

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Acceptance of Grant Funding for:
Northumberland Line Mobility and Last Mile GFA
Northumberland Line Waggon Way GFA

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

John Sparkes

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

N/A

4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

Mobility and Last Mile

The grant monies will be used to undertake a detailed analysis of each station along the Northumberland Line within local authority boundaries and the transport opportunities each present to better serve the adjacent area, to identify routes to market with different service providers for each transport option and assess the first/last mile infrastructure each station would benefit from to fully enable the transport options (car hire, EV charging, cycle hire, wheeling micro-mobility etc.)

Waggon Ways

The Grant monies will be used to develop a walking/cycling/wheeling visitor trail that originates from the new Northumberland Park Station and will incorporate existing cultural, heritage and natural assets located along the former Waggonways network in North Tyneside and Northumberland.

The project will propose wayfinding and branding, locations for information points, prepare high level route map / pamphlets and identify route sections where pedestrian, wheeling and cycling infrastructure could be enhanced to improve visitor experience and usage.

5. Alternative Options considered

The other option considered was not to accept the grant funding.

6. Decision(s)

The Director of Regeneration & Economic Development agreed to:

The Authority entering into the Grant Funding Agreements so that the Authority receives £75,000 and £125,000 grant funding from the North East Mayoral Combined Authority to undertake a detailed analysis of each station along the Northumberland Line within local authority boundaries and to develop a walking/cycling/wheeling visitor trail that originates from the new Northumberland Park Station.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Accepting these grants will provide sufficient funds to complete the analysis and develop a walking trail along the Northumberland Line.

8. Date Decision Made

15/03/2025

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

5pm on Friday 23 May 2025

10. Date of Publication

16 May 2025

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

27 May 2025