

NORTH EAST JOINT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION BY OFFICER

1. Subject of Decision

Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements, Sunderland Station

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

Recommendation i and ii of the Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 – Grant Funding Agreements paper presented at the Joint Transport Committee meeting held on 13/07/2021.

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 *13.07.2021* 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.

5. Executive Summary

This delegated decision will approve and allocate funding from the Transforming Cities Fund Devolved Pot to the Multi-Storey Car Park (MSCP) element of the Sunderland Station 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 Sunderland City Council.

The decision is to be exercised in two parts, this decision forms the second part of the original delegation, the first of which was exercised in July 2021 for the Sunderland Central Station works, which were expedited due to the time critical nature of the scheme starting on site in August 2021. Appraisal on the remaining Multi-Storey Car Park (MSCP) element of the Sunderland Station scheme was successfully concluded on 19/05/2023. As such this decision will approve the outstanding £4,626,720 of the £16,326,814 Transforming Cities Fund allocation for Sunderland Station.

6. Decision(s)

6(a) Provide and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Sunderland City Council for £4,626,720 from the TCF Devolved Pot allocation for the Sunderland Station scheme.

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

N/A

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7. Alternative options considered

There is no viable alternative option which would result in the delivery of the Sunderland Station scheme, in full, and ensure the expenditure of all associated Transforming Cities Funding in required timescales, the decision enables Sunderland City Council to meet the programme of works necessary for scheme delivery.

8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Business Case for the remaining Multi Story Car Park elements of the Sunderland Station scheme has come forward with appraisal successfully concluding on the 19/05/2023.

This decision forms the second part of the original delegation for the Sunderland Station scheme, the first of which was exercised in July 2021 for the Sunderland Central Station works, which were expedited due to the time critical nature associated with these works starting on site in August 2021. Following successful appraisal of the remaining Multi Story Car Park elements, this decision will approve the outstanding £4,626,720 of the £16,326,814 Transforming Cities Fund allocation for the Sunderland Station scheme.

Sunderland City Council are scheduled to commence works on the Multi Story Car Park imminently to ensure delivery within the required Transforming Cities Fund timescales. Approval will enable Sunderland City 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

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11. Date of Call-In Deadline

12. Implementation Date

Signature of the Decision-Maker



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

The Delegated Decision will be published by Democratic Services within three working days of it being taken, and it will then be open to call-in for a further five working days.

Decisions must not be implemented until the call-in process is completed.

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