

Decision Title:

Nature Recovery

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:**

- Acceptance of £135,500 from Defra for North of Tyne LNRS transition funding
- Award of £100,000 of the £135,500 Defra funding to Northumberland County Council (NCC) as lead Delivery Partner under a grant funding agreement. This will cover the staffing resource needed within the Council to transition the LNRS from public consultation to final production and into delivery.
- Utilisation of the funding received from Defra via its LINC programme and Biodiversity Net Gain funding, along with match funding from NCC through its Borderlands LINC allocation, to deliver Phase 2 of the Carbon and Nature Marketplace. The funding will pay for external resource for buyer engagement, market development, contribute to North East CA staff resource, and ongoing website costs.
- Utilisation of £21,858 from the North East CA Environment, Coast & Rural Enabling Fund as match funding.

Option 2: Confidential decision:

No

Delegation:

Delegation Decision No. C24/7/24 (3) of the meeting of Cabinet held on 30 July 2024 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 up to £500k are to be approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, under the Cabinet approved delegated authority.

Also relevant:

Delegation GD3 empowers the Director of Economic Growth and Regeneration as a Delegated Officer, to authorise the procurement process (subject to Financial Regulations) for a contract for goods, works and/or services up to a value of £250,000.

Delegation HSP12 empowers the Head of Paid Service (the Chief Executive) (subject to Financial Regulations) to authorise the procurement process for a contract for goods, works and/or services up to a value of £500,000.

Delegation HSP13 empowers the Head of Paid Service (now referred to as Chief Executive) (subject to Financial Regulations) to authorise the award of a contract for goods, works and/or services up to a value of £500,000.

Consultation:

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| Cabinet Member: | Yes |
| Monitoring Officer | Yes |
| Director of Finance and Investment: | Yes |

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