

North Tyneside Council

Report to Cabinet

Date: 21 February 2022

Title: An Ambition for North Tyneside - Update

Portfolio: **Regeneration**

Cabinet Member: **Councillor Carl Johnson**

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Wards affected: **All**

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Cabinet with an update on the delivery of the Council's 'Ambition for North Tyneside' which was agreed by Cabinet on the 26th November 2018 as a framework for the regeneration of the borough in line with the then Our North Tyneside Plan.

An update was last provided to the Cabinet in September 2020. Since then, the Deputy Mayor and officers have been working closely with a range of partners to unlock potential and opportunity and the following have been delivered:

- In North Shields we acquired the former Co-op building and have prepared it for demolition.
- We also acquired and demolished the Unicorn House office building which will be brought forward for new family housing.
- Work has commenced improving the public realm in Northumberland Square and on Howard Street.
- Planning Applications have now been for a new transport hub in North Shields and a walkway between the Town Centre and Fish Quay.
- Supported North Shields Fish Quay Development Company and the Port of Tyne to begin work to repair and extend the Protection Jetty.
- In Whitley Bay we have continued work on the Northern Promenade with works around the Rendezvous Café.
- In Wallsend we have continued to work with the new owners of the Swan Hunter Site (Shepherd Offshore Limited) to bring the site forward for employment purposes.

- We have also completed the refurbishment of residential properties in Charlotte Street, Wallsend which has seen them brought forward for family housing following their acquisition from a private landlord.

In the next 12 months we expect to deliver the following:

- In North Shields we will demolish the former Co-op building and will commence work on the new Transport Interchange and Civic Square.
- We will also commence work on the Embankment Walkway linking the town centre with the Fish Quay.
- We will have started to acquire third party property interests at the Tyne Brand Site on the Fish Quay which is identified for new housing.
- Works to Howard Street and Northumberland Square will be completed in the summer breathing new life into the historic conservation area.
- Work will commence on the development of new housing at the former Unicorn House site.
- Improvement works will also commence on The Exchange building in North Shields as part of our plans to develop a cultural quarter
- We will also see private sector investment into 97 Howard Street and 131 Bedford Street which will be brought forward for cultural type activity following the decision to take these properties to market.
- Works will also commence bring 11/12 Northumberland Square forward for new housing to complement the new housing delivered at 14-16 Northumberland Square completed in 2020.
- At the coast we will continue works to the Northern Promenade between the Rendezvous Café and the subject to funding, and in line with Our North Tyneside Plan, we will install a permanent segregated cycleway at the coast.
- We will also prepare masterplans for Wallsend and Whitley Bay as well as our settlements in the North West of the borough.

This report explains what we have achieved to date as well as setting out our planned activities across the borough over the next 12 months and beyond utilising the £2m per annum funding identified in the Budget for delivering the 'Ambition for North Tyneside'.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (1) note the progress made in delivering the overall plan since November 2018
- (2) Note the projects to be delivered in 2022 and beyond
- (3) agree that 'An Ambition for North Tyneside' will continue to be monitored by the Investment Programme Board and progress reported regularly to Cabinet.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Relevant notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 21 January 2022.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report is directly concerned with the delivery of the entire Our North Tyneside Plan with outcomes expected to support a thriving, family friendly, caring, secure and a green North Tyneside.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

Scope and approach

By way of background, An Ambition for North Tyneside considers the borough as four areas namely:

- The South West area around Wallsend, including the communities who live in Howdon, Willington Quay, Hadrian Park, High Farm and Battle Hill
- The North West including Benton and Longbenton, Forest Hall and Killingworth, Dudley, Weetslade, Burradon, Camperdown and Fordley
- The North East area around Whitley Bay, including Monkseaton and Earsdon, Shiremoor, Backworth and West Allotment; and
- The South East area around North Shields, including Cullercoats and Tynemouth, Chirton and Percy Main

1.5.2 Borough-wide ambition

The Elected Mayor and Cabinet's ambitions for the Borough are set out in the Our North Tyneside Plan. Specific commitments have been made and are being met in terms of a thriving, family-friendly, caring, secure and green promises.

To deliver the ambition and pay for delivery, the Council has allocated £2m per year for five years (2021-26) through its budget setting process. This has enabled the Council to use this as 'match funding' and attract external funding from the North of the Tyne Combined Authority, the North East Local Enterprise Partnership, Government and the private sector.

