

Decision Title:

North East Ports

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:**

Approve £100,000 from the NEMCA Devolution Deal trailblazer funding, allocated for the development of the Green SuperPort to appoint specialist consultant support to: fully devise and deliver the NE Ports Partnership Business Plan, the NE Ports Three Year Delivery Strategy; and NE Ports Branding and Marketing.

Delegation:

North East CA Constitution: Scheme of Delegations Part 2.7: HPS 16 To award and sign a grant offer or agreement up to £5m.

The funding was allocated by MHCLG for the development of the 'Green Super Port' (NE Ports) under the original North East Devolution Deal (6th March 2024). The 'Green Super Port' which is also part of the North East CA Mayoral Manifesto sets out the ambition to work with Councils, Businesses and all Ports to create thousands of well-paid green jobs, green housing, environmental projects, and to boost the North East's reputation as world leaders in renewable energy.

The approved Investment Fund and Funding Approvals paper, tabled with the former North of Tyne Cabinet of 12th March 2024 Agenda Item 10, outlined that: *"Revenue support will help to develop regional projects such as the Green Superport"*.

Subsequently, Cabinet (Under Decisions Made) – *"Noted that the Chief Executive would in accordance with existing delegations, make final approvals and associated decisions relating to implementation and funding awards, including procurement implications, for the £36.7m of project funding described in the report."*

And

"Noted for information the additional capital and revenue funding provided through the North East Deeper Devolution Deal to accelerate delivery of regional priorities."

The approved North East CA Strategic Portfolio Plans paper, tabled with the North East CA Cabinet of 30th July 2024 Appendix A outlines that *"Support implementation of the Green Superport, to*

enhance collaboration across the region's marine ports and international airport with a view to accelerating inclusive growth in the offshore, clean energy and advanced manufacturing sector". Subsequently Cabinet, (Under Resolved) – "the Strategic Portfolio Plans as set out in the report of the Chief Executive be endorsed, the priorities identified in those Plans be progressed and subsequent business cases be developed to support investment decisions."

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Assistant Director Legal and Governance:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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