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Development Fund Delegated Decisions

The Cabinet has delegated responsibility for the Combined Authority's Development Fund to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Tees Valley Mayor.

The Development Fund provides support to develop major projects expected to come to Cabinet for a future decision, but where detailed work is required to develop the project up to a position where Cabinet can be properly advised on whether it represents value for money.

Many of the larger capital projects require investment to deliver a business case, for example to fund preparatory work or master planning a complex site. Projects where the Cabinet are asked to take a significant commercial risk may require funding for project appraisal, legal or financial advice. The Development Fund is also used to prepare bids to central government for major infrastructure projects.

At the point where projects are approved by Cabinet, the Development Fund is reimbursed from the overall funds made available from the project; creating a recycling fund to support future priorities.

Below are all Development Fund decisions made up to **May 31st 2019 inclusive**

Development Fund		
MOBI 1 and 2 Funding for the development costs of MOBI 1 and 2. This will include the feasibility, detailed course design and business plan for the MOBI centre to be located at Teesside University in Middlesbrough and the development costs for MOBI's centre of Design, Innovation and Excellence	£350,000	27.03.2017
Durham Tees Valley Airport Funding to commission financial and commercial advice on the development and ownership of DTVA.	£38,500	04.07.2017
Industrial Units at Kirkleatham Business Park EZ Funding to complete the work to the development of 15 Commercial employment units at Kirkleatham Business Park, an EZ site in Redcar.	£30,000	21.06.2017
Feethams Office Development Funding for construction of Grade A office accommodation in Darlington Town Centre.	£100,000	21.06.2017
Energy Life Cycle Centre Funding for development of a life cycle centre focused on renewable energy/oil and gas decommissioning. The centre will complement existing "energy/process centres" across the Tees Valley to form an Institute of Technology	£300,000	21.06.2017

<p>Faverdale Phase 1</p> <p>Faverdale is a strategic employment site in Darlington. Funding to undertake a range of studies and ground investigations needed to inform feasibility, design and business case of the site.</p>	£220,000	21.06.2017
<p>Darlington Station</p> <p>Funding to undertake detailed development of the business case, design and procurement strategy for the station works and wider project to improve the existing train station.</p>	£300,000	21.06.2017
<p>River Tees Development Plan</p> <p>Funding to undertake a Tees Valley development plan to identify opportunities and plans for the River Tees as a key strategic asset in Tees Valley.</p>	£130,000	21.06.2017
<p>Hartlepool Innovation & Skills Quarter</p> <p>Phase 2 Funding to carry out a Strategic Property review and to develop the business case for phase 2 of the project.</p>	£505,000	05.10.2017
<p>Redcar Railway Station Business Quarter</p> <p>Funding for a detailed feasibility study into the provision of the business quarter in Redcar and to secure option agreements for the acquisition of Redcar station and surrounding properties.</p>	£100,000	05.10.2017
<p>Skippers Lane Industrial Estate Expansion</p> <p>Funding to carry out a detailed feasibility study into the upgrading of all infrastructure on the Eastern fringes of Skippers Lane Industrial estate and to develop the Business Case.</p>	£100,000	05.10.2017
<p>Hartlepool Waterfront</p> <p>Funding to progress the Hartlepool waterfront masterplan proposal to bring planning consent and to engage in soft market testing of investor interest</p>	£680,000	05.10.2017
<p>Kirkleatham Estate Project</p> <p>Funding to complete detailed development work for various aspects of the Kirkleatham Estate project</p>	£415,000	05.10.2017
<p>Outline Business Case for a new crossing of the Tees, and for A66 improvements</p> <p>Funding to develop a WebTAG compliant Outline Business Case for a new crossing of the Tees, and for A66 improvements.</p>	£131,000	20.10.2017
<p>Boho Next Generation</p> <p>Development funding to complete feasibility and design work.</p>	£100,000	12.10.2017
<p>Teesside Advanced Manufacturing Park</p> <p>A £1.5 million grant was awarded to this project in the growth deal extension but has not yet been released. Changes to the project, site ownership and lead applicant have led to a request for further investment</p>	£120,000	20.10.2017

