

Decision Title:

Bus Service Improvement Plan – Account Based Ticketing

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Non-Key

If the decision is Key, has the decision been published on the Forward Plan?

N/A

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

No

Decision:

Option 1: Non-confidential decision:

Approve:

1. £1,360,000 of BSIP Capital spend for the delivery of the back-office system to enable provision of ABT across the region.
2. £917,208 North East CA revenue funding from interest income earned on cash balances held in relation to BSIP to support the delivery of the ABT system.

Following approval, the Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) will be provided to Nexus for signing and sealing. The GFA will then be provided to the Statutory Officer for signature prior to sealing.

Delegation:

The BSIP Programme fund allocations were approved by the Joint Transport Committee in June 2022. This programme of spend had previously been set out and agreed by the Joint Transport Committee on 19 March 2024.

In May 2024, the North East Combined Authority (North East CA) Cabinet agreed that ‘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.’ (Cabinet meeting 7 May 2024, Minute no C6/5/24 (4)).

Cabinet 30 July 2024 Minute number C24/7/24 ‘the following investment be approved in principle and delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, to enter into the relevant agreements as required, in accordance with the Single Assurance Framework:

- £60.811 million (revenue) and £40.468 million (capital) of Bus Service Improvement Plan funding to deliver a range of improvement to bus services, to be delivered by partners through Grant Funding Agreements

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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Signature (Decision-Maker)



Date of signing 14/10/2024