

**1. Subject of decision**

Scale Up North East

**Thematic Lead Area**

- Economic Development and Regeneration

**Delegation Reference (Refer to Meeting Minute Number or Delegation Scheme in the Constitution)**

North East Leadership Board on 20th June 2017 agreed to the project to gain entry to the LGF Programme and under minute 10 (5) that :

The Monitoring Officer to be authorised to finalise and enter into any legal and Grant Funding documentation required to enable the approved Local Growth Funding programme to proceed

This decision has been delegated to one or more officer(s) under:

- (a) A specific express authorisation was given to the *Head of Paid Service* by the *Leadership Board* on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to make and enter into appropriate project contracts after specified consultation.

- (b) a general authorisation to take such decisions **and**, the effect of the decision is to:

- (i) grant a permission or licence;

- (ii) affect the rights of an individual; or

- (iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Authority's financial position.

**2. Name and Title of Decision Maker**

Viv Geary, Monitoring Officer for the North East Combined Authority

**3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest**

none.

**4. Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to agree to the financial and legal matters associated with the North East LEP Board decision to grant an award £1.5m from the Local Growth Fund to the Regional Technology Centre to provide capital grants to growth businesses.

**5. Decision(s)**

**5(a)**

The recommendations were agreed as outlined in the Delegated Decision Report.

**5(b) If Exempt or Confidential, please provide a reason:**

Confidential – Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**6. Alternative options considered**

Alternative options were considered as identified in the Delegated Decision Report.

**7. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

As outlined in the Delegated Decision Report.

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**9. Date of Publication**

9 August 2017

**10. Date of Call-In Deadline**

5pm on 16 August 2017

**11. Implementation Date**

17 August 2017 (*subject to there being no request for call-in received*)