

NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION BY OFFICER

1. Subject of Decision

Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements (Durham Park and Ride Expansion)

2. Delegation Reference (Refer to Meeting Minute Number or Delegation Scheme in the Constitution or Decision Notice)

Minute number 32, recommendation i and ii of the Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements paper presented at the Joint Transport Committee meeting held on 15/11/2022.

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

(a) A specific express authorisation was given to the Proper Officer for Transport by the Joint Transport Committee on 15.11.2022 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.

3. Name and Title of Decision Maker

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

None

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5. Executive Summary

This delegated decision will approve and allocate funding from the Transforming Cities Fund Devolved Pot to the Durham County Council, Durham Park and Ride Expansion scheme following successful appraisal in accordance with the Transport Assurance Framework.

Delegated authority was sought from the Joint Transport Committee for the Transport North East Managing Director, in consultation with the Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, subject to successful appraisal of the scheme Business Case and due diligence in line with the Transport Assurance Framework, to approve the scheme and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Durham County Council.

The decision will be exercised in two parts whilst the JTC delegated authority to approve and allocate £2,295,000 of TCF funds to the scheme, the scheme is comprised of two specific elements – this delegated decision allocates £1,597,000 from the TCF Devolved Pot to the Sniperley Park and Ride Expansion. This will allow the delivery of this element in good time, whilst further due diligence is completed on the remaining Stonebridge Park and Ride element.

6. Decision(s)

6(a) Provide and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Durham County Council for £1,597,000 from the TCF Devolved Pot allocation for the Durham Park and Ride Expansion Scheme.

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

N/A

7. Alternative options considered

There is no viable alternative option which would result in the delivery of the Durham Park and Ride Expansion scheme and the expenditure of all associated Transforming Cities Funding in required timescales, the decision enables Durham County Council to meet the programme of works necessary for scheme delivery.

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8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Business Case for the Durham Park and Ride Expansion scheme has come forward with appraisal successfully concluding on the 21st February 2023.

The programme for the delivery of the scheme is on a critical path, Durham County Council have a robust delivery plan for the scheme, however, approval of the scheme in two parts will allow Durham County Council to commence works on the Sniperely Park and Ride extension whilst enhanced due diligence takes place on the remaining Stonebridge Park and Ride element. As such the decision will be exercised in two parts the first for the £1,597,000 of TCF funds associated with Sniperely Park and Ride extension and the second upon completion on further due diligence for the remaining £698,000 of TCF funds associated with the Stonebridge Park and Ride element.

Approval will enable Durham County Council to meet the programme of works outlined in the scheme Business Case. The decision will ensure NECA can enter into a Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) for the delivery of the scheme in a timely manner.

9. Contact Officer

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10. Date of Publication

24 March 2023

11. Date of Call-In Deadline

N/A

12. Implementation Date

24 March 2023

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Signature of the Decision maker



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- A Word version of the completed Delegated Decision Record
- A scanned PDF version of the completed and signed Delegated Decision Record

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