

# Record of Delegated Decision by Officer

**Decision Title:**

North East LEP Project Funding Decisions (September 2022)

**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:**

The Head of Paid Service is recommended to authorise NTCA, acting on behalf of the North East LEP:

1. To vary an existing Getting Building Fund (GBF) grant to increase the grant from £2m to £2,753,100 for Gateshead Council's, Gateshead Quays Multi Storey Car Park project. In addition to reduce the GBF grant to the Gateshead Quays Link Road project from £5m to £4,321,760.
2. To approve £4.5m North East Investment Fund (NEIF) budget investment into the North East Fund, made as a repayable grant, is extended to 31 March 2025.
3. To approve £4.5m North East Investment Fund (NEIF) budget following March 2025, is reinvested as a long-term, up to 15 years repayable grant into a successor North East Access to Finance fund, subject to other North East legacy fund contributions also continuing to be recycled and committed.
4. To vary existing Local Growth Fund (LGF) and Enterprise Zone (EZ) funding agreements for Sunderland City Council's International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) project to reflect revised expenditure, funding, milestone and KPI profiles.<sup>1</sup>
5. To delegate any future necessary funding programme amendments on IAMP to the North East LEP Investment Board.
6. To approve £75,000 Enterprise Zone (EZ) fund grant to Newcastle International Airport from the EZ development fund.

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7. To commence a procurement process for a digital development company to support the development and management of the North East LEP's digital infrastructure, and subsequently:
- To delegate authority to Helen Golightly, Chief Executive in consultation with the NTCA Monitoring Officer and S73 Officer to award a contract up to the value of £250,000 per annum for two years with the option to extend for a further two years (£1m total) for an appointed digital development company
  - For the Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary paperwork to finalise and issue the award of contract for an appointed digital development company

As set out in the attached confidential report. Please note the report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

### Delegation:

Cabinet meeting on 2 June 2020 – Minute 73

### Consultation:

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

### Name and Title of the Decision-Maker:

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