

Cabinet

7 May 2024

Decision Notice

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Reference and Title	Decision
C4/5/24 Appointments to Cabinet	Resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the appointment by the constituent councils of the members and substitute members set out in the report of the Interim Monitoring Officer be noted; (2) the requirement that the Mayor must appoint one of the above Cabinet Members as the Deputy Mayor to act in their absence be noted; (2) Lucy Winskell OBE be appointed as the Business Board Member and Mark Thompson be appointed as the Substitute Business Board Member; and (3) the Head of Paid Service be authorised to undertake a process to appoint the Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) Member and Substitute CVS Member, and that the next steps and proposed appointments be reported to Cabinet for approval at future meetings.
C5/5/24 Governance Arrangements	Resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the Constitution, as appended to the report of the Interim Monitoring Officer, be adopted; (2) the principal address of the Authority be The Lumen, St James Boulevard, Newcastle Helix, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5BZ; (3) the common seal of the Authority, as appended to the report of the Interim Monitoring Officer, be adopted; (4) the Interim Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Mayor, be authorised to undertake recruitment processes to appoint an independent (co-opted) member to chair the Audit and Standards Committee and to appoint an Independent Person for the purposes of the standards regime; and (5) the Single Assurance Framework, as appended to the report of the Interim Monitoring Officer, be adopted.
C6/5/24 Designation of Statutory Officers and Continuity Arrangements	Resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the designation of the Authority's statutory officers, as set out in the report of the Interim Monitoring Officer, be approved; (2) the proposal that a report be presented to the Cabinet on 11 June 2024 regarding the Authority's staffing structure and that, in the interim, the Head of Paid Service will make arrangements to put in place temporary management capacity to ensure continuity of delivery be noted; (3) the delegation of operational transport functions to Durham County Council and Northumberland County Council, as set out in the report of the Interim Monitoring Officer, be approved; and

	(4) the formal decisions which the former North East Combined Authority and the former North of Tyne Combined Authority made be treated as decisions of the Authority.
C7/5/24 Mayoral and other Allowances	<p>Following consideration of a report and recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel it was resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) an allowance of £92,000 be payable to the North East Mayor; (2) the allowance be subject to annual increases linked to the consumer price index (CPI). (3) an allowance of £500 plus expenses be payable to the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee for each committee meeting attended; (4) an initial annual allowance of £1,000 for the first twelve months be payable to the Independent Person(s) appointed for the purposes of the standards regime under Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011; (5) Durham County Council's IRP be requested to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) review the allowances payable to the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee and Independent Person(s) appointed for the purposes of the standards regime after 12 months of operation; and (ii) undertake further work as to allowances as may be required.

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