

Cabinet

22 March 2022

Decisions Notification

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

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Any valid requests for call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 30 March 2022.

Item	Decision
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Approved as a correct record.
5. Getting Stuff Done - NTCA Annual Report	Cabinet endorsed the report.
6. Devolved Adult Education Budget mid-year update	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the progress which had been made in terms of the Devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) delivery for the first half of the Academic Year 2021-22 (1 August 2021 to 4 February 2022); and endorsed the approach to managing AEB delivery for the remainder of this year and into Academic Year 2022-2023. 2. Approved the proposal for a procured Provider Framework detailed in section 1.9 of the report; and authorised the Managing Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion and Skills, to approve subsequent Call-off contracts and associated funding allocations for adult education providers on the Framework.
7. Skills Programmes	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the existing delegation in place for the NTCA Chief Finance Officer to accept grant offers on behalf of the Authority, subject to all the terms and conditions set out by the grant awarding body.

	<p>2. Authorised the Managing Director, in consultation with the Chief Finance officer and Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion and Skills, to approve the commissioning approach for Skills Bootcamps detailed in paragraph 1.2.10 of the report and the commissioning approach for any subsequent new Skills funding received from the Department for Education to NTCA.</p>
<p>8. Investment Fund Update and Funding Approvals</p>	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted progress to date on the Investment Fund, achievement of key milestones and ongoing project development work, particularly in respect of the creation of new jobs for residents as a direct result of the NTCA investments. 2. Approved £1.3m of funding for the North of Tyne Innovation Recovery Grant (Phase 2), where the lead delivery partner was Northumberland Business Services Ltd. 3. Approved the overall approach to Culture and Creative Zones and an allocation of £5.235m until March 2028, which incorporated the £1.5m already allocated until March 2023 and included the following projects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. approved £1.695m of funding for North Shields Cultural Quarter, which would be led by North Tyneside City Council. b. approved £1.7m of funding for Newcastle Culture and Creative Zone – Clayton Street Corridor, which would be led by Newcastle City Council. c. delegated authority to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Mayor, appropriate Cabinet Member and Investment Panel, to approve funding for the Berwick Culture and Creative proposal led by Northumberland County Council, subject to satisfactory completion of a full business case. d. delegated authority to the Managing Director to approve relevant programme-level expenditure relating to Culture and Creative Zone programme. 4. Approved £6million of funding for the Towns and High Streets Innovation Programme, which would be delivered by the North of Tyne Combined Authority and Local Authorities; and delegated authority to the Managing Director to agree delivery arrangements for up to £1.9million to each Local Authority; and the remainder to be retained by the NTCA for area-wide activities and programme co-ordination. 5. Noted that the NTCA had received an additional £8 million of Brownfield Housing Funding from Government; and delegated authority to the Managing Director and the Interim Monitoring Officer to enter into an agreement with DLUHC for this funding. Delegating approval to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Mayor, appropriate Cabinet Member and Investment

	<p>Panel, to make subsequent project approvals, subject to satisfactory completion of full business cases.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Approved £374,816 of funding for Community Engagement Platform Development, which would be led by the NTCA. 7. Approved £82,000 of business case development funding for Northumbria Healthcare Trust to further develop their Innovation Hub. 8. Authorised the Managing Director to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding awards; and authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation. 9. Agreed to commence a procurement exercise to identify an equity fund manager; and delegated authority to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Interim Monitoring Officer, to award the contract in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.
9. Child Poverty Prevention Programme	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted initial progress of a Child Poverty Prevention Programme for the North of Tyne. 2. Delegated authority to approve grant funding as part of the agreed Child Poverty Prevention Programme to the Managing Director in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer and Cabinet Member for Education, Inclusion and Skills. 3. Supported the call on the Government for a 6% increase in benefits.
10. North East Local Enterprise Partnership - Funding Decisions Update	Cabinet noted the report.
11. Date and Time of the Next Meeting	Tuesday, 7 June 2022 at 2pm.
12. Exclusion of Press and Public	There was no exclusion of press and public.
13. North East Local Enterprise Partnership - Funding Decisions Update: Appendix to the report	n/a