Durham Tees Valley Airport Funding to commission financial and commercial advice on the development and ownership of DTVA.	£461,500	31.10.2017
South Tees Development Corporation Funding to carry out ground investigation work which will allow a full understanding of the value and potential costs/liabilities of acquiring the Tata land for development.	£750,000	01.11.2017
Eaglescliffe Station Western Access Funding to complete the business case and detailed design costs.	£576,000	02.11.2017
Tees Valley Combined Authority (Local Full Fibre Network Challenge) Development of the business case for the Local Full Fibre Network Challenge Fund.	£70,000	06.12.2017
Jacobs – Masterplan for Marshalling Development Funding to carry out various master planning exercises to inform a development strategy for the site.	£190,000	01.03.2018
Freeport Status Study Funding to commission research and expertise to understand the merits of free port status.	£60,000	16.04.2018
A689 Wynyard Funding to progress the development of a revised business case for A689 Wynyard improvements.	£269,516	15.05.2018
Darlington Sports Village Funding to establish the feasibility and viability of establishing a sports village of regional significance based around the existing Darlington Arena to support the development of a robust business case.	£449,950	05.06.2018
GRIP3 Rail Options Selection – Eaglescliffe to Northallerton Branch Line Gauge enhancement work to improve rail connectivity to Teesport by addressing the constraints caused by four gauge fouts.	£250,000	23.07.2018

<p>Northern School of Art - Middlesbrough FE relocation</p> <p>Development of the proposal to submission of the Business Case (RIBA Stage 3). The proposal is to relocate the Northern School of Arts FE site at Green Lane in Middlesbrough, to a new purpose built building in a more central location in Middlesbrough.</p>	£580,000	23.07.2018
<p>Freeport status study additional amount</p> <p>Commissioning of research and expertise to understand the merits of Free Port Status, using Tees Valley as a test case. (Linked to previous decision dated 16.04.18)</p>	£50,000	20.08.2018
<p>Tees Valley business accommodation study</p> <p>To strengthen the Combined Authority's prioritisation of business accommodation investment by provide a robust evidence base.</p>	£60,000	20.08.2018
<p>Local Industrial Strategy Development</p> <p>Consultancy support to support the development of the Tees Valley Local Industrial Strategy.</p>	£100,000	04.10.2018
<p>New Tees Crossing</p> <p>To continue works on developing the business case for the New Tees Crossing project whilst awaiting the decision from DfT on potential design and construction funding for this project.</p>	£300,000	01.11.2018
<p>Darlington Link Road</p> <p>To continue works on developing the business case for the Darlington Link Road project whilst awaiting the decision from DfT on potential design and construction funding for this project.</p>	£250,000	31.10.2018
<p>River Tees Eastern Crossing</p> <p>Funding to assess the feasibility of an Eastern Tees Crossing. The new crossing would be located east of the Tees Viaduct section of the A19 and unite industrial sites on the north and south bank of the Tees. The nature and location of the scheme could potentially unlock new housing, industrial and commercial development opportunities, support significant regeneration activity and in turn support growth in jobs and productivity.</p>	£175,000	17.12.2018

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Project Commitment Delegated Decisions

Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 27th July 2017 to establish a mechanism for delegated decisions, which could be taken between meetings.

It was agreed that this delegation would apply only if certain conditions were met:

1. Any commitment of funds have already been assigned by Cabinet for that purpose; for example through the specification of an overall programme within the Investment Plan;
2. The total sum involved is no more than £1 million;
3. The proposal reflects an established Combined Authority policy position, and does not raise novel or contentious issues which require debate with the full Cabinet. (In order to assure this, discussions would generally have taken place through the appropriate officer forum); and
4. The proposal is subject to the established Combined Authority assurance framework, as agreed with central government.

