

Record of Delegated Decision by Officer

Decision Title:

Crowdfund North East Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Key

If the decision is Key, has the decision been published on the Forward Plan?

No – special urgency exception notice published 24 April 2020

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

No.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that this decision should be exempt from call-in for the reasons set out.

Decision:

Acting as the Accountable Body to the North East LEP, to enter into all necessary contractual agreements to enable the Crowdfund North East LEP fund to be created and become operational.

Reasons for Urgency

The North East LEP Board has agreed (through delegated authority given to its Chair and Vice Chairs) to create the Crowdfund North East LEP fund which will create a £1m fund to provide grants of up to £5,000 of match funding grant to an estimated 200 businesses in the North East LEP areas who are Crowdfunding to raise essential funds to ensure they can survive the current economic difficulties created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Any delays in setting up this fund will likely reduce the potential for the fund to provide much needed financial support and could mean loss of employment and failure of businesses.

Delegation:

HPS11 in Part 2.9 of the Constitution allows the Head of Paid Service:

To take an urgent decision where a decision needs to be made urgently and it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the Cabinet or relevant committee or subcommittee of the Authority, in consultation with the Chair (or in their absence a Vice Chair) of the Cabinet or relevant committee or subcommittee, the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer.

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Consultation:

Mayor	Yes
Head of Paid Service:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Chief Finance Officer:	Yes

Name and Title of the Decision-Maker:

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24 April 2020