

NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION BY OFFICER

1. Subject of Decision

Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements (Holmeside Bus Rationalisation and Priority Measures (SU04)

2. Delegation Reference (Refer to Meeting Minute Number or Delegation Scheme in the Constitution or Decision Notice)

Minute number 93, recommendation iii and iv *Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements* paper presented at the Joint Transport Committee meeting held on 15/03/2022.

This decision has been delegated to one or more officer(s) under:

(a) A specific express authorisation was given to the Proper Officer for Transport by the Joint Transport Committee on 15.03.2022 to make and enter into appropriate contracts in relation to each project after specified consultation.

(b) a general authorisation to take such decisions **and**, the effect of the decision is to:

(i) grant a permission or licence;

(ii) affect the rights of an individual; or

(iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Authority's financial position.

3. Name and Title of Decision Maker

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4. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None.

5. Executive Summary

This delegated decision will approve and allocate funding from the Transforming Cities Fund Devolved Pot to the Holmeside Bus Rationalisation and Priority Measures scheme following successful appraisal in accordance with the Transport Assurance Framework.

It was necessary to expedite the approval of the scheme following the successful conclusion of appraisal in order to meet the construction and delivery programme outlined within the scheme Business Case, given that all TCF grant funding must be fully incurred by 31st March 2023.

Delegated authority was sought from the Joint Transport Committee for the Transport North East Managing Director, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, subject to successful appraisal of the scheme Business Case and due diligence in line with the Transport Assurance Framework, to approve the scheme and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Sunderland City Council/

6. Decision(s)

6(a) Provide and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Sunderland City Council for £879,750 from the TCF Devolved Pot allocation for the Holmeside Bus Rationalisation and Priority Measures scheme.

6(b) If Exempt or Confidential, please provide a reason:

N/A

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7. Alternative options considered

There is no viable alternative option which would result in the delivery of the Holmeside Bus Rationalisation and Priority Measures scheme and the expenditure of the associated Transforming Cities Funding in the required timescale.

8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Business Case for the Holmeside Bus Rationalisation and Priority Measures scheme has come forward with appraisal successfully concluding in October 2022.

The programme for the delivery of the scheme is on a critical path, Sunderland City Council are due to enter into contract for the delivery of the scheme, this decision ensures that Sunderland City Council and NECA can enter into a Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) for the delivery of the scheme in a timely manner.

The Decision will approve up to £879,750 from the Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 Devolved pot for the delivery of the Holmeside Bus Rationalisation and Priority Measures scheme and enable officers to progress and sign a grant funding agreement.

9. Contact Officer

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10. Date of Publication

11 October 2022

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11. Date of Call-In Deadline

N/A

12. Implementation Date

Signature of the Decision maker



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(emmareynard@gateshead.gov.uk) **within 2 working days of the decision having been taken.**

- A Word version of the completed Delegated Decision report
- A Word version of the completed Delegated Decision Record
- A scanned PDF version of the completed and signed Delegated Decision Record

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