

Cabinet

27 July 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 4 August 2021.

Item	Decision	Notes
<p>5. North of Tyne Citizens' Assembly Report and update on progress in delivering the North of Tyne Energy, Green Growth and Climate Change Blueprint</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanked all those who participated in the Citizens Assembly including the Oversight Panel and Expert Commentators. 2. Received the Citizen's Assembly Report and endorsed their collective statement which set out the need for urgent action. 3. Endorsed collaboration between NTCA and the three constituent Local Authorities to jointly respond to the recommendations of the Citizens Assembly, and jointly develop project proposals where the recommendations of the Citizens Assembly provided clear opportunities to add value, scale up, or enhance the work currently underway through the NTCA Energy, Green Growth and Climate Change Blueprint and Local Authority Climate Emergency plans. 4. Agreed to receive a report in Autumn that would provide further detail on 	

	<p>how NTCA intended to work with the three constituent Local Authorities and wider regional stakeholders to respond to the recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly.</p>	
6. Co-production at NTCA Scrutiny Report	<p>Cabinet noted the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Co-Production at NTCA.</p>	
7. North Bank of the Tyne Growth Corridor	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the report; 2. Commented on future collaborative arrangements as set out in paragraph 1.3 of the report; and delegated approval to the Head of Paid service to work with other stakeholders to bring forward detailed proposals; 3. Agreed an allocation of up to £500k from the North of Tyne Investment fund to establish a Technical Capacity Fund, subject to the development of a business case; and 4. Authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Investment Panel, the Mayor and the Portfolio Holders, to consider and approve the business case for the Technical Capacity Fund, and to then make subsequent funding awards. 	
8. North of Tyne Digital: 5G and Future Connectivity	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the report and endorsed the priorities as set out. 2. Endorsed a headline allocation of £7m to support the delivery of the priorities set out in the report. 3. Authorised the Head of Paid Service to take next steps in designing the programme, including undertaking market engagement activity, inviting forward proposals and allocating funding in consultation with Investment Panel, Portfolio Holder 	

	<p>and the Mayor.</p> <p>4. Authorised the Head of Paid Service to finalise the conditions to be attached to subsequent funding awards; and authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.</p>	
<p>9. Investment Fund Update</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the 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 NTCA's investment. 2. Approved funding of £5.14m to the four digital ecosystem projects: Digital Business Pipeline, Digital Cluster Development, Digital Inward Investment and Talent Engine – with the project details set out in section 1.3 of the report. 3. Approved funding of up to £200,000 for ongoing promotion, co-ordination and delivery support to maximise the value of NTCA's Digital Programme, with authority delegated to the Head of Paid Service for implementation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder. 4. Authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Mayor, Portfolio Holder and Investment Panel, to approve funding up to a maximum of £1million to support 'Town and High Street' recovery innovation projects being developed by Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland Councils, subject to satisfactory completion of the project development and appraisal process. Whilst also supporting the development of a 'Future Towns and High Streets programme', to explore common issues and solutions, and to promote the case to Government for further funding. 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Approved £199,990 of business case development funding to New Writing North, to enable them to develop proposals for a Centre for Writing and Publishing. 6. Agreed an allocation of £1.3m from the NTCA Investment Fund to strengthen the inward investment pipeline, delegating authority to the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Mayor, Portfolio Holder and Investment Panel, to consider and approve a proposal for funding. 7. Authorised the 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. 	
10. Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund and Board update	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted and commended the progress on the work of NTCA's Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund and Inclusive Economy Board. 2. Approved the new nominated members of the Inclusive Economy Board as set out in paragraph 1.7 of the report. 3. Delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Inclusive Economy Board Chair and Vice-Chair (Education, Inclusion and Skills Portfolio Holder) to agree in-year replacements to the membership of the Inclusive Economy Board. 	
11. 2021/22 Quarter 1 NTCA Budget Monitor Report	The Cabinet noted the forecast budget monitoring position for the Combined Authority as set out in paragraphs 1.2, 1.3,1.4 and 1.5 of the report and the reserves position in paragraph 1.6 of the report.	
12. North East Local Enterprise	Cabinet noted the report which provided information on the work and decisions of the	

Partnership – Funding Decisions Update	North East Local Enterprise Partnership (North East LEP) since the North of Tyne Combined Authority Cabinet meeting held on the 26 January 2021.	
13. Date and time of the Next Meeting	22 September 2021 at 2pm.	
14. Exclusion of press and public	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 the consideration of agenda item 15, because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against the disclosure was satisfied.	
15. North East Local Enterprise Partnership - Funding Decisions Update - Appendix A: Copy of the North East LEP Board, Investment update paper - 27 May 2021	Noted.	

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