

1. Subject of decision

Local Sustainable Transport Fund Capital Package: Newcastle Cycle Scheme – Approval to Proceed

Thematic Lead Area

Transport

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

Minute number 6(ii) of North East Leadership Board Meeting on 14th July 2015

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 14/07/2015 to make and enter into appropriate contracts in relation to each project 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 known

4. Executive Summary

A delegated decision, using the delegated authority given to the Head of Paid Service on 14th July 2015, is sought to approve the scheme business case and for the NECA to enter into Grant Funding Agreement with Newcastle City Council for the LSTF Capital Package: Newcastle Cycle Scheme (part of the Local Growth Fund), based on the receipt of a compliant business case for the scheme.

The completion of a Grant Funding Agreement will allow the scheme to proceed with delivery, including expenditure of £710,000 from the Local Growth Fund in 2017/18. The total project cost is £1.866m.

The scheme will deliver a cycle route between the High Level Bridge and Westgate Road and part way along St Nicholas Street. Details of the objectives, scope and funding breakdown of the scheme are contained within the associated scheme approval report and in the scheme business case.

5. Decision(s)

5(a) The Head of Paid Service for the North East Combined Authority (NECA) approves the scheme business case for LSTF Capital Package: Newcastle Cycle Scheme and authorises the NECA Monitoring Officer to enter in to a LGF Grant Funding Agreement of £710,000 with scheme promoter, Newcastle City Council.

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

N/A

6. Alternative options considered

The Head of Paid Service for the NECA does not authorise the NECA Monitoring Officer to enter in to a LGF Grant Funding Agreement of £710,000 with scheme promoter, Newcastle City Council.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The scheme has a compliant business case which has passed an independent review. The review concluded that the proposed scheme is expected to provide high to very high value for money assuming levels of growth are in line with the Newcastle Cycle City Ambition programme.

The completion of a Grant Funding Agreement between the NECA and the promoting authority (Newcastle City Council) will allow the scheme to proceed with full delivery of Local Growth Fund expenditure of £710,000 in 2017/18.

8. Contact Officer

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Record of Delegated Decision by Officer



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9. Date of Publication

13 December 2017

10. Date of Call-In Deadline

20 December 2017 at 5pm

11. Implementation Date

21 December 2017 (subject to there being no request for call-in received)