1.5.3 The report explains in more detail progress that has been made on the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's ambitions for each part of the Borough. It sets out what has been achieved over the last 12 months, what is currently planned and what will happen next (subject to funding) and what the Authority will do if it can and when it can.

1.5.4 For the South West

The South West has some fantastic assets. It includes the World Heritage site at Segedunum marking the terminus for the Hadrian's Wall route and celebrating its 1900 anniversary in 2022. It is at the heart of the industrial north bank of the Tyne, with world leading business (including the Swans site). It also has a great leisure offer, with Hadrian Leisure Centre, well used libraries, and the refurbished Richardson Dees Park and, for some parts of the community, strong transport links.

The Authority continues to support business and residents to create more and better jobs. The Authority also continues to work with public transport providers and funders to help improve the connections of those parts of the area that do not have strong transport links. The Authority also wants to improve the housing offer and improve the sense of place and community and in doing so closing the gap in life chances.

Current Activity:

Swan Hunter Site: The sale of the site was completed in December 2020 to Shepherd Offshore Ltd (SOL) in line with the Councils policy objectives for the site. Since the sale, SOL have been working with the Authority and funders to bring the site back into beneficial economic. The Authority continues to work with Shepherd Offshore Ltd to identify opportunities for inward investment and create new employment opportunities. Demolition of the former office block is currently ongoing to prepare the site for investment.

Centre for Innovation: The Authority completed the second phase of the Centre for Innovation which opened in the summer of 2020. The building provides 1200m² of office space and is now substantially occupied providing high quality office accommodation aimed at businesses in the offshore sector.

Segedunum: The Authority is currently awaiting the outcome of a business case submitted to the MEND Fund to secure circa £500k for urgent repair work to the Museum. An expression of interest form has been submitted to the National Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake a programme of transformational works to bring the museum into the 21st century. It is hoped the Authority will be invited to progress a detailed submission to secure a multi- million-pound investment in the Museum with its Partners, Tyne, and Wear Museums. It is hope that the Authority will be advised of the outcome of this bid by the end of February 2022

Healthcare Facilities: Work has commenced on site with the landowners (New River Retail) and healthcare providers to deliver new healthcare facilities in the heart of Wallsend Town Centre as part of the regeneration of the town centre. Work is scheduled to be completed later in 2022.

Wallsend Masterplan: Funding has been secured from the North East Local Enterprise Partnership to prepare a Masterplan for Wallsend in line with Our North Tyneside Pan. Work has commenced in scoping the Masterplan, which will include improvements to the town centre public realm as well as improvements to the residential offer. It will also identify opportunities for ensuring our residents are able to access high quality jobs and are able to benefit from our inclusive economic growth.

It will also examine the connections between Segedunum Museum, the transport interchange, and the town centre. This will build on the recent covid recovery work undertaken by the Council, where action and recovery plans were produced to support

the town centre. It is anticipated that a draft Masterplan will be subject to engagement in by the summer 2022, prior to a final version being presented to Cabinet for adoption by the autumn 2022.

Next Steps 2022-2025:

Segedunum: It is proposed that further investment is brought forward at Segedunum to deliver the Authority's ambition for the site and to grow it as a visitor destination helping to drive footfall into the town centre. Using the work from Hemingway Design, a transformational plan and supporting investment programme will be developed in line with funding criteria and requirements.

Investment will initially be targeted towards the repair and refurbishment of the existing fabric of the buildings and site with a focus on the Bath House which has been closed for some time. Estimated cost of this project is circa £1m with match funding to be sought to maximise the impact of the scheme.

Swan Hunter Site: We will continue to work with Shepherd Offshore Limited and funding partners to bring forward new employment opportunities. Work will also be progressed to ensure there is integration between the Authorities objectives for Swan Hunters and the proposals for investment in Segedunum to ensure they complement each other and maximise the benefits for Wallsend Town Centre and the surrounding area. We will also work with partners within the wider context of the River Tyne Task Group, established by NoTCA and four riparian local authorities to promote the river on national / international platforms as a destination for investment.

Centurion Park: A revised planning application is expected for improvements to the golf facilities. The Authority will also continue to work with the private sector over the development of Centurion Park.

