

Cabinet

22 November 2022

Decisions Notification (Public)

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 30 November 2022.

Item	Decision
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Approved as a correct record.
5. Adult Education Budget annual update	Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the performance of the devolved AEB in AY 2021-22 as detailed in the report; and ii. Endorsed the approach to managing AEB delivery for the third academic year (1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023).
6. North of Tyne Stewardship and Rural Growth Investment Plan	Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Welcomed the contents of the report and endorsed the North of Tyne Stewardship and Rural Growth Investment Plan; ii. Agreed to launch the North of Tyne Stewardship and Rural Growth Investment Plan in early 2023. iii. Agreed the approach for the £3,043,546 Rural England Prosperity Fund allocation and authorised the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and the portfolio holder, to submit the UK Shared Prosperity Fund addendum to Government; iv. Agreed an allocation of up to £3m from the North of Tyne Investment fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund till March 2025 to align with Rural England Prosperity Fund investment;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Agreed an indicative allocation of a further £3m of North of Tyne Investment funds for March 2025 – March 2028; vi. Authorised the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Investment Panel, the Mayor and the Portfolio Holder, to consider and approve individual business case and delivery models; vii. Authorised the Chief Executive to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding awards and authorised the Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation; ad viii. Authorised the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and the Mayor to agree the terms of reference for and establish a Rural Advisory Board.
<p>7. Investment Fund and Funding Approvals Update: Part 1</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 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; ii. Authorised the Chief Executive to make final approvals, under delegated decision, for the following projects: £224,300 of project approvals to support technical feasibility work overseen by the Tyne Taskforce; £96,150 to strengthen community engagement, through the ‘Commonplace’ digital engagement platform; and £1.294m for the Brownfield Housing Scheme at Ellington, Northumberland; iii. Noted that the Chief Executive and Finance Director oversaw the development and submission of an Investment Zone proposal on behalf of the NTCA, enabling NTCA to meet Government’s deadline.
<p>8. 2022/23 Quarter 2 NTCA Budget Monitor Report</p>	<p>Cabinet noted the forecast budget monitoring position for the Combined Authority as set out in sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the report, and the reserves position in section 7 of the report.</p>
<p>9. Appointment of Independent Chair of Audit and Standards Committee</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the resignation of Doug Ross as the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee and thanked him for his three years of service to NTCA; ii. Appointed David Willis as a co-opted (i.e. independent) member to chair the Audit and Standards Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2022/23, with the option to

	<p>extend the appointment until the Annual Meeting in 2024 if both parties agree; and</p> <p>iii. Delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Elected Mayor, to formalise any such extension.</p>
10. NTCA 2023-2027 Draft Budget Proposals	<p>Cabinet:</p> <p>i. Agreed the draft Corporate Budget for 2023/24 as set out in section 2 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</p> <p>ii. Agreed the draft Investment Fund as set out in section 3 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</p> <p>iii. Agreed the draft Adult Education Budget as set out in section 4 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</p> <p>iv. Agreed the Brownfield Land Programme Budget as set out in section 5 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</p> <p>v. Noted that the Tyne and Wear levies would be issued on the 15 February 2023, preceding the commencement of the financial year in respect of which they are to be issued, in line with the Transport Levying Bodies Regulation;</p> <p>vi. Agreed to hold the reserves set out in section 7 of the report and noted that the Director of Finance continued to keep the level of resources under review as the Authority developed and new information became available about the financial risks facing the Authority's arrangements for managing risks.</p> <p>vii. Noted the North East LEP Accountable Body Budget, section 8 of the report;</p> <p>viii. Approved the Draft Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24.</p>
11. Date and Time of the Next Meeting	Tuesday, 31 January 2022, at 2pm.
12. Exclusion of Press and Public	By virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Cabinet excluded press and public from the meeting for the duration of the consideration of agenda item 13 (Investment Fund and Funding Approvals Update: Part 2) because exempt information was likely to be disclosed and the public interest test against disclosure was satisfied.

<p>13. Investment Fund and Funding Approvals Update: Part 2</p> <p>Exempt from 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).</p>	<p>Cabinet agreed the recommendations set out in the report.</p>
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