

Decision Title:

Multiple Project Extensions

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:**

The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Finance, the Mayor and relevant Cabinet Member (s) and in accordance with the scheme of delegation, is recommended to approve the following funding awards, and authorise entry into required agreements to facilitate approvals, as set out in this report:

- i. An extension of £250,000 of North East CA Investment Fund for the I0068: SME Digital Adoption (Digital Catapult) project in line with the Project Change Request provided by Digital Catapult. The activity will be delivered between June 2024 and March 2025.
- ii. An extension of £334,032 of North East CA Investment Fund for three Inward Investment Capacity Fund projects covering the period between April 2024 and March 2025 consisting of:
 - **I0041: Inward Investment Capacity Fund - Newcastle** (Newcastle City Council) – £150,012 Extension award.
 - **I0042: Inward Investment Capacity Fund – North Tyneside** (North Tyneside Council) – £85,320 Extension award.
 - **I0042: Inward Investment Capacity Fund – North Tyneside** (North Tyneside Council) – £85,320 Extension award.

Delegation:

Decision No 10 (3) of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 March 2024, Cabinet 'approved additional funding allocations for the existing projects, and the commencement of a procurement exercise, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report, and delegated authority to the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer to finalise arrangements, including, where appropriate, agreement of a revised Delivery Plan.'

Minute Number C6/5/24 (4) of the Cabinet meeting held on May 2024, Cabinet resolved that:

- The formal decisions which the former North East Combined Authority and the former North of Tyne Combined Authority made be treated as decisions of the Authority.

North East CA Constitution, Part 2.7 – Scheme of Delegations Section A: General Delegations to all Delegated Officers, GD7 To award and sign a grant offer or agreement within an approved budget up to £500,000.

Decisions are now being taken in line with these delegations.

Consultation:

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

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