

**Cabinet**

**20 September 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 28 September 2022.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Approved as a correct record.
5. Appointment of Mayoral Ambassador	Cabinet approved the appointment of Lisa Goodwin, Chief Executive of Connected Voice, as the Mayoral Ambassador for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector until the NTCA's annual meeting in June 2023.
6. Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2021/22	Cabinet noted the report.
7. Northumberland Line Economic Growth Corridor	Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Noted the contents of the report.</li> <li>2) Endorsed the approach for the Northumberland Line Economic Corridor Ten Point Plan.</li> <li>3) Agreed an allocation of £10m to catalyse and accelerate delivery of the projects identified in the Northumberland Line Economic Corridor Ten Point Plan.</li> <li>4) Authorised the Chief Executive to approve businesses cases and delivery plans in consultation with Investment Panel and the Mayor.</li> </ol>

	<p>5) Authorised the Chief Executive to finalise the conditions to be attached to funding allocations and authorised the Monitoring Officer to complete necessary documentation.</p>
<p>8. North of Tyne Digital: update and next steps</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Noted progress in delivery of the North of Tyne Digital Programme and continued development of the narrative and ambition statement for the sector, the early impact from projects on residents and businesses, and the forthcoming fin-tech cluster strategy for the region.</li> <li>2) Noted next steps on the 5G and future connectivity programme, which were to launch a call for private sector co-invested propositions to support commercialisation of 5G and low-latency connectivity.</li> <li>3) Endorsed deeper collaboration across the North of Tyne to deliver the shared connectivity vision set out at Appendix 2 of the report; and delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder and the Mayor, the consideration of resourcing and Governance requirements to support the delivery of the vision.</li> </ol>
<p>9. 2023-2027 Financial Planning and Budget Process</p>	<p>Cabinet approved the proposed outline 2023-2024 Financial Planning and Budget process, which incorporated key decision milestones and dates as set out at Appendix A to the report.</p>
<p>10. Investment Fund Update and Funding Approvals (Investment Fund, Funding Approvals and UKSPF 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 the NTCA investments.</li> <li>2) Approved £730,507 of funding for the Good Work Pledge Programme, which would be led by the NTCA.</li> <li>3) Authorised the Chief Executive to make final approvals, under delegated decision, for the following projects: £2,829,440 of site preparation works at Howdon Yard; £1.5m for the Berwick Culture and Creative Zone; and up to £936,321.34 for the Moorside housing scheme in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.</li> <li>4) Authorised the Director of Finance to accept grant offers from Government with respect to the Shared Prosperity Fund and DCMS Create Growth Programme on behalf of the Authority, subject to the terms and conditions set out by the grant awarding bodies.</li> </ol>

	<p>5) Authorised the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Finance and relevant Cabinet Members, to approve the commissioning approach and subsequent grant agreements and/or contracts associated with the Shared Prosperity Fund. Project approvals should be made with reference to fit with the NTCA SPF Investment Plan, value for money and deliverability.</p> <p>6) Authorised the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Finance and relevant Cabinet Members, to approve the deployment approach and any subsequent grant agreements associated with the DCMS Create Growth Programme.</p>
11. North East Local Enterprise Partnership - Funding Decisions Update	Cabinet noted the report which provided information on the work and funding decisions of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (North East LEP) over the last six months.
12. Date and Time of the Next Meeting	Tuesday, 22 November 2022 at 2pm.

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