If these conditions are met, proposals are put jointly by officers to the Mayor and Cabinet Portfolio member. Either can refuse the proposal, or determine that a full Cabinet discussion is necessary. Decisions are reported to Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The below table lists all decisions made under delegated arrangements up to and including **31st May 2019**:

Decision	Amount	Date Approved
Project Commitments		
Port Clarence Logistics Contribution to access road on the site to assist with growth of all businesses and also dredging of the port to allow for deeper vessels.	£300,000	5.10.2017
Darlington Borough Council (Morton Palms) Advance for car park at Morton Palms business park as part of Salters Lane/Ingenium Parc development to improve the overall area. This project was incorporated within the wider Salters Lane/Ingenium Parc project and therefore this decision was superseded by the Cabinet decision on 23 rd November 2017.	£300,000	24.10.2017
Hartlepool Borough Council (Innovation Skills Quarter) A loan to advance urgent actions as part of the overall Innovation and Skills Quarter project.	£300,000	13.12.2017
Lupine Films Ltd Contribution to support the filming of a pilot TV series which promotes the Tees Valley and is a Tees Valley focused project.	£80,000	18.12.2017

<p>Centre of Excellence for Technical Training for the Creative Industries</p> <p>The previous Northern Lights Academy in Hartlepool will be rebranded to become a Centre of Excellence for technical Training for the Creative Industries, the core focus being the provision of technical education and learning pathways with specific emphasis on creative industries. Revenue and Capital Support to be provided to the project.</p>	<p>£655,660</p>	<p>18.12.2017</p>
<p>TWI Materials Validation Centre</p> <p>Award of grant as an advance of the funding application for a new Materials Validation Centre on the TAMP site in Middlesbrough.</p>	<p>£500,000</p>	<p>21.12.2017</p>
<p>Rail Heritage Quarter: Phase 1</p> <p>Development of business case and accelerate delivery to help delivery phase 1.</p>	<p>£370,000</p>	<p>23.01.2017</p>
<p>Snow Centre</p> <p>Development work for detailed design.</p>	<p>£250,000</p>	<p>05.02.2018</p>
<p>Great Exhibition of the North</p>	<p>£39,450</p>	<p>12.03.2018</p>
<p>TWI & TVCA Hydrogen Bus Development role</p> <p>To match fund a hydrogen business development role employed by TWI.</p>	<p>£80,000</p>	<p>27.07.2018</p>
<p>Hydrogen Transport Deployment Bid</p> <p>Development of a proposal to meet a call by the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV, part of DfT) for deployment of Hydrogen Vehicles and refuelling infrastructure and which will also support applications to related calls on Air Quality and potentially EU funding calls.</p>	<p>£60,000</p>	<p>27.07.2018</p>
<p>National Museum of the Royal Navy</p> <p>This is the first phase of the National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN) growth plans to ensure that the NMRN Hartlepool reaches its full potential and becomes a world class attraction in readiness for the Tees Valley's UK City of Culture bid in 2025. Funding includes develop of the Family offer, education facilities and relocation of a key asset, the RML 497 a rescue ship from World War 1.</p>	<p>£499,250</p>	<p>27.07.2018</p>
<p>Hartlepool Waterfront Festival 2018</p> <p>Investment to allow the festival's continued development in becoming a 21st century annual maritime arts festival that reflects on Hartlepool's sea-based heritage, provides a more attractive, artistic and impactful cultural offering in Hartlepool and ensures arts and cultural activity can be experienced by a diverse range of audiences.</p>	<p>£63,755</p>	<p>08/10/2018</p>

