

Record of Urgent Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

The decision is related to the bid to the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) Covid-19 Capacity Fund, by North Tyneside Council ('the Authority') to provide additional business, community and employability support to address needs occurring as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Elected Mayor

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

None

4. Executive summary

This report is concerned with the bid to the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) Covid-19 Capacity Fund, by North Tyneside Council ('the Authority') to provide additional business, community and employability support to address needs occurring as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The proposed programme will be delivered between 1 May 2020 and 31 March 2021 offering a package of support including a grant scheme and specialist advice to businesses, a grant scheme and employment funding for Community organisations, back to work employment support for residents and a marketing campaign for the town centres.

This report seeks approval to, once it has been approved by NTCA, receive grant funding totalling £1.5m to deliver the support programme.

5. Alternative Options considered

Option 1

To approve the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of this report to accept the offer of NTCA funding (and delegate authority to deliver the project as set out in this report).

Option 2

Not to approve the Authority's offer of grant funding (if approved) and for the Authority to not deliver additional services to residents, businesses and community organisations.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

6. Decision(s)

Approval of option 1 - To approve the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of this report to accept the offer of NTCA funding (and delegate authority to deliver the project as set out in this report.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Accepting the NTCA grant offer (if approved) will provide the resources needed to deliver a programme of support to residents, businesses and community organisations suffering hardship from the Covid-19 pandemic.

8. Date Decision Made

11 June 2020

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

*No – see below

10. Date of Publication

11 June 2020

11. Implementation Date

11 June 2020

*Note – this is an Urgent Decision, as agreed by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and not subject to call-in, as agreed by the Chair of Council.

The reason for urgency is as follows:

To enable the Council to accept the funding offer from the North of Tyne Combined Authority and to ensure that the funding is applied to businesses, residents and other organisations affected by the Coronavirus and grants are paid out in the shortest possible time given the urgency of the situation.