

Notice to Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of a general exception to the publication of the intention to make a key decision

DATE: 31 August 2023

TO: Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA)

SUBJECT: Devolved Brownfield Housing Funding and Capital Regeneration Funding (NE Devolution)

NOTICE BY: John Softly, Monitoring Officer

Executive Summary:

This notice informs Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee under Paragraph 12 of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 that it is impracticable to include the above item on the NTCA Forward Plan for a period of 28 clear days before the decision is made.

In accordance with Paragraph 12 (1(b) of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 a copy of this notice will be published on the North of Tyne Combined Authority website.

This notice ensures that at least 5 clear days have elapsed between the agenda for the meeting/notice of decision, which includes the matter, being made available and the day of the meeting/decision-making.

1. Background

- 1.1 Where a decision maker intends to make a key decision, that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days public notice has been given.
- 1.2 Where the publication of the intention to make a key decision is impracticable, that decision may only be made where:
 - a) the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair in the absence of Chair) has been informed of the matter about which the decision is to be made;
 - b) notice to the Chair/Vice-Chair has been made available for public inspection at the Combined Authority's Office and published on the Combined Authority's website; and

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c) 5 clear days have elapsed from the day on which notice to the Chair/Vice-Chair was made publicly available.

1.3 This notice is to inform the Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it has been impracticable to give 28 clear days public notice of the item(s) set out below for the reasons set out below and that it is intended that the key decision(s) will be made on the date specified below.

1.4 Notice is also given to the public that the reasons why compliance with the requirements for publicity in connection with key decisions are impracticable are set out below.

2. Notice Details

2.1 Date of Decision required

As soon as possible to allow the funding programmes mentioned below to be mobilised to ensure strategic priorities are met and that the programmes can meet central government spend and output targets by March 2025.

2.2 Matter in respect to which decision is to be made

Devolved Brownfield Housing Funding (BHF) and Capital Regeneration Funding (CRF) Programmes

2.3 Description

As part of the North East Mayoral Combined Authority (NEMCA) Devolution Deal published in December 2022, regionwide BHF and CRF programmes were agreed with central government to support early priorities relating to housing and regeneration. Government has specified that the schemes which are supported by these programmes must deliver outputs and meet spend targets by March 2025. Due to this timetable, the arrangements to defray the funding need to be progressed as soon as possible and in advance of NEMCA being established. It is therefore proposed that NTCA act as the accountable body on behalf of the region for these funding programmes and progress the necessary arrangements to meet these timescales.

2.4 Decision Maker

Chief Executive, North of Tyne Combined Authority

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2.5 Consultation Process

Throughout the process consultation has taken place with Leaders and Chief Executive Officers of all the Local Authorities who will be constituent authorities in NEMCA.

2.6 Background Documents

[North East Devolution Deal - December 2022](#)

2.7 Reasons why impracticable to give 28 days clear notice

As set out above, the arrangements for the funding programmes need to be progressed as a matter of urgency due to the short delivery period of the programme. Delays could put projects at risk of delivery. Applicants require notice to allow them to procure revenue support for developing their business cases. This will give the programmes the best chance of delivering targets by March 2025.

The Monitoring Officer has examined the background and context of this decision and concurs that it is impracticable for this decision to be placed on the Forward Plan 28 days before it is made.

John Softly
Monitoring Officer

Date of Notice: 31 August 2023

The Chair/Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been notified of this matter on the following date: 31 August 2023