

22 July 2025

Decision Notice

In accordance with the requirements of the Authority's Constitution, notice is given that Cabinet, at its meeting held on 22 July 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 Wednesday 23 July 2025. The call-in period will expire at 5pm on Wednesday 30 July 2025.

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| Reference and Title | Decision |
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| C20/07/25 Delivering the Mayor's Local Transport Plan | <p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the capital investments outlined below, enabling the payment of funding and the establishment of Grant Funding Agreements with Nexus and Newcastle City Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> £6.3 million of capital funding, brought forward from the region's Transport for City Regions funding for the Newcastle City Council, Tyne Bridge Restoration project, subject to the receipt of written agreement from the Department for Transport. £5.9 million of CRSTS capital funding for the Nexus North Shields Ferry Landing scheme Approve £16 million of Bus Service Improvement Plan revenue funding to support bus services, in line with the financial allocations outlined in Section D, enabling the payment of funding and establishment of Grant Funding Agreements with Nexus, Northumberland County Council and Durham County Council. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to progress associated procurement activity and award two concession contracts to replace and operate electric vehicle charge-points on 7 sites outlined in Section 1.4. Agree the draft map of a North East Key Route Network (KRN), outlined at Appendix 1. |
| C21/07/25 New Deal for North East Workers | <p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse the employment and skills strategy 'New Deal for North East Workers' (attached at Appendix 1) for launch in the Autumn, which will be followed by the development of detailed action plans for the 4 priority areas. Approve the proposal set out in paragraph 3.3 of this report that the New Deal for North East Workers is our response |

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| | <p>to Government's requirement for a Local Get Britain Working Plan.</p> <p>3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and Portfolio Holder for the Home of Real Opportunity, to put in place appropriate measures to support the development and implementation of the four priorities set out in the plan.</p> |
| <p>C22/07/25 Child Poverty Reduction (Action plan and programme 2025-2030)</p> | <p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Child Poverty Action Plan (2025–2030) as a strategic framework for regional collaboration and investment. 2. Approve the allocation of £28,630,608 for a four year delivery period from the NECA Investment Fund to deliver the Child Poverty Reduction Programme (2025–2029). 3. Delegate authority to the Director of Skills, Inclusion and Public Service Reform, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer, to approve commencement of procurement and grant-making arrangements necessary for programme delivery. 4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to award contracts and grants to deliver the programme in accordance with the North East CA procedures including the single assurance framework. |
| <p>C23/07/25 Budget Update: 2024-25 Outturn and 2025-26 Budget Reporting Update</p> | <p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the outturn for the financial year 2024-25; 2. Note the initial budget position for 2025-26; 3. Note the planned budget reporting timetable for 2025-26; and 4. Note the Treasury Management outturn for 2024-25. |
| <p>C24/07/25 Centre for Writing</p> | <p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to provide New Writing North Ltd with £2m of funding from the North East CA Investment Fund. This investment will support the acquisition of a city-based property in Newcastle and its redevelopment into the Centre for Writing on the basis set out in this report; and 2. Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and the portfolio holder, to finalise the terms on which this grant funding is to be provided. |
| <p>C25/07/25 A North East Spatial Development Strategy</p> | <p>Resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the requirement for the Combined Authority to prepare and adopt a Spatial Development Strategy for the region and the ambition to do so by 2028; 2. Note the next steps as set out in the report on the governance arrangements to support the development of the Spatial Development Strategy including the Project Initiation Documents and Implementation Plan. 3. Approve an allocation of up to £1.5m of resources from the Investment Fund to support this work and to delegate approval of the recruitment, delivery and procurement |

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| | <p>arrangements to the Chief Executive, in line with the Single Assurance Framework Process.</p> <p>4. Authorise the Director of Finance and Investment to accept opportunities for any bids or awards of Government funding to support this work, reducing the call on the Investment Fund;</p> |
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