

NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION BY OFFICER

1. Subject of Decision

Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements (Ponteland to Callerton Cycleway Phase 2)

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

Recommendation i and iii of the Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Residual Grant Funding paper presented at the Joint Transport Committee meeting held on 18/07/2023.

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 18.07.2023 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

Tobyn Hughes
Proper Officer for Transport
Managing Director, Transport North East

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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 residual funding from the Transforming Cities Fund Devolved Pot to the Northumberland County Council, Ponteland to Callerton Cycleway Phase 2 scheme following successful appraisal in accordance with the Transport Assurance Framework.

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 Northumberland County Council. Appraisal concluded successfully in August 2023 as such this decision will approve £518,000 of Transforming Cities Fund grant funds for the Ponteland to Callerton Cycleway Phase 2 scheme.

6. Decision(s)

6(a) Provide and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Northumberland County Council for £518,000 from the TCF Devolved Pot allocation for the Ponteland to Callerton Cycleway Phase 2 scheme.

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

N/A

7. Alternative options considered

There is no viable alternative option which would result in the delivery of the Ponteland to Callerton Cycleway Phase 2 scheme and ensure the expenditure of all associated Transforming Cities Funding in required timescales, this decision enables Northumberland County Council to meet the programme of works necessary for scheme delivery.

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8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Business Case for Ponteland to Callerton Cycleway Phase 2 scheme has come forward with appraisal successfully concluding in August 2023.

The programme for the delivery of the scheme is on a critical path with works programmed to commence imminently this decision will ensure NECA can enter into a Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) for the delivery of the scheme in a timely manner, allowing Northumberland County Council to meet the programme for delivery and expenditure associated with the Transforming Cities Fund programme.

9. Contact Officer

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10. Date of Publication

29 November 2023

11. Date of Call-In Deadline

N/A

12. Implementation Date

13 November 2023



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Signature of the Decision-Maker

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- 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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Decisions must not be implemented until the call-in process is completed. Democratic Services officers will advise report authors and decision makers of the relevant deadlines for call-in.