



Cabinet, 29 September 2020

Decisions Notification

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1. Apologies for Absence	n/a	

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2. Declarations of Interests	n/a	
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	Approved as a correct record.	Victoria Miller Democratic Services Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
4. Mayor's Announcement - Devolution, Next Steps	n/a	
5. Constitution Review - Officer Delegations	Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved the revised scheme at Appendix A of the report; and ii. Authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to incorporate the revised scheme in the Constitution and make any consequential changes to other parts of the Constitution to ensure consistency. 	John Softly Interim Monitoring Officer john.softly@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
5 (a). Constitution Review – Appointments	Cabinet noted and agreed the appointments set out in the report.	John Softly Interim Monitoring Officer john.softly@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk

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6. Investment Fund Update and Funding Approvals	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted progress to date on the Investment Fund, achievement of key milestones and ongoing development work, particularly in respect of defrayed expenditure and project development in relation to priority sectors; ii. Noted progress in relation to the NTCA's Digital Growth and Innovation Programme; iii. Approved funding of £1,630,633 to fund the project 'National Innovation Centre for Data - Bespoke Delivery for NTCA' detailed in section 2.6 of the report, subject to the funding conditions set out in section 2.6.7 of the report; iv. Endorsed the approach recommended by Investment Panel in relation to the launch of a digital ecosystem support open call for projects, as set out in section 2.7 of the report - with an overall budget of £5m available from within the Digital Sector Allocation agreed by Cabinet in January 2020; v. Noted progress in relation to the NTCA Employability and Skills Programme (phase 1), detailed in section 2.8 of the report; and authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Employability and Inclusion, to finalise the relevant general and project specific funding conditions associated with in-principle funding offers made following Investment Panel recommendations in November and 	<p>Chrisi Page North of Tyne Investment Programme Manager Chrisi.page@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 07977 517556</p>

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	<p>December 2019, and to approve the final funding awards to successful applicants;</p> <p>vi. Noted progress made in developing next steps and a proposed approach for allocating the Skills for Growth funding agreed by Cabinet, as a part of wider work to support the growth of key sectors, as set out in section 2.9 of the report; and authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with Investment Panel, to agree the priorities for the NTCA Skills for Growth programme and to launch an open call for proposals in due course;</p> <p>vii. Noted progress in relation to operationalising the Green New Deal Fund set out in section 2.10, consistent with the recommendations previously agreed by Cabinet, including the launch of an open call to identify an intermediary body to manage the Fund; and</p> <p>viii. Authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding awards and authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.</p>	
7. Brownfield Housing Fund	<p>Cabinet:</p> <p>i. noted the progress made in operationalising the devolved Housing Brownfield Fund;</p>	<p>Callum Smith Policy and Economic Advisor callum.smith@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with Investment Panel, the Housing and Land Board and the Mayor to consider and agree the North of Tyne Brownfield Housing Programme; iii. authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Investment Panel, the Mayor and the Portfolio Holder to consider and approve relevant business case applications for the North of Tyne Brownfield Housing Programme; and iv. authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service to finalise the conditions for funding awards and authorise the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation relating to the awards. 	
8. Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the progress in relation to the development of an Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund for the North of Tyne; ii. Authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder, to finalise next steps in taking forward the Fund, including approving a supporting Prospectus; and iii. Welcomed the consideration by NTCA Investment Panel of a future report setting out the delivery plan and operational processes for the Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund once 	<p>Leigh Mills Head of Inclusive Growth leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 07855 100179</p>

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	finalised, following a period of consultation with potential co-investors.	
9. Supporting Young People into Employment – Kickstart and Youth Hubs	<p>Cabinet resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Support the proposed approach to the Kickstart Scheme; ii. Support the development of Youth Hubs in collaboration with NTCAs constituent local authorities, Jobcentre Plus and wider partners; iii. Allocate up to £500,000 from the Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund budget, subject to full business case, to support the NTCAs role as a Representative/Intermediary body for the Kickstart scheme; iv. Allocate up to £400,000 from the Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund budget, subject to full business case, to co-invest alongside DWP in a Youth Hub approach as detailed in the report; v. Authorise the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with Investment Panel and the Portfolio Holder for Employability and Inclusion to consider business cases for funding in relation to Kickstart and Youth Hubs referenced above and to finalise any funding awards. 	<p>Leigh Mills Head of Inclusive Growth, leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 07855 100179</p> <p>And</p> <p>Ruth Gaul Project Manager ruth.gaul@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 07500 997539</p>
10. Adult Education Budget Devolution	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the performance management arrangements in place to monitor the devolved AEB; and 	<p>Leigh Mills Head of Inclusive Growth, leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</p>

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	ii. Authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Employability and Inclusion, to approve funding allocations to both Contract for Services and Grant Providers.	ca.gov.uk 07855 100179 Michelle Stone AEB Policy and Data Officer michelle.stone@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 07813 766998
11. Business Competitiveness Portfolio Update	Cabinet: i. Welcomed progress in relation to delivering the Combined Authority's priorities for the digital, green growth and ageing and longevity sectors; and ii. Noted next steps in relation to the ongoing activity to deliver the Cabinet's priorities in these areas.	Mark Stamper Economic Adviser mark.stamper@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
12. 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget Process	Cabinet approved the proposed outline 2021-2025 Financial Planning and Budget process, which incorporated the key decision milestones and dates as set out at Appendix A to the report.	Janice Gillespie Interim Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtyneside.gov.uk 0191 6435701
13. North East Local Enterprise Partnership –	Cabinet: i. Noted the report which provided information on the work and decisions of the North East LEP; and	Helen Golightly Chief Executive North East LEP Helen.Golightly@nelep.co.uk

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Funding Decisions Update	ii. Appointed the new North East LEP Chair as a member of Cabinet in line with Part 2.1. of the NTCA Constitution.	
14. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Tuesday, 24 November 2020 at 2pm.	
15. Exclusion of Press and Public	There was no exclusion of press and public	
16. Background Documents: North East Local Enterprise Partnership - Funding Decisions Update – Appendices	n/a	