



Cabinet, 24 November 2020

Decisions Notification

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

Date of Publication: 25 November 2020

Any valid requests for call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 2 December 2020.

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
1. Welcome and Introductions	n/a	

www.northoftyne-ca.gov.uk



Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
2. Apologies for Absence	n/a	
3. Announcements from the Mayor and/or the Head of Paid Service	n/a	
4. Declarations of Interests	n/a	
5. Minutes of the previous meeting	Approved as a correct record.	Victoria Miller Democratic Services Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
6. Impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Presentation	n/a	
7. Brexit Update, November 2020	Cabinet agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="555 1082 1503 1257">i. To continue close working with businesses, to understand and monitor any potential negative impacts of Brexit alongside any opportunities. The Cabinet Members would lead discussions with business representative groups to discuss the evolving situation. 	Rob Hamilton Chief Economist rob.hamilton@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. To continue to highlight relevant issues with Government and make the case for a significant COVID-19/Brexit economic stimulus package, comprising both one-off resources and longer-term replacement for EU funding; iii. Further development of the NE Freeport proposal; iv. To use the NTCA's website to signpost businesses to Brexit-preparedness information and support, replicating the approach taken with COVID-19; and v. To receive further Brexit update reports. 	
8. Introduction of the Chair of the Inclusive Economy Board - the Right Reverend Christine Hardman, Bishop of Newcastle	n/a	
9. Poverty Truth Commission	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the progress in relation to the development of a Poverty Truth Commission for the North of Tyne. ii. Authorised the Director of Policy and Performance, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to finalise next steps in taking forward the Commission, including securing appropriate funding. 	<p>Leigh Mills Head of Inclusive Growth 07855 100179 leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</p>

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
10. 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 achievements in terms of tangible jobs for residents as a direct result of our investment ii. Noted progress in relation to our Culture and Creative Recovery Fund, including the outcome of the recent call. iii. Noted progress to date of our Offshore Infrastructure Investments and the launch of our Offshore Innovation Programme. iv. Noted recent progress to operationalise the North of Tyne Brownfield Housing Fund. v. Agreed the allocation of £10m from the Investment Fund for the Recovery Innovation Deal. vi. Delegated authority to the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Mayor and Investment Panel, to agree the final delivery arrangements for the Recovery Innovation Deal and to make subsequent Investment decisions. 	<p>Chrisi Page North of Tyne Investment Programme Manager Chrisi.page@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 07977 51755</p>

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
11. 2019-20 NTCA Annual Statement of Accounts (exempt from call-in)	Please see items a, b and c below.	Janice Gillespie Interim Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtyneside.gov.uk 0191 6435701
11 a. Audit Completion Report, year ending 31 March 2020	n/a	Janice Gillespie Interim Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtyneside.gov.uk 0191 6435701
11 b. 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement	Cabinet approved the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion in the Authority's 2019/20 annual accounts; and recommended it for signature by the Mayor and the Interim Head of Paid Service.	Philip Slater Acting as Risk Advisor for NTCA Philip.slater@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 2116511
11 c. NTCA Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 (exempt from call-in)	Cabinet: i. Approved the Audited Statement of Accounts 2019/20, including the Narrative Report in line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, taking account of the views of the Audit and Standards Committee; ii. Approved the Annual Governance Statement for signature by the Mayor and Interim Head of Paid Service; and	Janice Gillespie Interim Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtyneside.gov.uk 0191 6435701

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
	iii. Delegated authority to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Mayor/Deputy Mayor, to agree the final Annual Accounts 2019/20 on the satisfactory completion of all the audit issues.	
12. NTCA Second Quarter Budget Monitoring Report	Cabinet: i. Noted the forecast budget monitoring position for the Combined Authority, as set out in paragraphs 1.2 through to 1.7; ii. Agreed the distribution of the 75% Business Rates Retention Pilot surplus, as set out in paragraph 1.3; iii. Noted the Treasury Management Mid-Year update position, as set out in paragraph 1.8; and iv. Noted the Capital Monitoring position, as set out in paragraph 1.9.	Janice Gillespie Interim Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtyneside.gov.uk 0191 6435701
13. 2021-2025 NTCA Budget Proposals	Cabinet: i. Agreed the draft Corporate Budget for 2021/22 as set out in paragraph 1.1 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; ii. Agreed the draft Investment Fund as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;	Janice Gillespie Interim Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtyneside.gov.uk 0191 6435701

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Agreed the draft Adult Education Budget as set out in paragraph 1.3 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; iv. Agreed the Brownfield Land Programme Budget as set out in paragraph 1.4 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; v. Noted that the Tyne and Wear levies would be issued on the 15th February 2021; vi. Agreed to hold the reserves set out in paragraph 1.5 of the report; and noted that the Chief Finance Officer would continue to keep the level of resources under review as the Authority continued to develop and new information became available about the financial risks facing the Authority's arrangements for managing risks; and vii. Noted the North East LEP Accountable Body Budget, as in paragraph 1.6 of the report. 	
14. Appointments	<p>Cabinet confirmed the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joint Transport Committee – Cllr Sanderson as member and Cllr Dodd as substitute; b. Housing and Land Board – Cllr Renner-Thompson as the rural area representative; 	<p>John Softly Interim Monitoring Officer john.softly@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</p>

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. North East LEP – Cllr Sanderson as NTCA’s observer at the North East LEP Board and Cllr McCarty as NTCA’s representative on the North East LEP’s Skills Advisory Panel; d. Transport for the North – Cllr Sanderson as NTCA’s substitute member; e. The designation of Paul Hanson as the Head of Paid Service be extended until the 2021 Annual Meeting. 	
15. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Tuesday, 26 January 2021 at 2pm.	Victoria Miller Democratic Services Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk