

Tees Valley Combined Authority - Cabinet Decision Record

Date of decision: 27th July 2017

Title of Item/Report: Supporting Apprenticeships

Record of Decision:

Resolved that:

- i. the latest information on the delivery of the Combined Authority's existing support for apprenticeships and the new national policy framework within which we now operate be noted;
- ii. a revised model of delivery for support for apprenticeships be funded, with three key elements:
 - A grant to support apprenticeships in priority sectors as identified in the Strategic Economic Plan;
 - Support for small employers to create new apprenticeships;
 - An initiative to promote the creation of high quality, higher and degree apprenticeships in priority sectors; and to consult on proposals for additional support.
- iii. a further report be received in spring 2018, with updated information on apprenticeships in the Tees Valley, including an assessment of the operation of the new Apprenticeships Levy within our area, and recommendations for further actions by the Combined Authority and/or central government.

Declared conflicts of interest: None

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Title of Item/Report: Exercise of Combined Authority Borrowing Powers

Record of Decision:

Resolved that:

- i. the paper be noted;
- ii. cabinet agree in principle to the Combined Authority receiving borrowing powers, with maximum local flexibility subject to the application of the Prudential Code.

Declared conflicts of interest: None

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Title of Item/Report: Investment Co-Operation with Teesside Pension Fund

Record of Decision:

Resolved that:

- i. the commitment of the Teesside Pension Fund to direct investment to support local economic development, and to deliver this in partnership with the Combined Authority, be welcomed;
- ii. the progress in developing a joint approach to the identification and development of investment proposals be noted;
- iii. the attached Memorandum of Understanding be signed, and the authority to finalise the agreement in partnership with the Teesside Pension Fund be delegated to the Managing Director.

Declared conflicts of interest: Councillor Massey declared an interest as a Teesside Pension Fund member.

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Title of Item/Report: Transport Plan Update

Record of Decision:

Resolved that the update on progress towards development of a Strategic Transport Plan and supporting documents be noted.

Declared conflicts of interest: None

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Title of Item/Report: Transport for the North – Incorporation as a Sub-National Transport Body

Record of Decision:

Resolved that consent be given to:

- i. the making by the Secretary of State of Regulations under section 102E of the Local Transport Act 2008 to establish Transport for the North as a Sub-National Transport Body;
- ii. the transfer of Rail North Limited to TfN so that it can be subsumed within TfN;
- iii. the signing of a new Rail Franchise Management Agreement with TfN replicating as far as possible the current Rail North Limited Members Agreement.

Declared conflicts of interest: None

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Title of Item/Report: Carbon Capture and Storage

Record of Decision:

Resolved that:

- i. the report and progress that has been made be noted;
- ii. support for Teesside Collective continue, and its development of proposals for industrial-scale CCS;
- iii. proposals to Government for CCS, through the Clean Growth Plan, be supported, with Tees Valley at the forefront of its development.

Declared conflicts of interest: None

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Title of Item/Report: Business Compass Growth Specialist Provision

Record of Decision:

Resolved that:

- i. the match funding of £511k be approved and that the submission of a final ERDF application for the enhanced business compass specialist advice service on 11th July be noted;
- ii. the Combined Authority makes the case to NEA2F and DCLG to unlock legacy funds allocated to the Tees Valley, to help reduce our contribution to the match;
- iii. subject to a successful ERDF application, and use of existing procurement rules, the Combined Authority place an additional c. £1m (including fund management costs) of ERDF funds in to the existing business compass investment fund, currently held by Business Enterprise Group.
- iv. subject to a successful ERDF application, the Combined Authority procure the specialist growth advice service.

Declared conflicts of interest: None

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Title of Item/Report: Governance and Appointments

Record of Decision:

Resolved that:

- i. the delegation be approved, with the financial limit to be set as £1 million;
- ii. the appointments, as set out in [Appendix 1](#), be approved;
- iii. Julie Gilhespie be appointed as Finance Director;
- iv. The appointments to the South Tees Development Corporation be approved (to be published when the corporation is formally launched).

Declared conflicts of interest: None

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