to consider the budget for future years following a review in 2022/23.</li> <li>iv. Authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Investment Panel and Portfolio Holder, to consider and approve a full business case for the North of Tyne Tourism Programme.</li> <li>v. Agreed to hold a stakeholder event to showcase the NTCA programme and convening role, and agreed to receive further proposals for how best to facilitate ongoing business and sector engagement.</li> </ul> | <p>Tony Durcan<br/>Newcastle City Council</p> <p>Janice Rose<br/>Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Henry Kippin<br/>North of Tyne Combined Authority</p> |
| <p>4 (b)</p> <p>Culture and Creative Industries - Sector Development Update</p> | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the evidence base summarised in the report, and endorsed the sector narrative which sets out a vision for growing the productivity of the Culture &amp; Creative sector;</li> <li>ii. Agreed the initial phases of activity within each of the three proposed Investment Programmes to begin delivery against the vision for the Culture and Creative Sector;</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Janice Rose<br/>Interim Head of Rural Growth</p> <p>Henry Kippin<br/>Director of Economic Growth</p>                                                     |

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|             | <p>iii. Agreed an overall investment fund allocation of £6m (up to 2023) for a Culture and Creative Programme (£4.75m from the Culture, Creative and Tourism allocation and £1.25m from the Skills for Growth allocation in the NTCA Investment Plan);</p> <p>iv. Agreed (within the overall envelope above) a budget of £2.5m for a Culture and Creative Enterprises programme which will include establishing three Culture and Creative Zones pilots (one in each Local Authority Area).</p> <p>v. Agreed (within the overall envelope above) a budget of £2.25m for Culture and Creative Content programme which will include £0.5m for business case development fund applications relating to a Film, TV and Media Growth Programme and an Innovation &amp; Growth in Literature and Publishing Programme.</p> <p>vi. Agreed to consider the Skills for Growth elements of the programme at a later date in conjunction with proposals emerging from the other key sector development proposals.</p> <p>vii. Authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Investment Panel and Portfolio Holder, to consider and approve relevant call documentation, business case applications and strategic commissioning frameworks relating to delivery of the Culture and Creative Programme.</p> <p>viii. Agreed to hold a stakeholder event to showcase the NTCA programme and convening role; to seek further ideas on next</p> |                    |

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|                                                                                            | steps and future priorities; and agreed to receive further proposals for how best to facilitate ongoing business and sector engagement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                        |
| <p>4 (c)</p> <p>North of Tyne Digital – sector update and proposed investment approach</p> | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the content of the report and endorsed the sector narrative which sets digital as a golden thread that connects the North of Tyne Combined Authority’s wider ambitions, and as a rapidly growing and highly productive sector in its own right;</li> <li>ii. Agreed the priorities and initial phase of activity outlined in section 4 of the report, specifically the funding and next steps set out in section 5 – noting the further work that will be done to develop them;</li> <li>iii. Agreed an overall funding allocation from the Investment Fund of £10m up to March 2023, which would enable the delivery of the emerging North of Tyne Digital programme and development of a shared Digital Sector Narrative;</li> <li>iv. Approved a budget of £1.5m (within the envelope above), for an initial targeted call for projects to support digital adoption within Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) based in the NTCA area;</li> <li>v. Agreed to work closely with the National Innovation Centre for Data to understand and bring forward a proposal on how it could apply its unique data expertise and capacity to unlock innovation</li> </ul> | <p>Henry Kippin<br/>Director of Economic Growth</p> <p>Rob Hamilton<br/>Interim Head of Investment</p> |

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|                                           | <p>and growth and amplify its local economic impact, in particular with SMEs, groups of SMEs, value chains or supply chains;</p> <p>vi. Authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Investment Panel and Portfolio Holder, to finalise and publish any relevant call documentation and assessment criteria associated with the Digital Adoption Call and to approve subsequent offer(s) of funding to successful applicant(s);</p> <p>vii. Agreed to receive a future report setting out the practical steps to implement the Digital Growth and Innovation programme; including proposals for communication and ongoing sector engagement; and</p> <p>viii. Agreed to hold a stakeholder event to showcase the NTCA programme and convening role; to seek further ideas on next steps and future priorities; and to receive further proposals for how best to facilitate ongoing business and sector engagement.</p> |                                           |
| 5. 2019/20 Q3 Financial Management Report | The Cabinet noted the forecast budget monitoring position for the Combined Authority as set out in paragraphs 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of the report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Janice Gillespie<br>Chief Finance Officer |

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| 6. NTCA Budget Proposals 2020-2024 | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the comment of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Budget proposals;</li> <li>ii. Agreed the Corporate Budget for 2020-21 as set out in Paragraph 1.1;</li> <li>iii. Agreed the Investment Fund as set out in paragraph 1.2;</li> <li>iv. Agreed the Adult Education Budget as set out in paragraph 1.3, of the report;</li> <li>v. Agreed the Treasury Management Strategy 2020-21 as described in paragraph 1.5 of the report and attached at Appendix A;</li> <li>vi. Noted that the Transport Levies will be issued on 15<sup>th</sup> February in line with 2019-20 arrangements and amounts;</li> <li>vii. Agreed to hold the level of reserves set out in paragraph 1.8 of the report and to note that the Chief Finance Officer continues to keep the level of reserves under review as the Combined Authority develops and new information becomes available about</li> </ul> | Janice Gillespie<br>Chief Finance Officer |

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|                                                                                                                                | the financial risks facing Combined Authority arrangements for managing those risks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                               |
| 6 (a). North of Tyne Combined Authority 2020-2024 Budget Proposals, Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee                  | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Accepted the report as the response from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the 2020-24 Budget proposals for the North of Tyne Combined Authority and took its comments and observations into account when agreeing the Budget;</li> <li>ii. Agreed to formally review the agreed budget proposals after six months; and</li> <li>iii. Agreed to include in the Budget Setting timetable for 2021-22 more details on who will be consulted on the draft proposals and when, and to make provision for members of the public to be able to comment if they so wish.</li> </ul> | Elizabeth Kerr<br>Policy and Scrutiny Officer |
| 6 (b). NTCA Budget Proposals 2020-2024 – Update on support arrangements to the North East Local Enterprise Partnership and the | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Mayor, to finalise the arrangements between both combined authorities and the seven local authorities regarding the support arrangements to the LEP and JTC as described in the report;</li> <li>ii. Authorised the Monitoring Officer to complete a new Deed of Co-operation and a new Accountable Body Agreement as described in the report; and</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                       | Janice Gillespie<br>Chief Finance Officer     |

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| Joint Transport Committee        | iii. Authorised the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer to take such other steps as are necessary to give effect to the proposals in the report. |                                                                                                          |
| 7. Date and time of next meeting | Tuesday, 25 February 2020 at 2pm                                                                                                                              | Victoria Miller<br>Democratic Services Officer<br>Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk<br>0191 211 5118 |