When funding and timing allows:

Plans for housing renewal will be developed and delivered, as will a long-term plan to redesign traffic and transport flows around the town centre, as well as other plans and projects emanating from the Masterplan work. On the latter point, valuable intelligence is being drawn from the temporary arrangements implemented to support safe opening as part of the National Recovery Strategy.

1.5.5 For the North West

The North West has many attributes and some fantastic assets. It is a great place to live and includes many historic mining settlements as well as Killingworth new town. This popular area has a broad range of housing choice for residents and enjoys strong demand from families who want to live there. It has access to national infrastructure assets at the A1 and Newcastle Airport and includes a significant portion of the borough's open land, including Weetslade Country Park, which contributes to its leisure offer.

For the North West, the Authority is working to develop sustainable communities, support retailing, and bringing local centres to life while meeting housing need (particularly in and around the former mining communities).

The area also includes Killingworth Moor strategic housing site which is identified for 2000 new family homes in the 2017 Local Plan. Although private sector led, the Masterplan developed by the Council will underpin the delivery of new housing in a way that promotes a richer living environment on human scale.

From an economic standpoint, the North West has the Indigo Park Strategic Employment Site which provides the opportunity for significant inward investment. The site is suited to Storage and Distribution / General Industrial type uses (as opposed to office type uses) which will provide more and better jobs to which people are better connected.

Current Activity:

Killingworth Lake: Plans are being progressed to broaden the offer of the park. This will include proposals to improve the footpaths, car parks and gateways into the Lake area. A Multi Use Sports Area is being considered as well as options for a café and toilet building. The plans will be subject to engagement by the summer 2022.

Killingworth Moor Housing Site: Work continues to deliver on the Authority's plans for new housing in the borough. Officers continue to work with developers and landowners as well as National Highways, to develop appropriate plans for the delivery of new housing and infrastructure at the Killingworth Moor site which will be in line with the approved Masterplan and our policy objectives around affordable housing.

Planning applications for the development of part of the site have been submitted to the Council as Planning Authority and these are currently being considered.

Borough-wide Wagonway Project: the Wagonways are a much-valued resource for the entire Borough. Spreading out from the former mines from Seaton Burn towards Earsdon, the original routes south to the river have been successfully developed into popular walking and cycling routes. Moreover, the network was a particularly valuable asset for our residents enabling them to undertake exercise safely during the recent restrictions caused by COVID 19.

It is proposed to develop the network over the next 5 years in three ways namely:

- Navigation and connectivity. The creation of the network happened over time and incrementally through various projects and funding bids. There is now a job to be done to bring this all together and ensure the network is easily navigated and connected. Approaching this in the same way as the highways network, the Authority will work with users and communities to ensure there is comprehensive signage that allows the use of the network for leisure and travel to work. This will also incorporate the Covid Memorial works which will feed into a central memorial at the Silverlink Biodiversity Park being delivered across Spring and early Summer 2022.

That work will translate into supporting maps available digitally to support residents and visitors to explore and use the network. In some places, the connections through built up areas or across the highways network need improvement to make travel and navigation easier.

- Surfacing and treatment. The Authority needs to ensure that the surfacing allows for participation by a wide variety of users and is accessible to everyone. A consistent approach to surfacing and treatment is being agreed to ensure greater consistency across the network and to ensure standards are in place whenever a new project is being delivered. Again, working with users and communities, the Authority will refine a set of common standards.

- Animating and Enriching the Experience. The Wagonways are a legacy of the industrial revolution and have a rich history. Work is planned to tell the story of the network and find ways to bring that to life for users thereby enriching the visitor experience. The Authority will work with users and communities to help interpret the heritage of the network. However, the network is also a living resource and there are opportunities to increase engagement and awareness of the flora and fauna that surround the network as well as encouraging greater diversity. There is also an opportunity to provide business opportunities throughout the network serving users and working with the materials that grow along its length.

This project is particularly appropriate for external funding, and the National Lottery Heritage Fund has been identified as a potential source. The Authority will continue dialogue with funders to ensure project deliverables and outcomes are in line with funder requirements. The plans will be subject to engagement in summer 2022.

Next Steps 2022-2025:

North West Masterplan: Planning for our settlements in the North West is also a key priority for the Mayor and Cabinet. Looking ahead, this will involve master planning activities that will include developing a suite of proposed projects aimed at enhancing the quality of place and improving the settlements in the area. Early stages of the process will commence in Spring 2022, with engagement proposed by autumn 2022. A final plan will be presented to Cabinet in winter 2023.

