

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

To enter into a Transforming Cities Grant Fund Agreement for delivery of the North Shields Masterplan Transport Interchange, New Town Square, Embankment Walkway and Highways Gateways. Also to instruct the Council's construction partner to progress to Stage 2 (construction).

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

John Sparkes, Director of Regeneration and Economic Development.

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

None.

4. Executive summary (taken from report)

The purpose of the report is to seek approval of the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development to the Authority entering into a Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Agreement with the North East Combined Authority (NECA) in relation to three North Shields Masterplan projects, namely:-

- The Transport Interchange and New Town Square
- The Riverside Embankment Walkway
- The Highways Gateway Schemes

After the Authority has entered into the TCF Agreement, the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development is requested to issue the required Stage 2 Project Manager Instruction (PMI) to Willmott Dixon as the Council's appointed construction partner, to commence work under the Construction Delivery Agreement (CDA) signed by the Authority on 7th September 2021.

5. Alternative Options considered

There are no alternative options. The report is for approval to enter a Grant Funding Agreement for funding that the Authority has applied for.

6. Decision(s)

It is recommended that the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Director of Resources exercises specific delegation RED3 and General Delegation GD 6 included in the Authority's Officer Delegation scheme to:

- (1) Authorise the Authority's entry into the Transforming Cities Grant Fund Agreement with the North East Combined Authority so as to obtain £19.125m for delivery of the North Shields Masterplan Transport Interchange, New Town Square, Embankment Walkway and Highways Gateways.
- (2) Instruct the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development and the Director of Resources to take all necessary steps to complete the Transforming Cities Grant Fund Agreement; and
- (3) Authorise the issue of the Stage 2 Project Manager Instruction (PMI) to the Contractor to commence work under the Construction Delivery Agreement following completion of the Grant Funding Agreement.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Accepting this funding will enable the Authority to proceed with the construction of the Transport Interchange, New Town Square, Embankment Walkway and Highways Gateway Schemes in line with the North Shields Masterplan approved at Cabinet in January 2021

8. Date Decision Made

18 March 2022

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

Yes, the call-in period will expire at 5pm on Friday 25 March 2022

10. Date of Publication

18 March 2022

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5pm on Friday 25 March 2022