

## NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

### RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION BY OFFICER

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#### 1. Subject of Decision

Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements (North Tyneside Improved Cycling and Walking Links to Metro NT10)

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

Minute number 93, recommendation iii and iv, of 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.

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#### **5. Executive Summary**

This delegated decision will approve and allocate funding from the Transforming Cities Fund Devolved Pot to the North Tyneside Council, Improved Cycling and Walking Links to Metro scheme following successful appraisal in accordance with the Transport Assurance Framework.

It was necessary to expedite approval of the scheme following the conclusion of appraisal given the lack of Joint Transport Committee dates between March and June, in order to meet the construction and delivery programmes, 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 North Tyneside Council.

#### **6. Decision(s)**

**6(a)** Provide and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with North Tyneside Council for £3,825,000 from the TCF Devolved Pot allocation for the Improved Cycling and Walking Links to Metro scheme.

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

N/A

#### **7. Alternative options considered**

As part of the Business Case development for the Improved Cycling and Walking Links to Metro scheme a range of delivery options were assessed against value for money, risk and deliverability considerations. A preferred option was selected and progressed on the understanding that the approach offered the best mix of benefits offset against a comparably lower-level delivery risk. The business case

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demonstrates why the chosen solution provides the best option in terms of meeting passenger needs whilst also providing value for public money.

Two options were presented to the North East Joint Transport Committee.

Option 1 – The North East Joint Transport Committee confer delegated authority to the Transport North East Managing Director, in consultation with the S73 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to prepare and execute a Grant Funding Agreement with North Tyneside Council subject to a successful appraisal in line with the agreed regional Transport Assurance Framework, enabling the Improved Cycling and Walking Links to Metro scheme to deliver within TCF programme timescales.

Option 2 - The North East Joint Transport Committee do not accept the recommendations, in which case the Improved Cycling and Walking Links to Metro scheme will not be able to deliver in line with the TCF programme timescales and the benefits outlined within the Business Case of the scheme would not be realised and the North East Transforming Cities Fund programme would be likely to underspend.

The Joint Transport Committee approved Option 1.

#### **8. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

The programme for the delivery of the scheme is on a critical path, an Outline Business Case for the scheme was produced and appraised in March 2022 with a Full Business Case expected to be delivered in June 2022. As such delegated authority was sought to approve the scheme subject to a positive appraisal outcome of the Full Business Case. It is vital that the decision-making process required to enable North Tyneside Council and NECA to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) can be expedited so as not to forestall critical stages of delivery.

Appraisal on the Full Business Case has now successfully concluded as such this Delegated Decision will approve £3,825,000 from the Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 Devolved pot for the delivery of the Improved Cycling and Walking Links to Metro scheme. In total £49,270 of this funding was claimed during the financial year 2021/22 for development works, and as such this delegated decision will enable a grant funding agreement for £3,775,730 to be progressed for the delivery of the Improved Cycling and Walking Links to Metro scheme.

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**10. Date of Publication**

19 July 2022

**11. Date of Call-In Deadline**

N/A

**12. Implementation Date**

19 July 2022

**Signature of the Decision maker**



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