Killingworth Lake: The plans will be subject to engagement in summer 2022. Delivery is planned for winter 2023.

Borough-wide Wagonway Project: The plans will be subject to engagement in the summer of 2022. This will focus on the initial stretch from Wideopen to Camperdown. Delivery is planned for 2023 subject to successful funding bids

Indigo Park: The site remains a strategic employment site and is identified in the adopted Local Plan for employment purposes. The site has been subject of recent interest, and we will continue to work with partners including developers and other landowners to review funding opportunities to secure investment and refine proposals that will see more and better jobs delivered in the borough.

When funding and timing allows:

Subject to the agreement by the Mayor and Cabinet of the proposed Masterplans referred to above, the Authority will seek funding to deliver those elements of the plans identified as priorities.

Transport Infrastructure: The Authority will also seek to develop the transport network including continued lobbying for a direct Metro link between North Tyneside and Newcastle Airport negating the need for changing at South Gosforth. The Authority will also continue to work with Northumberland County Council / NoTCA for the delivery of the Northumberland / Tyne heavy rail link.

1.5.6 For the North East

This part of North Tyneside has seen significant investment at the coast to create an asset for the borough and the region. Given the travel restrictions arising from the pandemic and the increase in day visits and 'staycations' the coast has seen a recent increase in visitor numbers and continues to be a popular destination for our residents

and visitors alike. Furthermore, in addition to providing a first-class food and beverage offer, the coast provides opportunities for exercise and informal leisure helping to support the physical and mental wellbeing of our residents. For the North East and the surrounding communities, the Authority has also invested in the environment and infrastructure to encourage visitors to support the local economy.

The Authority aims to build upon the ongoing success of the Spanish City regeneration and to sustain a first-class coastal visitor offer and destination for all North Tyneside, the region and beyond. This includes continued investment in coastal infrastructure following investment in the Central Lower Promenade and the southern portion of the Northern Promenade and the Watts Slope area.

In addition, the Authority aims to continue to meet housing and transport demand in the North East in a sustainable way that meets the needs of our residents and businesses.

Current Activity:

Northern Promenade: Stage 1 and 2 have been completed to the southern and central areas of the promenade. Stage 3, from the Rendezvous Café to Briardene Car Park is currently on site and will see the re-use of the much loved 'Battenburg' paving providing a more sustainable treatment whilst also celebrating the rich history of our coastal offer. Work is expected to be completed summer 2022.

St Mary's Island and Lighthouse: The Authority carried out remedial works to St. Mary's Island Causeway in 2019 as part of initial steps to secure further investment into the island as part of the visitor offer. The Authority is in the process of submitting an expression of interest to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) for a revised scheme to repair and consolidate the lighthouse and provide a small educational building on the headland. The funding programme is spread across three stages, and this is likely to take approx 18-24 months to conclude, resulting in delivery potentially in 2024 should an award of funding be made to the Council.

Murton Housing Site: Identified in the adopted Local Plan as a strategic housing site, the Authority continues to work with the development consortia to deliver the Murton Masterplan which was adopted by the Authority as a framework for the delivery of this major scheme. In addition to bringing forward 3000 new homes the development will include investment in new transport infrastructure including a new link road, Metro Station as well as new schools. Planning Permission was recently granted for initial phases of the development of 450 units.

Next Steps 2022-2025:

Northern Promenade: Complete the work on the Northern Promenade by summer 2022.

Plans for a further phase linking the path at Briar Dene to the St Mary's Island Promenade are currently being refined which will see an upgrading of the current informal path on the seaward side of the Mini Golf Course. This is due to be delivered in 2022/23 and expected to cost £0.2m.

Coastal Cycleway: In line with the commitment in Our North Tyneside Plan to provide a permanent coastal cycleway, a proposed scheme was extensively consulted upon in 2021. This focused on a permanent, segregated cycleway whilst retaining two-way traffic along the seafront between the North Shields Fish Quay and St Mary's Lighthouse in Whitley Bay. This will build upon the success of the temporary scheme benefitting those

residents and visitors using sustainable and active forms of travel. The feedback is currently being assessed prior to the scheme being delivered in 2022 subject to funding. It is proposed that further consultation on the proposed final scheme will be carried out later this year.

