

Notice to Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of a general exception to the publication of the intention to make a key decision

DATE: 24 September 2020

TO: Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA)

SUBJECT: Forward Plan: North East LEP Project Funding Decisions (September 2020)

NOTICE BY: John Softly, Monitoring Officer

Executive Summary:

This notice informs Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee under Paragraph 12 of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 that it is impracticable to include the above item on the NTCA Forward Plan for a period of 28 clear days before the decision is made.

In accordance with Paragraph 12 (1(b) of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 a copy of this notice will be published on the North of Tyne Combined Authority website.

This notice ensures that at least 5 clear days have elapsed between the agenda for the meeting, which includes the matter, being made available and the day of the meeting.

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1. Background

1.1 Where a decision maker intends to make a key decision, that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days public notice has been given.

1.2 Where the publication of the intention to make a key decision is impracticable, that decision may only be made where:

the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair in the absence of Chair) has been informed of the matter about which the decision is to be made;

notice to the Chair/Vice-Chair has been made available for public inspection at the Combined Authority's Office and published on the Combined Authority's website; and

5 clear days have elapsed from the day on which notice to the Chair/Vice-Chair was made publicly available.

1.3 This notice is to inform the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it has been impracticable to give 28 clear days public notice of the item set out below for the reasons set out below and that it is intended that the key decision will be made on the date specified below.

1.4 Notice is also given to the public that the reasons why compliance with the requirements for publicity in connection with key decisions are impracticable are set out below.

2. Notice Details

2.1 Date of Decision required

2 October 2020

2.2 Matter in respect to which decision is to be made

- 1) agree that NTCA enter into funding agreements on behalf of the North East LEP to provide a number of Local growth Fund and Getting Building Fund grants and Enterprise Zone loans to regional organisations
- 2) authorise the Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary legal documentation in relation to funding agreements

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2.3 Description

The funding agreements to be authorised by NTCA have been approved by the North East LEP Board and Investment Board. They relate to LGF, GBF and EZ programmes and include projects aimed at supporting the COVID19 economic recovery.

2.4 Decision Maker

Head of Paid Service

2.5 Consultation Process

Proposals have been developed through LEP Board and Investment Board processes. Individual projects are required to consult as appropriate the stakeholders and statutory consultation processes where applicable.

2.6 Background Documents

Delegated Decision report

2.7 Reasons why impracticable to give 28 days clear notice

There is an unprecedented number of project funding decisions related to the North East LEP programmes to go through NTCA decision-making process at pace to enable prompt start of projects and accelerate delivery and spend. An additional LEP Investment Board meeting was scheduled at short notice to consider a number of decisions which now require NTCA approval.

The Monitoring Officer has examined the background and context of this decision and concurs that it is impracticable for this decision to be placed on the Forward Plan 28 days before it is made.

John Softly
Interim Monitoring Officer

Date of Notice: 24 September 2020

The Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been notified of this matter on the following date: 24 September 2020