

**Meeting:** Thriving Sub-Committee

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## 1. Purpose of Report

In line with the work programme item identified by the Thriving Sub Committee, this report provides an overview of the decision made by Cabinet regarding the November 2024 agenda item CAB72/24 which covered the North West Village and Transport Plans Report for the Sub Committee's consideration.

## 2. Recommendations

Members of the Sub Committee are asked to consider the decision and recommendations made by Cabinet on 25 November 2024, and note that a further report will be presented to Cabinet in June 2025 updating Cabinet on the progress made in relation to the delivery of the projects included in the North West Village Plan, the North West Inner Area Plan and the North West Transport Plan.

## 3. Report received at Cabinet

Cabinet was advised that the Our North Tyneside Plan 2021-25 gives a commitment to bring investment and improvements to the North West area of the borough and ensure that regeneration delivers ambition, opportunity and benefits for all of the Borough's residents.

Officers worked with the Deputy Mayor to better understand the opportunities and challenges in the North West which has been informed by the Big Community Conversation held in the Summer of 2022 where residents told the Authority what they wanted for their area.

Conversations have also taken place with Ward Councillors in the North West as well as partners such as Transport North East in order to help frame the work and future investment in the North West.

Cabinet was advised that the North West has a fantastic living offer based around its various settlements which have the advantages of a semi-rural setting. Through the Authority's work, there is the opportunity to invest in places and communities in the North West and create outstanding places to live and spend leisure time. However, in order to achieve this, it was noted that there are challenges that need to be addressed if the North West is to be a thriving and family friendly location where people choose to live.

Cabinet was advised that specifically, transport connectivity is a major issue and that a lack of public transport provision, particularly buses, can leave communities isolated with residents unable to connect easily with services. Addressing this lack of transport connectivity and promoting sustainable alternatives, including cycling and walking, will be a key policy priority for the Authority.

It is important that the Borough's residents in settlements in the North West have easy access to range of local services including healthcare, education, retail and leisure and that these should be readily accessible for those residents who do not have access to a private car. This may mean thinking differently about how the Authority deliver services in this part of the Borough in the future.

Cabinet was advised that communities in the North West are passionate about the places they live and have a strong sense of belonging. However, the Authority was also aware that some areas within the North West would benefit from investment in green spaces and the public realm.

In June 2023, Cabinet agreed to a set of policy priorities for the North West. These were:

- Improve Transport Connectivity
- Access to Local Services
- Caring for the Environment and a Sense of Belonging

Since then, Village, Inner Area and Transport Plans have been prepared that reflect the Authority's ambition for the North West and which, through a series of projects, will deliver on the three policy priorities.

The report presented to Cabinet sought agreement of the Village, Inner Area and Transport plans and to progress with the individual projects identified within them. It was noted that should Cabinet agree to the Village, Inner Area and Transport plans set out in the report, the next phase of this work will be to:

- Undertake consultation on the inner north west plan and proposed projects and to then progress the delivery of the projects subject to securing funding; and
- Progress the delivery of the projects in the outer North West Village plans and Transport Plan including the procurement of design and construction services for those projects identified within the masterplan and for which funding has been secured.

It was noted by Cabinet that former Councillor Muriel Green would have been delighted to see this report and in particular delighted to see the plans to improve connectivity. It was also noted that transport and connectivity had been an issue and the fact this is now being prioritised was welcomed.

#### **4. Resolutions Made by Cabinet**

At the 25 November meeting, the Cabinet resolved to:

1. Agree to the proposed North West Village Plan (Appendix 2 of the report), the North West Inner Area Plan (Appendix 3 of the report) and the North West Transport Plan (Appendix 7 of the report);
2. Subject to recommendation (1) being agreed, authorise the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Deputy Mayor and the Director of Resources to:
  - a. undertake consultation on the North West Inner Area Plan (Appendix 3) to develop the proposed projects set out in paragraph 1.5.4 of this report, and identify additional projects and then progress with the delivery of the projects subject to securing funding and to;
  - b. progress the delivery of the projects in the North West Village Plan (Appendix 2) and the North West Transport Plan (Appendix 7) set out in paragraph 1.5.4 of the report, including the procurement of design and construction services for those projects identified within the plans and for which funding has been secured;
3. Note that a further report will be presented to Cabinet in June 2025 updating Cabinet on the progress made in relation to the delivery of the projects included in the North West Village Plan, the North West Inner Area Plan and the North West Transport Plan.

Cabinet stated that the reason for this decision was to enable the Authority to progress the regeneration of the North West and deliver against Cabinet's agreed policy priorities.