

NORTH OF TYNE

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## COMBINED AUTHORITY

**Cabinet, 30 July 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 8 August 2019.

| Agenda item                        | Decision                            | Contact Officer                                                                                                                                           |
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| 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting | Approved as a correct record.       | Victoria Miller<br>Democratic Services Officer<br><a href="mailto:victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk">victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk</a><br>0191 211 5118 |
| 4. Investment Fund Update          | <b>RESOLVED</b> – That the Cabinet: | Tom Warburton<br>Interim Director of Inclusive Growth<br><a href="mailto:Tom.Warburton@newcastle.gov.uk">Tom.Warburton@newcastle.gov.uk</a>               |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Agreed the funding requests for NUSTEM and Digital Catapult proposals as part of the STEM and Digital Skills Programme as set out in section 1.2 of the report.</li> <li>ii. Agreed £455,626 to support the Newcastle Helix Incubator and Accelerator project.</li> <li>iii. Agreed a £618,472 allocation of the Inclusive Economy Innovation Fund to deliver a Returnships programme.</li> <li>iv. Authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding awards and authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.</li> <li>v. Agreed that the Combined Authority should proceed with the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) application as Accountable Body for the Urban Element of the North of Tyne Growth Fund.</li> <li>vi. Acknowledged ongoing development work on the Investment Fund, including development of the project pipeline, commissioned a feasibility study into a regional bank and endorsed the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Teacher Initiative.</li> </ul> |  |
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|                             | <p>vii. Endorsed further development work of the NE-CHAIN proposition and supported Newcastle University's bid into Government's Strength in Places Fund, subject to final approval by the Head of Paid Service.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5. Local Full Fibre Network | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Welcomed the award of £12m funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) for the Northumberland Gigabit Project.</li> <li>ii. Agreed that NTCA enter the Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) assurance process, including the provision of relevant procurement and Project information.</li> <li>iii. Authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and the Head of Finance, to finalise, agree and execute (a) a grant agreement with DCMS for the receipt of the funding for the Northumberland Gigabit project and (b) an agreement with Northumberland County Council relating to the release and defrayal of that funding.</li> <li>iv. Approved in principle a budget of up to £550k to support delivery of the NTCA Digital Infrastructure Programme (which will include progressing the Northumberland Gigabit project through the assurance process) and authorised the Interim Head of Paid service, in consultation with the Investment Panel, to consider and approve the allocation of that budget</li> </ul> | <p>Tom Warburton<br/>Interim Director of Inclusive Growth<br/><a href="mailto:Tom.Warburton@newcastle.gov.uk">Tom.Warburton@newcastle.gov.uk</a></p> |

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|                                                                                | <p>from the Investment Fund following the submission of a full business case.</p> <p>v. Noted the development of the Urban Gigabit Project and that a further update would be provided once proposals were finalised.</p>                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>6. Annual Financial Report 2018/19</p> <p>2018/19 Statement of Accounts</p> | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That the Cabinet:</p> <p>i. noted the report; and</p> <p>ii. agreed that Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd. be asked to appoint a replacement local auditor for NTCA and authorised the Chief Finance Officer to take all necessary steps to formalise the appointment of a new local auditor.</p> | <p>Janice Gillespie<br/>Chief Finance Officer<br/><a href="mailto:Janice.gillespie@northoftyne-ca.org.uk">Janice.gillespie@northoftyne-ca.org.uk</a></p>                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>7. 2019/20 Q1 Financial Management Report</p>                               | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That the Cabinet:</p> <p>i. noted the forecast budget monitoring position for the authority as set out in paragraphs 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 of the report; and</p> <p>ii. approved the use of the EU grant as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.</p>                                                   | <p>Janice Gillespie<br/>Chief Finance Officer<br/><a href="mailto:Janice.gillespie@northoftyne-ca.org.uk">Janice.gillespie@northoftyne-ca.org.uk</a></p> <p>Donna Martin<br/>Principal Accountant<br/><a href="mailto:Donna.Martin@northoftyne-ca.org.uk">Donna.Martin@northoftyne-ca.org.uk</a></p> |

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| 8. Adult Education Budget Devolution update | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – That the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Welcomed the progress being made on devolving the Adult Education Budget; and</li> <li>ii. Approved the proposed approach and next steps.</li> </ul> | <p>Leigh Mills<br/> Head of Inclusive Growth<br/> <a href="mailto:Leigh.Mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk">Leigh.Mills@northoftyne-ca.gov.uk</a><br/> 07855 100179</p>       |
| 9. Date and Time of Next Meeting            | To be confirmed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Victoria Miller<br/> Democratic Services Officer<br/> <a href="mailto:victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk">victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk</a><br/> 0191 211 5118</p> |