

## Record of Delegated Decision by Officer

**Decision Title:**

North East LEP Project Funding Decisions (September)

**Is this decision Key or Non-key?**

Key

**If the decision is Key, has the decision been published on the Forward Plan?**

Yes

The date of publication: 24 September 2021

**Is this decision subject to Call-in?**

Please state: Yes

**Decision:**

1. Subject to the outcome of a grant application of funding from the North of Tyne open innovation challenge activity, issue a grant offer letter up to the value of £1,291.571 for the Challenge North East Programme to the North East LEP and to enter into associated partnership agreements.
2. To issue a grant offer letter for revenue grant of £125,000 from the Local Growth Fund Programme balances to Gateshead City Council towards the North East Business Event Subvention Fund pilot project, subject to conditions.
3. To issue a grant offer letter of an additional £500,000 grant from the Local Growth Fund Programme balances to the North East Inward Investment Grant (NEIIG scheme).
4. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a Getting Building Fund grant award of £1,250,000 to the Port of Blyth Authority for the Battleship Wharf project, Blyth Estuary.

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5. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a Getting Building Fund grant (including a North East Investment Fund contribution) of £965,585 to Arbucc (Drum) Ltd for the Panther Court, Drum Industrial Estate project.
6. To novate and vary an existing funding agreement to provide additional Enterprise Zone programme funds of £985,270 to Advance Northumberland for the Ashwood Business Park project.
7. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £150,000 to Tyne Coast College to support the South Shields campus relocation project.
8. To issue a grant funding letter to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £55,000 to the North East LEP Skills Team to develop the Collaboration of Digital Expertise (CODE) project.
9. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £70,000 to Newcastle City Council to support the Biosphere 2 project.
10. To issue a grant funding letter to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £52,500 to North East LEP Business Growth Team to support the North East Life Science Manufacturing and Innovation Zone project.
11. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £70,000 to Transport North East to support the South of Tyne and Wear Wearside and Metro Loop project.
12. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £80,000 to North Tyneside Council to

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support the A19 North of Tyne Improvements (Local Plan Housing/Employment Land enabling) project.

As set out in the attached confidential report.

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 -Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

### Delegation:

Cabinet meeting on 2 June 2020 – Minute 73

### Consultation:

Portfolio Holder:	No N/A
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Chief Finance Officer:	Yes

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