

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s) By Elected Mayor

1. Subject of decision

North Shields Heritage Action Zone Funding

2. Name and Portfolio of Cabinet member(s) (Decision Maker)

Norma Redfearn, Elected Mayor

3. Head of Service

Head of Regeneration and Economic Development

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

None

5. Executive summary

On the 26th November 2018, the Cabinet agreed a report which set out 'An Ambition for North Tyneside'. Having listened to the views of our residents and businesses, the report articulated the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's ambition for North Tyneside and provided a series of projects and schemes which reflected the Authority's ambition around the themes of 'our people', 'our place' and 'our economy'.

In December 2019, we submitted a non-competitive bid to Historic England, which if successful, will see significant investment into the buildings and public realm of the Northumberland Square and Howard Street Conservation Area. This will improve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and will build upon our investment at Northumberland Square. The funding will also provide new commercial opportunities for some of the buildings on Howard Street, which could be repurposed toward more suitable uses and which would take advantage of this unique location.

The report seeks to authorise the Head of Resources to accept grant funding, should the Authority's application be successful, from Historic England for High Street Heritage Action Zone funding for part of the Northumberland Square Conservation Area.

The regeneration of the Northumberland Square and Howard Street Conservation Area will complement the emerging North Shields masterplan. The purpose of the masterplan is to set out our vision for the town centre which reflects the Authority's policy objectives to broaden and diversify the visitor offer and to create a sustainable future for the town centre with improved links to the Fish Quay.

For the full report please see item 9 [here](#)

6. Alternative Options Considered

Option 1

To approve the recommendations set out at Paragraph 1.2 of this report.

Option 2

To not approve any of the recommendations

7. Decision(s)

The Elected Mayor has agreed to:

- (1) authorise the Head of Resources to accept grant funding, should the Authority's application be successful, from Historic England for High Street Heritage Action Zone funding for part of the Northumberland Square Conservation Area; and
- (2) delegate authority to the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Deputy Mayor, Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources, the Head of Resources and the Head of Law and Governance to enter into the appropriate grant funding agreement with Historic England.

8. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Should the Authority be offered grant funding, authorising the Head of Resources to accept the funding from Historic England will allow the Authority to respond quickly to any offer and progress with the High Street Heritage Action Zone project as early as April 2020. This will also help kickstart the regeneration of North Shields in line with Our Ambitions and our emerging Masterplan.

9. Date Decision Made

26 March 2020

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

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020

11. Date of Publication

27 March 2020

12. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on Friday 3 April 2020