

**Cabinet**

**25 January 2022**

**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 2 February 2022.

Item	Decision
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Approved as a correct record.
5. NTCA Response to NTCA Citizens' Assembly Recommendations on Energy, Skills and Housing	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the contents of the report and agreed the approach NTCA was taking to responding to the Citizens' Assembly's recommendations around energy, housing and skills.</li> <li>2. Would receive future Cabinet reports, proposing how the Combined Authority should respond to other recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly.</li> <li>3. Approved an allocation of up to £1million to support the initiatives described in this report, indicatively comprising £0.8m for a programme of advice and support for businesses to help them reduce their carbon emissions and £0.2m for the development of a business case for a major housing retrofit programme.</li> <li>4. Authorised the Managing Director, in consultation with the Mayor, lead Cabinet Members and Investment Panel to agree the appropriate delivery mechanisms for this programme and consider and approve the business case(s) for this activity.</li> <li>5. Authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to finalise the conditions to be attached to subsequent funding awards and to complete the necessary documentation.</li> </ol>

	<p>6. Approved the continuation of the work of the Citizens' Assembly Oversight Panel, to provide ongoing technical input into the Combined Authority's work programme.</p>
<p>6. North of Tyne Rural Economy - Northumberland Stewardship and Rural Growth Investment Plan</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the contents of the report;</li> <li>2. Agreed an allocation of up to £500k from the North of Tyne Investment fund to develop the Northumberland Stewardship and Rural Growth Investment Plan and related interventions; and</li> <li>3. Authorised the Managing Director, in consultation with the Investment Panel, the Mayor and the Portfolio Holder, to consider and approve the business case and to then make subsequent funding awards.</li> </ol>
<p>7. Inclusive Economy Board Wellbeing Framework</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorsed the final report of the NTCA's Inclusive Economy Board's Wellbeing Roundtable (Appendix B).</li> <li>2. Approved the proposed wellbeing framework for the North of Tyne, including the proposed outcomes and indicators.</li> <li>3. Agreed that the Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion and Skills, the Mayor and the Managing Director, in consultation with the Inclusive Economy Board, oversee and implement the framework.</li> </ol>
<p>8. Investment Fund Update</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted progress to date on the Investment Fund, achievement of key milestones and ongoing project development work, particularly in respect of the creation of new jobs for residents as a direct result of our investments.</li> <li>2. Agreed an allocation of £2.85m from the North of Tyne Investment Fund to support the growth of the NE Film and TV sector through the North East Screen Industry Development Programme, subject to the development and approval of a business case.</li> <li>3. Authorised the Managing Director, in consultation with the Investment Panel, the Mayor and the appropriate Cabinet Member to consider and approve the business case for the North East Screen Industry Development Programme.</li> <li>4. Authorised the Managing Director, in consultation with the Investment Panel, the Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion and Skills, to consider and approve the business cases for the Skills for Growth Programme, including Energy Central Campus.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Approved £712,856 of funding for the Challenge North Tyne Open Innovation Project, which would form part of the NTCA's Recovery Innovation Fund and be delivered by the NE Local Enterprise Partnership.</li> <li>6. Authorised the Managing Director to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding awards and authorise the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.</li> </ol>
<p>9. NTCA 2020-21 Statement of Accounts</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.</li> <li>2. Approved the Audited Statement of Accounts 2020/21, including the Narrative Report in line with Audit and Accounting Regulations 2015.</li> <li>3. Authorised the Managing Director and the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, to agree to any final amendments or changes to the NTCA 2020/21 Statement of Accounts, Narrative Statement and Annual Governance Statement made by the external auditors after this meeting of the Cabinet and to approve the final 2020-21 Final Statement of accounts.</li> </ol>
<p>10. 2021/22 Quarter 3 NTCA Budget Monitor Report</p>	<p>Cabinet noted the forecast budget monitoring position for the Combined Authority as set out in paragraphs 1.2 through to 1.6 and the reserves position in paragraph 1.7 of the report.</p>
<p>11. 2022-2026 NTCA Budget Proposals</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the comments made by Overview and Scrutiny set out in Appendix B of the report.</li> <li>2. Agreed the Corporate Budget for 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report.</li> <li>3. Agreed the Investment Fund as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report.</li> <li>4. Agreed the Adult Education Budget as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report.</li> <li>5. Agreed the Brownfield Land Programme Budget as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report.</li> <li>6. Noted that the Tyne and Wear levies would be issued on the 15 February 2022.</li> <li>7. Agreed to hold the reserves set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report and noted that the Chief Finance Officer continued to keep the level of resources under review as the Authority</li> </ol>

	<p>developed and new information became available about the financial risks facing the authority arrangements for managing risks.</p> <p>8. Noted the North East LEP Accountable Body Budget, as in paragraph 2.6 of the report.</p> <p>9. Agreed the 2022/23 Treasury Management Strategy set out in paragraph 2.7 and Appendix A of the report.</p>
12. Decision to opt-in to National Scheme for Auditor Appointments from April 2023	Cabinet agreed that the North of Tyne Combined Authority would opt into the national scheme of appointing local auditors for the five consecutive financial years commencing 1 April 2023 operated by Public Sector Appointments Ltd (“PSAA Ltd”).
13. Date and Time of the Next Meeting	Tuesday, 22 March 2022 at 2pm.