



Cabinet, 5 February 2019

Decisions Notification

Please Note: In accordance with the Constitution of the Combined Authority, key decisions will not be implemented pending any call-in.

Date of Publication: 8 February 2019

Any valid requests for call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 15 February 2019.

Agenda item	Decision	Contact Officer
1. Apologies for Absence (Members)	None (Councillor N Forbes withdrew from the meeting for the consideration of agenda item 6).	

2. Declarations of Interest	Councillor N Forbes declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The proposal to create an Inward Investment Grant Fund with an initial budget of £1m per annum be approved; ii. Approval of the detailed criteria and full business case required for the implementation of the Inward Investment Grant Fund be delegated to the Acting Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Interim Mayor and the Chief Finance Officer; iii. The high-level criteria set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report for the Business Case Development Fund be approved; iv. The proposal to consider supporting bids that made progress through the Future High Street Fund bidding process be approved; v. The proposed commissions outlined in paragraph 1.4 of the report be approved. 	<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>4 (a) NTCA Investment Fund Update – Supplemental Brexit Update</p>	<p>RESOLVED – That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The action plan as set out in section 2 of the report be approved; ii. The Acting Head of Paid Service be authorised, in consultation with the Interim Mayor, relevant Portfolio Holders and the Chief Finance Officer, to undertake the necessary steps to deliver the action plan as set out in section 2 of the report and explore any further actions needed as the Government’s plans for Brexit further materialise. 	<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>5. 2019-2022 Financial Plan and Budget</p>	<p>RESOLVED – That the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed the Draft Corporate Budget for 2019/20, including the allocation from devolved funds to form the basis of consultation ending 4 March; and agreed that an updated version would be presented to the Cabinet on 12 March 2019; ii. Agreed the Draft Investment Fund as set out in paragraph 1.4 of the report to form the basis of consultation ending 4 March; and that an updated version would be presented to the Cabinet on 12 March 2019; iii. Noted the Transport Prudential Indicators and MRP Policy as set out in Appendix C; iv. Noted the decision taken by the North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC) with regard to the Transport Budget and 	<p>Janice Gillespie Chief Finance Officer Janice.gillespie@northtyneside.gov.uk 0191 643 5701</p>

	<p>Levies for 2019/20 as referenced in paragraph 1.5 of the report and Appendix A, and issued the following levies in accordance with that decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Newcastle City Council £16,002,955 b. North Tyneside Council £11,060,540 c. Northumberland County Council £6,104,370 <p>v. Noted that the Authority would transfer the levy income from Newcastle City Council and North Tyneside Council to NECA as the accountable body for the JTC in order to meet costs relating to the Tyne and Wear area;</p> <p>vi. Noted that the Authority would make arrangements to administer payment of a transport revenue grant of £6,094,370 to Northumberland County Council for the delivery of transport services, as agreed by the JTC;</p> <p>vii. Noted that the Authority would issue the Transport Grant to Northumberland Country Council (£6,094,370) and make a £10,000 contribution to NECA in respect of Northumberland County Council's contribution to the costs of the JTC;</p> <p>viii. Agreed the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 as described in paragraph 1.6 and attached at Appendix B;</p> <p>ix. Agreed to hold the level of reserves set out in paragraph 1.11 of the report and noted that the Chief Finance Officer continued to keep the level of reserves under review as the Authority developed and new information become available about the</p>	
--	---	--

	<p>financial risks facing the Authority's arrangements for managing those risks; and</p> <p>x. Agreed that the independent Auditor Panel which had been previously established to advise on the appointment of a Local Auditor to Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council and Northumberland County Council was approved to act as the independent Auditor Panel on behalf of the North of Tyne Combined Authority.</p>	
6. Mayoral Allowance	<p>RESOLVED – That:</p> <p>i. The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel regarding the amount of the Elected Mayor's allowance be noted;</p> <p>ii. An allowance of £65,000 be payable to the Elected Mayor of the North of Tyne Combined Authority; and</p> <p>iii. The allowance of the North of Tyne Combined Authority Mayor be reviewed by the Independent Remuneration Panel in one year's time, with a recommendation to be reported back to the Combined Authority Cabinet at the appropriate time.</p>	<p>John Softly Interim Monitoring Officer john.softly@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 277 7047</p>
7. Governance Update	<p>RESOLVED – That:</p> <p>i. Andrew Hodgson be appointed as a Cabinet member nominated by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP) and</p>	<p>John Softly Interim Monitoring Officer john.softly@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 277 7047</p>

	<p>Mark Thompson be appointed as a substitute Cabinet member nominated by the NELEP;</p> <p>ii. Douglas Ross be appointed as the Independent Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee; and</p> <p>iii. Eric Richards be appointed as an Independent Person for the purposes of the standards regime.</p>	
8. Transport for the North (TfN) update (Overview of the Strategic Transport Plan)	RESOLVED – That the Transport for the North’s (TfN) Strategic Transport Plan be endorsed in advance of it being considered by TfN’s Board on the 7th February 2019.	<p>Tobyn Hughes Managing Director Transport North East 0191 203 3246 tobyn.hughes@nexus.org.uk</p>
9. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 2pm.	<p>Victoria Miller Democratic Services Officer victoria.miller@newcastle.gov.uk 0191 211 5118</p>