

Cabinet

17 September 2024

Decision Notice

In accordance with the requirements of the Authority’s Constitution, notice is given that Cabinet made the decisions set out below at its meeting held on 17 September 2024.

These decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication of this notice (“the call-in period”), unless a valid request for call-in is received during the call-in period.

This decision notice was published on 18 September 2024. The call-in period will expire at 5pm on Wednesday 25 September 2024.

Further information regarding the Cabinet and its decisions can be obtained from the Authority’s website www.northeast-ca.gov.uk or from Michael Robson (email: michael.robson@northeast-ca.gov.uk).

Reference and Title	Decision
C30/9/24 Mayor’s Opportunity Fund	Resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the creation of the Mayor’s Opportunity Fund be approved; and authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and Finance and Investment Board, to finalise the arrangements for the set-up of the fund, and to put the appropriate delivery mechanisms in place.
C31/9/24 North East Local Transport Plan (LTP)	Resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the consultation draft of the Local Transport Plan (LTP), Delivery Plan and summary document be endorsed; Cabinet notes that an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) will be independently produced and will be subject to pre-consultation with bodies named in Government guidance prior to the start of public consultation on the LTP; the proposed LTP consultation approach, as set out in paragraph 6 of the Director of Transport’s report, be endorsed and the budget allocated for the exercise as described in the financial implications section of the report be noted; and authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, the Cabinet Member for Transport, and the Monitoring Officer, to finalise all relevant documents and consultation materials and to undertake a formal public consultation on them.
C32/9/24 North East Combined Authority Child Poverty Reduction Unit	Resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the convening of a Child Poverty Reduction Summit which will bring together stakeholders as part of a cross-regional call to action and the scoping of a long-term approach be agreed;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. the establishment in principle of a North East Combined Authority Child Poverty Reduction Unit and authorise officers to work with stakeholders on its design and delivery agenda be approved; and 3. an indicative early budget allocation of £500k be agreed – specific investments from which are delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor, Portfolio Holder and Finance and Investment Board, in line with the Single Assurance Framework.
<p>C33/9/24 Unlocking Finance for North East Businesses to start and to grow</p>	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the approach to unlocking finance for North East businesses to start, and to grow, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive, and recommended for approval by North East CA Finance and Investment Board, be endorsed; 2. £70m of North East CA Investment Fund be allocated, which is expected to unlock over £350m of investment in regional businesses over 15 years, to implement these proposals; 3. the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders, be authorised to undertake the next steps and take decisions relating to implementation of the proposals, in line with the parameters approved by North East CA Finance and Investment Board, which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finalisation of the investment strategy and funding arrangements for the fund(s); and • overseeing required procurement processes to be conducted by the North East Fund Limited, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer 4. on conclusion of the procurement, and prior to award of contracts to successful bidders, Cabinet receive a proposal for approval and award of funding, setting out the outputs and outcomes which will be achieved. 5. Cabinet receive a future report on the overall status of financial arrangements now under the control of the North East CA, including legacy arrangements, and proposals on how they may be streamlined in terms of their operation, including any required changes to the governance structures of the North East Fund Ltd to facilitate the approach set out.
<p>C34/9/24 Audit Update</p>	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the former North of Tyne Combined Authority's Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2023/24 be noted; 2. the Internal Audit Annual Report 2023/24 in relation to the former North East Combined Authority and Joint Transport Committee be noted; 3. the progress made by the North East CA in establishing its Audit and Standards Committee and its intention to prepare and present to Cabinet an Annual Report at the conclusion of 2024/25 be noted; and 4. Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd be asked to appoint a local auditor for the North East CA and the Director of Finance and Investment be authorised to take all necessary steps to formalise the appointment of a local auditor.
<p>C35/9/24 North East Combined Authority Risk Management Framework and</p>	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the North East Combined Authority's Risk Management Framework be agreed; and 2. the current strategic risks, scoring and proposed management actions be agreed.

Strategic Risk Management	
C36/9/24 2023/24 Outturn Position for the North of Tyne Combined Authority, North East Combined Authority, North East Local Enterprise Partnership, Invest North East England and the Joint Transport Committee	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the revenue and capital outturn position for 2023/24 be noted; 2. the outturn treasury management report and Prudential Indicators be noted; and 3. the forecast reserve position on 6 May 2024 be noted.
C37/9/24 Performance Management Framework	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the proposed process for the creation of the North East Combined Authority's Performance Management Framework be noted; and 2. the performance data in relation to Nexus and the Tyne Tunnels be noted.
C38/9/24 Appointment of Substitute CVS Member	<p>Resolved that Kate Burrows be appointed as the Substitute Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) Member of Cabinet.</p>