

Record of Delegated Decision by Officer

Decision Title:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Project Approvals 1 25/05/23

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Please state: Non-key

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

Not applicable

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

No

Decision:

The Chief Executive is recommended to approve the following funding awards as set out in this report:

1. A combined £3,391,570 of UKSPF and Investment Fund funding to be awarded to Northumberland County Council for the delivery of the Northumberland Small Business Service project set out at paragraph 1.2. A further, £1,419,232 of funding is indicatively allocated to project delivery post April 2025 as set out at paragraph 1.2 and will be subject to consideration in advance of March 2025;
2. UKSPF funding of the amount of £2.75m to be awarded to Durham University for the delivery of the NTCA-area delivery of the In-TUNE project set out at paragraph 1.3, noting that the contracting authority for this project will be Durham County Council as a result of a joint call for projects.
3. UKSPF funding of the amount of £1,266,412 to be awarded to Newcastle City Council for the delivery of the Towns and Highstreets Innovation Programme project set out at paragraph 1.4; and
4. To authorise the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to:
 - a. prepare the necessary documentation and to enter into grant agreements or contracts with the lead applicants.
 - b. put in place appropriate arrangements between NTCA and Durham County Council to enable the transfer of funds related to the In-TUNE project and ongoing monitoring.

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Delegation:

In September 2022, Cabinet delegated responsibility to 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 (minute 34 Resolution 5).

Decisions are now being taken in line with that delegation.

Consultation:

Portfolio Holder:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Director of Finance:	Yes

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