

**1. Subject of decision**

5G Test Bed

**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 :*

*Delegated authority to the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Chair, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to sign off the grant for the 5G Test Bed development project.*

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**

Helen Golightly, Head of Paid Service 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 £250,000 from the Local Growth Fund to the North East BIC to support the costs of building capacity to research and

develop a competitive business case for funding support from the Government's '5G Testbeds & Trials Programme'. The Chief Finance Officer has confirmed that this grant can be funded from revenue funds within the programme.

**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Confidential – Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any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.

**8. Contact Officer**

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**9. Date of Publication**

3 August 2017

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

5pm on 10 August 2017

**11. Implementation Date**

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