

Record of Delegated Decision by Officer

Decision Title:

Unlocking Sustainable Future Homes through Collaboration – next steps of the North of Tyne Housing and Land Board

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Key

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

Yes

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

Yes

Decision:

1. Approve the commissioning of a three-part piece of work from an external provider that would support the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) and Local Authority capacity in the following specific areas:
 - a. Work collaboratively with Local Authorities (and in line with the current status of Local Plans) to develop a strategic pipeline or ‘prospectus’ of future sites. This directly addresses a lack of capacity identified by LA officers; and would focus on strategic alignment with NTCA priorities.
 - b. Subject to successful completion of the above, conduct a more detailed feasibility study into the NoT pipeline, its underlying infrastructure requirements, and the specific barriers to viability (eg the need for brownfield remediation) that may benefit from NTCA and Homes England co-investment.
 - c. Approve funding to support our three Local Authorities to create a Joint Infrastructure Delivery Statement as outlined in the NoT Devolution Deal. This will be based on the Infrastructure Delivery plans of each Local Authority, plus Government infrastructure plans and wider ambitions for the region.
2. Approve the commissioning of a separate, discrete piece of externally commissioned work on options for co-investment in the quality and sustainability of current housing stock and ways we can work with partners to support the decarbonisation agenda.
3. Approve ongoing partnership working between North of Tyne Combined Authority and Homes England which builds on the principles and next steps below, and which will be ‘launched’ at a future Housing and Land Board.

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4. Approve up to £500,000 for the initial work noted above, and delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service, in collaboration with the Investment Panel and H&L Board Chair, to finalise the commissioning and delivery arrangements.

Delegation:

A decision on this matter was published on the Forward Plan to be made at the Cabinet meeting to be held on 28 April 2020. Due to restrictions imposed by central government in response to the Coronavirus pandemic the meeting was cancelled.

Standing 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.

It has been agreed with Mayor Driscoll, as Chair of Cabinet, the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer that all the decisions expected to be made at Cabinet on 28 April 2020 will now be made by the Head of Paid Service as Delegated Decisions in accordance with HPS11 to ensure the efficient conduct of the Authority's business.

Consultation:

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| Mayor: | Yes |
| Portfolio Holder: | Yes |
| Head of Paid Service: | Yes |
| Monitoring Officer: | Yes |
| Chief Finance Officer: | Yes |

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