

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DATE: 27 August 2021

TO: Chair of the Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee

COPIES TO: Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Transport Committee

SUBJECT: **Capability Fund Update**

NOTICE BY: The Monitoring Officer (Transport)

This notice informs the Chair of the NE JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee under Paragraph 12 of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 that it is impracticable to include the above item on the Joint Transport Committee's Forward Plan for a period of 28 clear days before the decision is made.

In accordance with Paragraph 12 (1(b) of the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 a copy of this notice will be made available at the offices of the North East Combined Authority and published on the North East Combined Authority website and North East Joint Transport Committee webpage at least 5 clear days before the decision is proposed to be made.

1. Background:

- 1.1 Where a decision maker intends to make a key decision, that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days public notice has been given.
- 1.2 Where the publication of the intention to make a key decision is impracticable, that decision may only be made where the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been informed of the matter about which the decision is to be made, notice to the Chair has been made available for public inspection at the Council offices and published on the Council's website, and after 5 clear days have elapsed following the day on which notice to the Chair was made publicly available.

- 1.3 This notice is to inform the Chair of the North East JTC Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it has been impracticable to give 28 clear days public notice of the item set out below for the reasons set out below and that it is intended that the key decision will be made on the date specified below.

2. Notice Details

2.1 Date of Decision required:

21 September 2021

2.2 Matter in respect to which decision is to be made:

The North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC) is to receive £2,157,597 in revenue funding from the Department for Transport's Capability Fund in October 2021 for 2021/22. Require JTC approval to distribute the funding to the Local Authorities.

2.2 Description:

The North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC) is to receive £2,157,597 in revenue funding from the Department for Transport's Capability Fund in October 2021. Require JTC to:

- Note that the JTC is to receive £2,157,597 from the DfT's Active Travel Capability Fund;
- Approve the distribution of the fund to the Local Authorities and Transport North East as per the allocations set out in Table 1; and
- Approve the creation of a fixed term Active Travel Data Analyst post within Transport North East.

2.4 Decision Maker:

North East Joint Transport Committee

2.5 Consultation Process

A report is being produced for JTC requesting approval to distribute the funding. Statutory Officers are being consulted on the proposal.


2.6 Background Documents

Active Travel Fund, North East Joint Transport Committee, 15 June 2021

2.7 Reasons why impracticable to give 28 days clear notice

Confirmation of the funding was received from Department for Transport later than expected and the deadline for including this item on the forward plan was therefore missed.

A decision needs to be taken at Joint Transport Committee in September so that the funding can be allocated once it is received in October and committed before the end of 2021/22.

Monitoring Officer:.....