



Cabinet, 17 December 2019

Decisions Notification

Please Note: In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, key 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 24 December 2019.

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer(s)
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	Approved as a correct record subject to an amendment.	Victoria Miller Democratic Services Officer victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 211 5118
4. Mayoral Ambassadors for Business and the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector	The Cabinet: i. approved the appointment of Robin Fry as the Mayoral Ambassador for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector; ii. agreed to extend the consultation with the business sector; and	Ruth Redfern Director of Policy and Performance ruth.redfern@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk

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	iii. agreed to amend Part 2.2 of the Constitution to give effect to the revised arrangements for these roles, as described in section 1 of the report.	John Softly Interim Monitoring Officer john.softly@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk
5. Investment Fund Update	The Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed that funding for the North of Tyne Inward Investment Fund be increased by £7m to a total value of £10m, for the period up to 30th September 2022; and that targets be increased proportionately, with the jobs target increasing from 600 to 2000; ii. Authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service to continue to approve individual funding awards in relation to the North of Tyne Inward Investment Fund, in consultation with the Mayor and the NTCA Investment Panel; iii. Agreed £25,000 to support the Hexham Hydro feasibility study, subject to conditions outlined at paragraph 1.3.7; iv. Authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding award and authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation; and v. Noted progress in relation to the Employability and Skills Programme and wider work to shape the pipeline for future investment, including supporting the growth of key sectors. 	Rob Hamilton, Interim Head of Investment rob.hamilton@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 0191 277 8947
6. Good Work Pledge	The Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Noted the progress being made on the Good Work Pledge. ii. Approved the Pledge and authorised the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Inclusive Economy portfolio 	Leigh Mills Head of Inclusive Growth Leigh.mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk

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	holder, to take the necessary steps to finalise and implement it.	
7. Audit Completion Report 2018-19	The Cabinet approved the NTCA Audit Completion Report 2018-19, taking account of the views from the Audit and Standards Committee.	Janice Gillespie Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtynside.gov.uk 0191 643 5701
8. Annual Financial Report 2018-19	The Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved the audited Statement of Accounts 2018-19 in line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, taking account of the views of the Audit and Standards Committee; ii. Noted the Letter of Representation, which was to be signed by the Interim Section 73; and iii. Approved the Annual Governance Statement for signature by the Mayor and Interim Head of Paid Service. 	Janice Gillespie Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 0191 643 5701 Philip Slater Chief Internal Auditor Newcastle City Council (acting as Risk Advisor for NTCA) Philip.slater@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 211 6511
9. NTCA Budget Proposals 2020-2024	The Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed the draft Corporate budget for 2020-21 as set out in paragraph 1.1 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. 	Janice Gillespie Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk 0191 643 5701

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="573 256 1491 360">ii. Agreed the draft Investment Fund as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. <li data-bbox="573 432 1453 536">iii. Agreed the draft Adult Education Budget as set out in paragraph 1.3 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. <li data-bbox="573 608 1480 751">iv. Agreed the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2020-21 as described in paragraph 1.5 of the report and attached at Appendix A, which would then be subject to consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Committee. <li data-bbox="573 823 1447 895">v. Noted that the Transport Levies would be issued on the 15 February in line with 2019-20 arrangements and amounts. <li data-bbox="573 967 1469 1190">vi. Agreed to hold the level of reserves set out in paragraph 1.8 of the report and noted that the Chief Finance Officer would continue to keep the level of reserves under review as the Authority developed and new information become available about the financial risks facing authority arrangements for managing those risks. 	
10. Organisational Update	<p data-bbox="521 1222 707 1254">The Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="555 1278 1144 1310">i. noted the update on recruitment; and 	John Softly, Interim Monitoring Officer

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	ii. agreed that the role of Head of Paid Service shall rotate between the Chief Executives of the three constituent local authorities on an annual basis as set out in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the report.	john.softly@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 277 7047 Ged Gray, Head of Operational HR Services Ged.Gray@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 212 5201
11. Date and time of next meeting	Tuesday, 28 January 2020 at 2pm	Victoria Miller Democratic Services Officer victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 211 5118