

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Jacqueline Laughton, Assistant Chief Executive

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

None

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

On 31 July 2023 Cabinet received a financial management and performance report that reported procurement activity and grant income through the 2023/24 financial year. Included in that report was reference to the UK Shared Prosperity Community and Places Grant that the Authority was due to receive from the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA). Cabinet agreed to the receipt of £2.274m new grant monies which included those grant monies received in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Communities and Place.

At the meeting on 31 July 2023 Cabinet gave specific authority to the Assistant Chief Executive to procure any goods, works or services to deliver the outcomes in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

It is recommended that the Assistant Chief Executive

(1) Agree to the Authority entering into a grant funding agreement with the North of Tyne Combined Authority to receive the UK Shared Prosperity Grant Funding for the North Tyneside Community Partnership Project following consultation with the Director of Resources and Head of Law; and

(2) Agree to award the UK Shared Prosperity Grant Funding received by the Authority from the North of Tyne Combined Authority under the above grant funding agreement referred to in recommendation (1) to VODA North Tyneside following entry into a suitable agreement between the Authority and VODA North Tyneside to deal with grant allocations and associated matters in consultation with the Director of Resources and Head of Law.

5. Alternative Options considered

Not to agree the Authority entering into a contract with North of Tyne Combined Authority, and not to award VODA North Tyneside to distribute the funds.

6. Decision(s)

To agree the Authority entering into a contract with North of Tyne Combined Authority and award VODA North Tyneside to distribute funds recommendations set out below.

Agree to award the UK Shared Prosperity Grant Funding received by the Authority from the North of Tyne Combined Authority under the above grant funding agreement referred to in recommendation to VODA North Tyneside following entry into a suitable agreement between the Authority and VODA North Tyneside to deal with grant allocations and associated matters in consultation with the Director of Resources and Head of Law.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

The acceptance of the UKSPF Community and Places by the Authority is in line with the decision taken by Cabinet on 31 July 2023 to accept these grant monies. The decision to enter into an agreement with VODA is considered the most appropriate VODA are also funded to manage and evaluate all UKSPF Community and Places grants. If we don't fund the VCSE we risk not receiving the funding from North of Tyne Combined Authority.

8. Date Decision Made

30/04/2024

To be completed by Democratic Services

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

5pm on 8 May 2024

10. Date of Publication

1 May 2024

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5pm on 8 May 2024