

**Cabinet**

**30 November 2021**

**Decisions Notification**

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

**Date of Publication:** 1 December 2021

Any valid requests for call-in must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 5pm on 8 December 2021.

| Item   | Decision   |
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| 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting                                       | Approved as a correct record.  |
| 5. Adult Education Budget – first year update and look ahead to year two | Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the progress which had been made in terms of Adult Education Budget (AEB) delivery for the first academic year (1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021) of devolution.</li> <li>2. Endorsed the approach to managing AEB delivery for the second academic year (1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022).</li> </ol>   |
| 6. Future High Streets Challenge   | Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supported the development and launch of the North of Tyne Future High Street Challenge, which would work with partners and local communities to develop new ways of working and unlock investment to transform our historic town centres and high streets.</li> <li>2. Agreed an allocation of up to £500,000 from the North of Tyne Investment Fund to establish a Technical Capacity Fund, subject to the development of a business case, to support this work.</li> <li>3. Authorised the Managing Director, in consultation with the Investment Panel, the Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Housing, Land and Development, to consider and approve the business case for the technical capacity fund; and authorised the Managing Director to agree how the Fund</li> </ol> |

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|   | would be deployed and how the next steps of this project would be brought forward.  |
| 7. Investment Fund Update                       | <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted progress to date on the Investment Fund, achievement of key milestones and ongoing development work, particularly in respect of the creation of new jobs for residents as a direct result of our investments.</li> <li>2. Noted the launch of the Green New Deal Fund.</li> <li>3. Approved next steps for the £15m Access to Finance programme, including the objectives set out in the report and proposals to start formal engagement with potential delivery partners.</li> <li>4. Approved additional funding of £1m for the North of Tyne Events Programme, to develop the pipeline for post 2023, establish an events' scale up programme and develop the existing pipeline to maintain pace. This would be implemented using the existing Events Programme arrangements.</li> <li>5. Authorised the Managing Director to finalise the conditions to be attached to the above funding award; and authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to complete the necessary documentation.</li> </ol> |
| 8. Good Work Pledge – update and next steps     | Cabinet noted the progress made by the Good Work Pledge scheme in Year 1 and endorsed the plans for Year 2.   |
| 9. 2021/22 Quarter 2 NTCA Budget Monitor Report | Cabinet noted the forecast budget monitoring position for the Combined Authority as set out in paragraphs 1.2 – 1.6 of the report and the reserves position as set out in paragraph 1.7 of the report.  |
| 10. 2022-2026 NTCA Budget Proposals             | <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed the draft Corporate Budget for 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>2. Agreed the draft Investment Fund as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>3. Agreed the draft Adult Education Budget as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>4. Agreed the Brownfield Land Programme Budget as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report, which would then be subject to consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> </ol>   |

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|  | <p>5. Noted that the Tyne and Wear levies would be issued on the 15 February 2022.</p> <p>6. Agreed to hold the reserves set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report and noted that the Chief Finance Officer continued to keep the level of resources under review as the Authority developed and new information became available about the financial risks facing authority arrangements for managing risks.</p> <p>7. Noted the North East LEP Accountable Body Budget, paragraph 2.6 of the report.</p>         |
| 11. NTCA Borrowing Powers and Debt Cap Agreement 2021-2022             | <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorised the completion of an agreement with central government as to the maximum borrowing permitted (debt cap) for 2021/22 of nil;</li> <li>2. Gave consent to the making of the necessary regulations by central government; and</li> <li>3. Authorised the Managing Director, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, to take all necessary steps to give effect to the recommendations above.</li> </ol> |
| 12.<br>In-Year Appointments to the Housing and Land Board              | <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed the in-year appointments to the Housing and Land Board as set out in paragraph 1.1.2 of the report; and</li> <li>2. Delegated authority to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Housing and Land Board Chair (i.e. the Cabinet Member for Housing, Land and Development), to agree future in-year changes to the membership of the Housing and Land Board.</li> </ol>   |
| 12 (a)<br>In year appointments – Chair of Inclusive Economy Board      | <p>Cabinet appointed Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson as Chair of the Inclusive Economy Board.</p>  |
| 13. North East Local Enterprise Partnership – Funding Decisions Update | <p>Cabinet noted the report which provided information on the work and funding decisions of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (North East LEP) over the last four months.</p>   |
| 14. Date and Time of the Next Meeting                                  | <p>Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 2pm.</p>   |