Whitley Bay Town Centre Masterplan: In line with Our North Tyneside Plan, it is proposed to undertake some master planning activity in Whitley Bay town centre in 2022. The purpose of the plan will be to improve the pedestrian, cycle, and vehicular movements within the town centre environment. Together with improvements to the public realm, this will help create a better visitor experience and provide opportunities for new investment as well as supporting existing local business. This will build on the recent covid recovery work undertaken, where action and recovery plans were produced to support the town centre. This will form a sound basis to move forward later this year.

When funding and timing allows:

Metro Extension to Cobalt Business Park: The Authority will also seek to further develop the transport network including continued lobbying for a Metro extension in the Cobalt corridor and the potential for a rail station at Northumberland Park as part of Northumberland / Tyne Railway proposals.

St Mary's Island: Progression of a revised scheme and funding bid to the NLHF over the next 2 years.

1.5.7 For the South East

The South East area contains North Shields Town Centre and Fish Quay and together with the surrounding communities contain some significant assets that contribute to the overall offer of the Borough. The Fish Quay is England and Wales largest prawn landing port. The South East is also home to the longstanding fishing activity which is based at Cullercoats Harbour. It contains the major Port of Tyne site, the north side of the Tyne Tunnels and a major site for Northumbrian Water as well as the two retail outlets at Silverlink and Royal Quays and the attractions of Tynemouth Village. Northumberland Park, Tynemouth Pool and The Parks are at the core of a significant leisure offer.

The South East also contains some of the highest deprivation in the borough and the Authority therefore is committed, through its Inclusive Economy Strategy, to tackling working poverty, improve the life chances of residents and address issues of poor quality private rented housing as part of the work to close the gap.

For the South East and its surrounding area, the Authority is working towards raising the quality of the built environment, through the North Shields Town Centre and Fish Quay Masterplan adopted in January 2021. It is making good headway, working in partnership with existing landowners and other stakeholders, in delivering the Masterplan and regenerating North Shields Town Centre with several schemes now on site.

For reference, the schemes contained in the Masterplan include:

1. Town Centre Gateway Improvements
2. Transport Hub and Bus Interchange
3. New Town Square
4. Bedford Street / Saville Street Public Realm Improvements
5. Northumberland Square Improvements
6. Howard Street Cultural Quarter

7. Riverside Embankment Walkway
8. Housing Sites
 - Tyne Brand
 - Unicorn House
9. Relocation of North Shields Ferry

Current Activity:

11-12 Northumberland Square: Following on from the successful refurbishment and redevelopment of 12-16 Northumberland Square, the Authority acquired the adjacent properties (11-12 Northumberland Square) which were in private ownership and very poor condition and therefore unlikely to be brought forward. These listed properties are currently subject to Listed Building and Planning Applications for conversion to housing.

Work is scheduled to commence in the spring which will see the building refurbished and converted into residential apartments by Aurora Properties. This will complement the rest of the Northumberland Square scheme completed in 2020 and will bring a prominent building within the conservation area back into beneficial use. We are also working with Aurora Properties to access Heritage Action Zone Funding to help support the scheme and reinstate original architectural features.

Unicorn House: Unicorn House was purchased in May 2020 at a cost of £795K. Given the design of the building and the limited contribution it makes to the townscape of North Shields, it was considered that the best outcome would be for the public sector to intervene and redevelop the site to a high standard.

The building was demolished in 2021 and received planning permission for 29 new family housing units, which will shortly commence on site being delivered through Aurora Properties. The development has been successful in attracting Brownfield Housing Funding from the North of Tyne Combined Authority to help support the scheme.

North Shields Heritage Action Zone: The Authority has also been successful in attracting £1.4m of Heritage Action Zone funding for improvements to Howard Street Conservation Area. This will see significant investment into the fabric of the Conservation Area including both buildings and public realm. This will improve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and will build upon the investment in Northumberland Square.

It will also provide new commercial opportunities for some of the buildings on Howard Street which could be repurposed towards high quality food and beverage / leisure uses which would take advantage of this unique location. Property grants have been awarded and properties on Howard Street and Northumberland Square have been improved. Several other grant awards are to be made to private property owners and work is scheduled to commence shortly. Of particular note is the proposed extensive scheme of repair proposed to the Exchange building which will address some of the buildings condition issues. This investment in the Exchange together with other complementary investment at 97 Howard Street will help underpin the proposed Cultural Quarter identified in the Masterplan.

