

**Decision Title:**

North East High Streets Commission – Early Evidence Base and Development of Priorities

**Is this decision Key or Non-key?**

Non-key

**If the decision is Key, has the decision been published on the Forward Plan?**

Not applicable

**Is this decision subject to Call-in?**

No

**Decision:****Option 1: Non-confidential decision:**

Approve:

- i. the use of up to £150,000 Trailblazer RDEL to establish The North East High Streets Commission, including its secretariat, who will convene meetings and capture findings, as well as commissioning work to assist the Commission in its development of a new model for High Streets intervention.
- ii. the award of £100,000 each to Durham County Council, Gateshead Council, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council to deliver their initial local High Street priorities.

**Delegation:**

Decision No C64/01/25 (b and c) of the Cabinet Meeting of 28 January 2025, Cabinet resolved to:

b. Agree that £700,000 of Trailblazer revenue resources are allocated to build the initial local priorities and inform the development of a programme of intervention for our highstreets, with delegated authority to the Chief Executive to award this funding to the Local Authorities as delivery partners, in accordance with the North East CA financial regulations and assurance procedures. c. Agree that £150,000 of Trailblazer revenue funding is allocated to support the establishment, secretariat, evidence base and work of the North East High Streets Commission, with delegated authority to the Chief Executive to take all necessary steps to implement these proposals

Decision No C24/7/24(3) of the Cabinet Meeting of 30 July 2024, Cabinet resolved that 'delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to progress subsequent business cases and make investment decisions associated with the activity described within the Strategic Portfolio Plans, in consultation with the Mayor and relevant Portfolio Holder, subject to the following thresholds which are included within the adopted Single Assurance Framework:

- Investment approvals over £500k and up to £1m are to be approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with Technical Officers Group, the S73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, under the Cabinet approved delegated authority.

**Consultation:**

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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**Date of signing 08/04/2025.....** 