

Decision Title:

Centre for Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality

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:**

Approval of £75,000 of Investment Fund to be awarded to NGI Limited to procure external expertise to deliver a detailed (Five Case) Business Case that will enable the development of a proposed Centre for Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality.

To authorise the Director of Finance and Investment and Monitoring Officer to prepare the necessary documentation and enter into contract with the lead applicant (NGI Ltd).

Delegation:

Decision No C6/5/24(4) of the Cabinet meeting of 7 May 2024, the North East Combined Authority Cabinet agreed 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.'

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
	Yes

Director of Finance and Investment:	
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