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Decision Title:

North East LEP Project Funding Decisions (July 2021)

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. To issue a grant funding letter on behalf of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (North East LEP) to reallocate £710,988 funding made up of NEIF, Enterprise Zone and clawback from CPIF to the North East LEP Investment Team to allow for overprogramming to deliver the Commercial Property Investment Fund Project.
2. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a Commercial Property Investment Fund Pilot incentive GBF grant award of £750,000 to Portland House Development Company Newcastle Limited to develop the Portland House project.
3. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a Commercial Property Investment Fund Pilot incentive GBF grant award of £848,921 to Hanro Group to develop the Gilbridge Police Station project.
4. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a Commercial Property Investment Fund Pilot incentive GBF grant award of £731,818 to UK Land Estates Ltd for the Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate Phase III project.
5. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a Commercial Property Investment Fund Pilot incentive GBF grant award of

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£994,254 to TyneExe Commercial Ltd for the Air View Park Phase 2a and 2b project.

6. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a Commercial Property Investment Fund Pilot incentive GBF grant award of £448,625 to Project Genesis Limited for the Bessemar Court project.
7. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £150,000 to NEXUS for the North Shields Ferry Landing Renewal and Relocation project.
8. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £147,000 to Transport North East for the Access Transformation NE: Business Case Development project.
9. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £150,000 to Sunderland City Council for the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) - Microgrid Demonstrator project.
10. To enter into a grant funding agreement to provide a North East LEP Project Development Accelerator Fund grant award of £150,000 to Sunderland City Council for the Housing Innovation & Construction Skills Academy (HICSA) project.
11. To vary an existing agreement of a NEIF loan extending the final draw down date for Solar Capture Technologies Ltd for the Social Capture Technologies project from 30 August 2021 to 31 December 2021.
12. If required, in relation to a request to waive clawback conditions, novate the grant funding agreement for the Local Growth Fund (LGF) Programme, Northumberland College STEM Centre project from the North East Combined Authority, should a variation to grant funding conditions be necessary.

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13. Subject to the outcome of grant funding applications submitted for Community Renewal Funding (CRF), to enter into grant funding agreements with the appropriate awarding authority to deliver the Challenge North East Programme and Future Markets Acceleration Programme, as outlined below:

Challenge North East:

- a. Durham County Council, up to £500,116
- b. Gateshead Council, up to £ 201,277
- c. Sunderland Council, up to £201,277

Future Markets Acceleration Programme:

- a. Gateshead Council and Sunderland Council, up to £368,527

14. Subject to the outcome of a grant application of funding from the North of Tyne Investment Fund, issue a grant offer letter up to £500,116 for the Challenge North East Programme to the North East LEP

As set out in the attached confidential report.

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

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