

Record of Delegated Decision by Officer

Decision Title:

North East LEP Project Funding Decisions (July 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 enter into a grant funding agreement for Enterprise Zone (EZ) funding and award £2.6 million (subject to conditions) to Durham County Council to deliver Phase 2 of the Jade Enterprise Zone Phase 2 infrastructure works project.
2. To vary an existing Local Growth Fund (LGF) grant to allocate £15,108 additional grant to Transport North East's (NECA) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure scheme to meet additional grid connection costs.
3. To accept £800,000 per annum for the next three years of Section 31 funding from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to support the Made Smarter Project, and:
 - a. Approve entry into a Partnership Agreement with the Tees Valley Combined Authority to undertake the project;
 - b. For the Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary paperwork and finalise an award of contract for an appointed Fund Manager to distribute grant aid to SMEs within a budget of up to £115,000 over three years;
 - c. To delegate to the North East LEP Chief Executive in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in line with the requirements of the Made Smarter Project.

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As set out in the attached confidential report.

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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

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