<p>Middlesbrough Art Weekender</p> <p>Middlesbrough Art Weekender (MAW) is a three day, grassroots contemporary arts festival held in Middlesbrough. The event provides a showcase for emerging local and international contemporary artists. Through seminars, workshops, exhibitions and performances, MAW will build on its founding year, nurturing legacy and creating a site of excellence in the Tees Valley for the creative industry and contemporary art practices.</p>	<p>£14,920</p>	<p>08/10/2018</p>
<p>Rotary Way Cycle Route</p> <p>To construct 1.2km of new shared use cycleway alongside Rotary Way in Darlington from Rotary Way/Centurian Way roundabout to the existing toucan crossing on West Auckland Road.</p>	<p>£217,665</p>	<p>22/10/2018</p>
<p>NCN Route 14 Servicing</p> <p>To provide 0.475km of improved cycleway and walkway on the NCN14 route from Cowbridge Beck to North Burn beside Cowpen Bewley Country Park.</p>	<p>£61,857</p>	<p>22/10/2018</p>
<p>Premier League Tennis</p> <p>The National Premier League (NPL) run the highest Standard Winter Tennis competition in Great Britain. The event runs from October 2018 with the Finals in April 2019. Funding support to host the NPL Finals in the Tees Valley. The event attracts national presence and is an opportunity to raise the profile of the Tees Valley region and support the Tees Valley ambition as 2025 City of Culture.</p>	<p>£30,000</p>	<p>14/12/2018</p>
<p>Northern Film & Media</p> <p>Investment to support growth in the emerging cultural economy by raising Tees valley's profile as a filming friendly location, encouraging production companies to the region, developing skills expertise, creative career opportunities for young people and opportunities for SME's in film, TV and screen based art.</p>	<p>£106,000</p>	<p>14/12/2018</p>
<p>Youthquake</p> <p>This project will be delivered as part of The Big Conversation, the large scale community engagement programme designed to inform the Tees Valley City of Culture 2025 bid. Youthquake is a touring show/production that will engage young people from the region in the creative process and final performance to capture their thoughts, experiences and ideas about life in the Tees Valley. The production will tour venues across the Tees Valley and nationally.</p>	<p>£45,700</p>	<p>15/02/2019</p>

<p>BBC Big Weekend</p> <p>Middlesbrough Council are working in partnership with the BBC to host the BBC Big Weekend 2019 (Friday 24th May to Sunday 26th May 2019) at Stewart's Park, Middlesbrough. The BBC Big Weekend is a three day large scale music event which draws in excess of 70,000 ticket holders from across the country. Previous events have been headlined by international stars including Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran.</p>	<p>£320,000</p>	<p>13/03/2019</p>
<p>Urban Traffic Management Control System</p> <p>Advance funding on the overall indicative project cost due to the urgency of this element of the project. Funding to procure and update the Urban Traffic Management Control common database back office software.</p>	<p>£500,000</p>	<p>19/03/2019</p>
<p>DBC Indigenous Growth Programme</p> <p>The Indigenous Growth Programme has been established with up to £2m a year available in each borough for an initial five-year period as part of the 10-year Investment Plan 2019-2029. This would be for investment in activity that will have a local economic impact and collectively, as a programme of activity across Tees Valley, make a significant contribution to economic growth. This is advance funding to develop the programme of activity in Darlington.</p>	<p>£250,000</p>	<p>25/03/2019</p>
<p>HBC Indigenous Growth Programme</p> <p>The Indigenous Growth Programme has been established with up to £2m a year available in each borough for an initial five-year period as part of the 10-year Investment Plan 2019-2029. This would be for investment in activity that will have a local economic impact and collectively, as a programme of activity across Tees Valley, make a significant contribution to economic growth. This is advance funding to develop the programme of activity in Hartlepool.</p>	<p>£250,000</p>	<p>25/03/2019</p>
<p>MBC Indigenous Growth Programme</p> <p>The Indigenous Growth Programme has been established with up to £2m a year available in each borough for an initial five-year period as part of the 10-year Investment Plan 2019-2029. This would be for investment in activity that will have a local economic impact and collectively, as a programme of activity across Tees Valley, make a significant contribution to economic growth. This is advance funding to develop the programme of activity in Middlesbrough.</p>	<p>£250,000</p>	<p>25/03/2019</p>

<p>RCBC Indigenous Growth Programme</p> <p>The Indigenous Growth Programme has been established with up to £2m a year available in each borough for an initial five-year period as part of the 10-year Investment Plan 2019-2029. This would be for investment in activity that will have a local economic impact and collectively, as a programme of activity across Tees Valley, make a significant contribution to economic growth. This is advance funding to develop the programme of activity in Redcar and Cleveland.</p>	<p>£250,000</p>	<p>25/03/2019</p>
<p>SBC Indigenous Growth Programme</p> <p>The Indigenous Growth Programme has been established with up to £2m a year available in each borough for an initial five-year period as part of the 10-year Investment Plan 2019-2029. This would be for investment in activity that will have a local economic impact and collectively, as a programme of activity across Tees Valley, make a significant contribution to economic growth. This is advance funding to develop the programme of activity in Stockton.</p>	<p>£250,000</p>	<p>25/03/2019</p>