

10 June 2025

Decision Notice

In accordance with the requirements of the Authority's Constitution, notice is given that Cabinet, at its meeting held on 10 June 2025, made the decisions set out below.

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 11 June 2025. The call-in period will expire at 5pm on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

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Reference and Title	Decision
C05/06/25 Appointments to Cabinet, Committees and other bodies	<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the appointment by the constituent councils of the members and substitute members set out in Appendix 1; 2. Agree the allocation of Cabinet portfolios set out in Appendix 2 and agree that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder and Mayor, to finalise the terms of reference and membership of each Portfolio Advisory Board; 3. Agree to invite as observers the Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria (and authorise the Chief Executive to finalise these arrangements); 4. Agree the schedule of meetings for the municipal year 2025/26 set out in Appendix 3; 5. Agree the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee set out in Appendix 4; 6. Agree the appointment of Councillor Colin Ferguson as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; 7. Agree the membership of the Audit and Standards Committee set out in Appendix 5; 8. Agree the appointment of members and substitute members to Transport for the North's Board, Partnership Board, Rail North Committee, Scrutiny Committee and General Purposes Committee set out in section 5 of this report, and authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor and relevant

	<p>portfolio holder, to make in-year changes to these appointments; and</p> <p>9. Agree the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of the allowances payable to the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee and the Independent Person appointed for the purposes of the standards regime as set out in section 6 of this report.</p>
<p>C06/06/25</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2024/25</p>	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2024/25 be noted.</p>
<p>C07/06/25</p> <p>Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2024/25</p>	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>The Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2024/25 be noted.</p>
<p>C08/06/25</p> <p>Delivering for the North East: Year One Delivery and Priorities for Year Two</p>	<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The progress made in year one and 2. The priorities for year two be noted.
<p>C09/06/25</p> <p>The Regional Approach to Fulfil Ambitions for the North East Visitor Economy</p>	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the content of the report and agree the proposed approach. 2. Agree that the North East CA shall become a member of a repurposed NGI Ltd in place of the existing local authority members. 3. Agree to provide NGI Ltd with £1.55m of funding from the North East CA Investment Fund to support the transition to a new regional body, based on a redesigned NGI, delivering regional visitor economy activity on the basis set out in this report and authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, to finalise the terms on which this grant funding is to be provided. 4. Receive a further report later this year regarding the outcome of the organisational development work described in this report, proposed next steps and implications for further future investment.
<p>C10/06/25</p> <p>Opportunity for Everyone – Annual Equalities Report 2024-25</p>	<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the annual equality report 2. Approve the new equality objectives for 2025-2028.
<p>C11/06/25</p> <p>Delivering the Mayor's Local Transport Plan</p>	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the capital investments, as outlined in section 1.3 and set out below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. £3.5 million of CRSTS capital funding for the Bus Stop Improvement Programme, with onward approvals of proposals

	<p>to be managed through Finance and Investment Board, in line with the Single Assurance Framework.</p> <p>b. £6 million of CRSTS capital funding for the Connected Stations Programme, with onward approvals of proposals to be managed through Finance and Investment Board, in line with the Single Assurance Framework.</p> <p>c. £4.42 million of capital funding for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Programme, with onward approvals of proposals to be managed through Finance and Investment Board, in line with the Single Assurance Framework.</p> <p>2. Approve the revenue investments, as outlined in section 1.4 and set out below and authorise the Director of Transport to undertake associated procurement activity in accordance with the Authority's Commissioning and Procurement rules:</p> <p>a. £140k of CRSTS capacity funding for the procurement of a study which identifies bus priority infrastructure priorities for investment.</p> <p>b. £130k of CRSTS capacity funding for the procurement of a study which identifies gaps in the active travel network and identifies priorities for investment.</p> <p>c. £120k of CRSTS capacity funding for the procurement of a bike hire feasibility study.</p> <p>d. £100k of CRSTS capacity funding for the procurement of a study which benchmarks the costs of delivering regional capital infrastructure.</p> <p>e. £110k of CRSTS capacity funding to procure an independent assessment of transport schemes proposed to come forward through the CRSTS2 programme.</p>
<p>C12/06/25</p> <p>Creating the Home of Real Opportunity – SHINE Employer Accreditation Programme</p>	<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note and endorse the objectives of Shine. 2. Note the forthcoming engagement initiatives.
<p>C13/06/25</p> <p>Brownfield Housing Programme Fund</p>	<p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the progress made to date in respect of delivering the North East £49m Brownfield Housing Fund Programme. 2. Agree to accept and allocate £17.6m Brownfield Housing Fund resources for 2025/26 from MHCLG to extend delivery of the North East Brownfield Housing Fund Programme and endorse the work programme set out for 2025/26. 3. Agree that the Chief Executive is to progress pipeline development, including procurement processes and award of contracts, for the Brownfield Housing Fund Programme, subsequent business cases and investment decisions in consultation with the Mayor and appropriate Portfolio Holder subject to the thresholds as set out in the Single Assurance Framework and previously agreed by Cabinet, i.e.:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment approvals up to £500k are to be approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the S73 Officer and Monitoring Officer. • Investment approvals over £500k and up to £1 million are approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Technical Officers Group, S73 Officer and Monitoring Officer. • Investment approvals over £1 million and up to and including £5 million are approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Finance and Investment Board, S73 Officer and Monitoring Officer.
C14/06/25 Home of the Green Energy Revolution: Newcastle College Energy Expansion	<p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve in principle the award of funding of up to £8,487,332 from the North East Investment Zone programme for the Newcastle College Energy Academy project, and delegate approval and the finalisation of the funding agreement to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Finance and Investment Board, Section 73 Officer, and Monitoring Officer; and 2. Approve an in-principle allocation from the North East Investment Zone programme to support business investment in the Zone, as set out in the confidential appendix, and delegate approval of the funding and the finalisation of the funding agreement to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Finance and Investment Board, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer.