

## Cabinet, 23 March 2021

### Decisions Notification

**Please Note:** In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, 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 31 March 2021.

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| 4. Minutes of the previous meeting               | Approved as a correct record.                                      | Victoria Miller<br>Democratic Services Officer<br><a href="mailto:Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a> |
| 5. Working Together For You - NTCA Annual Report | Cabinet endorsed Working Together For You, the NTCA annual report. | Ruth Redfern, Director of Policy and Performance   |

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|   |  | <p><a href="mailto:ruth.redfern@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">ruth.redfern@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Stuart Tarbuck, Head of Communications, Engagement and Organisational Development<br/> <a href="mailto:Stuart.Tarbuck@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">Stuart.Tarbuck@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a></p>   |
| 6. Northumberland Line Economic Growth Corridor | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the contents of the report;</li> <li>ii. Endorsed the Northumberland Line Economic Corridor Strategy;</li> <li>iii. Agreed an allocation of up to £500k from the North of Tyne Investment fund to establish a Technical Capacity Fund and related capacity for project development, subject to the development of a business case; and</li> <li>iv. Authorised the Interim Head of Paid, in consultation with the Investment Panel, the Mayor and the Portfolio Holders, to consider and approve the business case and requested funding.</li> </ul> | <p>Maria Antoniou<br/> Principal Economy and Strategy Manager<br/> North of Tyne Combined Authority<br/> <a href="mailto:maria.antoniou@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">maria.antoniou@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a><br/> 07970627134</p> <p>Janice Rose<br/> Head of Economy and Regeneration<br/> Northumberland County Council<br/> <a href="mailto:janice.rose@northumberland.gov.uk">janice.rose@northumberland.gov.uk</a><br/> 07500 097568</p> |

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| 7. Investment Fund Update and Funding Approvals | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 the NTCA investment.</li> <li>ii. Approved funding of £1,540,405 from the Investment Fund for the North Shields Fish Quay Protection Jetty Refurbishment project.</li> <li>iii. Approved funding of £750,000 from the Investment Fund for the Cross Tyne North Shields Ferry Landing – Renewal and Relocation project, subject to the applicant securing necessary match funding.</li> <li>iv. Noted progress on NTCA’s Brownfield Housing Fund, including in-principle approvals given to £6.385 million for Smith’s Dock, Tyne Brand and Unicorn House in North Shields.</li> <li>v. Confirmed the £10m allocation for Recovery Innovation and approved the approach set out in Section 1.4 of the report. Calls for projects would be structured on a “test-and-learn” basis, with an initial allocation of funding released as a first phase; and future phases would be dependent on demand, speed of implementation and impact.</li> </ul> | <p>Chrisi Page<br/> North of Tyne Investment Programme Manager<br/> <a href="mailto:Chrisi.page@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">Chrisi.page@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a><br/> 07977 51755</p> |

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|             | <p>vi. Noted progress in relation to the Digital Adoption North of Tyne Programme, including enhancement of the support available to SMEs to further improve resilience in response to COVID-19 and inclusion of a dedicated offering for Voluntary and Community Sector organisations.</p> <p>vii. Noted that the NTCA Green New Deal Fund would be operational in the summer of 2021, where £9m of NTCA funding was expected to leverage private sector resources to deliver an £18m investment, enabling the North of Tyne to take a real lead in an area that will be fundamental to future growth, recovery, and the achievement of net zero.</p> <p>viii. Noted progress on the North of Tyne Offshore and Subsea Infrastructure Programme, including approval of £2.22m for Bates Clean Energy Terminal and £2m for Swans Energy Park and the agreement to open a further call to continue the development of the pipeline.</p> <p>ix. Noted Section 1.8 of the report, in relation to the Healthy Ageing Economy sector narrative and investment priorities, and agreed the specific priorities and recommendations itemised in Appendix A of the report.</p> <p>x. Delegated authority to the Director of Economic Growth, in consultation with Investment Panel, our Constituent Authorities and the Mayor, for submission of a Community Renewal Fund</p> |                    |

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|  | <p>bid to Government and for the submission of a Levelling Up Fund bid into this or future rounds.</p> <p>xi. Agreed to receive future progress updates on the Poverty Truth Commission, whose business case for funding had now been approved.</p> <p>xii. Authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding awards and authorise the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.</p> |   |
| 8. Adult Education Budget update and Strategic Skills Plan | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <p>i. Noted the progress which had been made in terms of AEB delivery for the first half of the academic year (1 August 2020 to 6 February 2021) and endorsed the approach to managing AEB delivery for the remainder of this year and into AY 2021-22.</p> <p>ii. Noted the content of the updated Strategic Skills Plan for 2021-2023 and endorsed the launch of the document from 1 April 2021.</p>  | <p>Leigh Mills<br/>Head of Inclusive Growth<br/><a href="mailto:Leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">Leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a><br/>07855 100179</p> <p>Michelle Stone<br/>AEB Policy and Data Officer<br/><a href="mailto:michelle.stone@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">michelle.stone@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a><br/>07813 766998</p> |

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| 9. Mayoral Ambassadors Review         | <p>The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Agreed to extend Robin Fry's term of office as the Mayoral Ambassador for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector for a further year until the NTCA Annual Meeting in June 2022; and</li> <li>ii. Agreed the proposed changes to the appointment of a Mayoral Ambassador for Business as set out in part 1.3 of the report.</li> </ul> | <p>John Softly<br/>Interim Monitoring Officer<br/><a href="mailto:john.softly@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">john.softly@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Rob Hamilton<br/>Chief Economist<br/><a href="mailto:rob.hamilton@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">rob.hamilton@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Rhiannon Bearne<br/>Inclusive Economy Adviser<br/><a href="mailto:rhiannon.bearne@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">rhiannon.bearne@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a></p> |
| 10. Date and Time of the Next Meeting | Tuesday, 8 June 2021 at 2pm (Annual Meeting).   | <p>Victoria Miller<br/>Democratic Services Officer<br/><a href="mailto:Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a></p>   |
| 11. Exclusion of Press and Public     | That by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 press and public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the duration of consideration of agenda item 12, Confidential Minutes of the Previous Meeting, because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against the disclosure was satisfied.                                     | <p>John Softly<br/>Interim Monitoring Officer<br/><a href="mailto:john.softly@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">john.softly@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a></p>  |

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| 12. Confidential Minutes of the Previous Meeting | Approved as a correct record. | Victoria Miller<br>Democratic Services<br><a href="mailto:Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">Victoria.Miller@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a> |

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