

Decision Title:

Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 – Programme and Opening Match

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:**

1. Approve the following funding award, and authorise entry into required agreements to facilitate approvals, as set out in this report:

- A total of £500,000 of investment funding to be awarded to Sunderland City Council to deliver the Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 – Programme and Opening Match.

2. Authorise the Director of Finance and Investment and Monitoring Officer to prepare the necessary documentation and enter into contract with the lead applicants (Sunderland City Council).

Delegation:

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 up to £500k are to be approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, under the Cabinet approved delegated authority.'

Decision No C49/11/24(5) of the Cabinet Meeting of 26 November 2024, Cabinet resolved to 'allocate funding to invest in improving community participation in upcoming major regional sporting events, providing a test case for the Region of Sport concept, and to delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive in accordance with the Single Assurance Framework to make investment decisions in relation to the funding allocated: a. £0.5m to support delivery of the inaugural match at the Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 in Sunderland, including a comprehensive programme of community engagement and legacy benefit, testing the principles of the Region of Sport.'

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes

Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes
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