

Cabinet, 12 March 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 22 March 2019.

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer
1. Apologies for Absence (Members)	n/a	
2. Declarations of Interest	n/a	John Softly Interim Monitoring Officer john.softly@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 277 7047

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Approved as a correct record.	Victoria Miller Democratic Services Officer victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 211 5118
4. Investment Fund Update	<p>RESOLVED – That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Cabinet approved the following funding awards: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. £1,265,307 (over 4 years) to Northumberland County Council for the North of Tyne Rural Business Growth Investment Fund; ii. £175,000 to Northumberland County Council for the Northumberland to Newcastle Line – Economic Transformation Masterplan; iii. £75,000 to Northumberland County Council for the Local Full Fibre Network; iv. £200,000 to North Tyneside Council for the North Shields masterplan and Business Case Development Study. v. £48,965 to Northern Stage for the Raby Street Creative Hub Feasibility and Business Plan; 2) The Cabinet 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; 3) The Cabinet approved a budget of up to £1,250,000 over 3 years for the STEM and Digital Skills Programme as set out in section 1.4 of the report, and authorised the Interim Head of 	<p>Tom Warburton NTCA Interim Director of Inclusive Economy Tom.Warburton@newcastle.gov.uk</p> <p>Rob Hamilton NTCA Interim Head of Investment and Economic Growth Rob.Hamilton@newcastle.gov.uk</p>

	<p>Paid Service, in consultation with the Interim Mayor and portfolio holder for Education Improvement, to finalise and publish the call documentation;</p> <p>4) The Cabinet authorised the Interim Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Interim Mayor and relevant Portfolio Holders, to commission the Investment Fund development work and any other steps as set out in section 1.5 of the report;</p> <p>5) The Cabinet authorised the Interim Head of Paid service, in consultation with the Interim Mayor and relevant portfolio holders, to agree an allocation of funding to support a North of Tyne stage of the 2019 Tour of Britain Cycling event as set out in section 1.6 of the report, subject to the normal appraisal processes.</p>	
<p>5. 2019-2022 Financial Plan and Budget (including Appointment of External Auditor)</p>	<p>RESOLVED – That the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed the Corporate Budget for 2019/20 as set out in Paragraph 1.1; ii. Agreed the Investment Fund Budget as set out in paragraph 1.4; iii. Agreed the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 as described in paragraph 1.6 and attached at Appendix A; iv. Noted that the Transport Levies were issued on the 15 February as required; v. Agreed to hold the level of reserves set out in paragraph 1.9 and noted that the Chief Finance Officer would continue to keep the level of reserves under review as the Authority 	<p>Janice Gillespie Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtynside.gov.uk 0191 643 5701</p>

	<p>developed and new information became available about the financial risks facing the authority's arrangements for managing those risks; and</p> <p>vi. Agreed the appointment of Ernst Young as the External Auditor for the financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20 (Paragraph 1.13)</p>	
6. Update on North of Tyne Combined Authority Mayoral Election	<p>RESOLVED – That the Cabinet:</p> <p>i. noted the progress made in preparing for the Mayoral Election; and</p> <p>ii. confirmed the appointment of Pat Ritchie, Interim Head of Paid Service, as the Combined Authority Returning Officer (CARO).</p>	<p>John Softly Interim Monitoring Officer john.softly@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 277 7047</p>
9. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Wednesday, 24 April 2019 at 2pm.	<p>Victoria Miller Democratic Services Officer victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 211 5118</p>