

Delegated Decisions

Most decisions of the Combined Authority are made by Cabinet at their scheduled meetings. However there may be occasions where decisions are made under delegated authority.

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:

Decision	Amount	Date
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	5.10.17
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 This project was incorporated within the wider Salters Lane/Ingenium Parc project and therefore this decision was superseded by the Cabinet decision on 23 rd November 2017.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	24.10.17
Hartlepool Borough Council (Innovation Skills Quarter) A loan to advance urgent actions as part of the overall Innovation and Skills Quarter project.	£300,000	13.12.17

<p>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.</p>	£80,000	18.12.17
<p>Centre of Excellence for Technical Training for the Creative Industries 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>	£655,660	18.12.17
<p>TWI Materials Validation Centre Award of grant as an advance of the funding application for a new Materials Validation Centre on the TAMP site in Middlesbrough.</p>	£500,000	21.12.17

Development Fund Delegated Decisions

The Cabinet has also 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.

Development Fund**		
<p>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</p>	£350,000	27.03.17

MOBI's centre of Design, Innovation and Excellence		
Durham Tees Valley Airport Funding to commission financial and commercial advice on the development and ownership of DTVA.	£38,500	04.07.17
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	21.06.17
Feethams Office Development Funding for construction of Grade A office accommodation in Darlington Town Centre.	£100,000	21.06.17
Energy Life Cycle Centre Funding for development of a life cycle centre focussed 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	21.06.17
Faverdale Phase 1 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.	£220,000	21.06.17
Darlington Station 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.	£300,000	21.06.17
River Tees Development Plan 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.	£130,000	21.06.17
Hartlepool Innovation & Skills Quarter – Phase 2 Funding to carry out a Strategic Property review and to develop the business case for phase 2 of the project.	£505,000	05.10.17
Redcar Railway Station Business Quarter 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.	£100,000	05.10.17

<p>Skippers Lane Industrial Estate Expansion 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	05.10.17
<p>Hartlepool Waterfront 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	05.10.17
<p>Kirkleatham Estate Project Funding to complete detailed development work for various aspects of the Kirkleatham Estate project</p>	£415,000	05.10.17
<p>Teesside Advanced Manufacturing Park 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	20.10.17
<p>Durham Tees Valley Airport Funding to commission financial and commercial advice on the development and ownership of DTVA.</p>	£461,500	31.10.17
<p>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.</p>	£750,000	01.11.17
<p>Tees Valley Combined Authority (Local Full Fibre Network Challenge) Development of the business case for the Local Full Fibre Network Challenge Fund.</p>	£70,000	06.12.17