North Shields Masterplan: Work continues to progress in implementing the adopted Masterplan.

The Authority has also been successful in securing funding through the Transforming Cities Fund which is for major transport infrastructure projects. The Authority's proposals

are for a new integrated transport facility within North Shields Town Centre which will link bus and Metro services and provide a better customer experience. The Authority's bid also includes highway improvements within North Shields Town Centre as well as proposals for an Embankment Walkway from the Town Centre to the Fish Quay to improve pedestrian connectivity.

The schemes have been designed and have been subject to engagement including specific engagement with women's groups to ensure that the layout and design are appropriate for the location and user groups. The Embankment Walkway and transport facilities are currently subject of planning applications, which should be determined by Spring 2022. Demolition of the former Co-op building which was acquired by the Council in 2021 to enable the scheme to be delivered, is scheduled for Spring 2022, with commencement on site of the new transport facility following shortly after. The Transforming Cities Fund schemes will be completed by May 2023 in line with the funding requirements.

Work is in progress on new public realm materials for Howard Street and Northumberland Square and this will be completed by Summer 2022. Designs for Stage 2 including Bedford Street and Saville Street are currently being worked up and will be subject to engagement in Summer 2022.

As highlighted earlier, developing the cultural offer of the town is a key strand of the Masterplan as we seek to grow and diversify the town centre offer. This has been further reinforced through interest by the private sector in 131 Bedford Street and the former Globe Gallery at 97 Howard Street. Both properties will be brought back into use for cultural purposes in the coming year by the new occupiers further adding to the vitality to the growing cultural offer.

The Tyne Brand Site: The Authority also continues to work with the new owners of the Tyne Brand site on the Fish Quay to identify development solutions that will see this prominent site brought forward for residential purposes. A Brownfield Housing grant of £4.5m+ has been awarded by the North of Tyne Combined Authority as part of a suite of sites in North Shields which also includes Smiths Dock and Unicorn House. This will help fund potential acquisitions needed, as well as surveys to bring the site forward for development. In broadening the housing offer at this stunning and unique location, the redevelopment of the site will address the longstanding issues of dereliction that blight the site and its surrounds. Moreover, it will create new opportunities on Tanners Bank and Brew House Bank which will further improve the quality of place.

North Shields Ferry Landing: Work is ongoing with Nexus to refine a scheme for the relocation of the Ferry Landing to Western Quay. It is also proposed that the new landing will link in with the proposed Riverside Embankment Walkway which is included in the Masterplan. Having the ferry link into the heart of the Fish Quay will improve accessibility and drive footfall. The proposals will include bus turning facilities to ensure there is public transport connectivity with the town centre and beyond. Nexus is currently refining its plans and is seeking funding to deliver this from the Getting Building Again Fund. The scheme will also see an extension to the Fish Quay Protection Jetty, enabling more fishing boats to berth in 'The Gut' whilst also providing mooring facilities for tenders servicing cruise ships too large to enter the river.

The consolidation of the Protection Jetty at the Fish Quay is currently on site and work is progressing having been funded through the North of Tyne Combined Authority and MMO (Marine Maritime Organisation).

Next Steps 2022-2025:

North Shields Town Centre and Fish Quay: Work continues at pace to deliver several schemes within the adopted Masterplan and by 2025 many of these should be completed. Work is also in progress looking at the west end of Saville Street, to ensure this is improved as a major gateway into the town. The Authority has also secured circa £60k from the Local Enterprise Partnership to enhance plans for the Fish Quay through the production of a 'servant plan' for the area which will build and expand upon the proposals contained in the adopted Masterplan. This is likely to be developed over the coming months with engagement in the summer of 2022.

When funding and timing allows:

Port of Tyne Enterprise Zone: The Authority will continue to work with the Port of Tyne and the North East LEP to identify solutions for the Royal Quays Enterprise Zone. The site is currently in a poor condition and requires extensive enabling works to bring it forward for beneficial economic use. The Port's plans for the site have been delayed due to the Coronavirus pandemic although they have undertaken soft market testing to see if there is appetite in the development community to work collaboratively to bring the site forward.

Collingwood Monument and Tynemouth Priory: Given the significance and visibility to these iconic structures and their place within the heritage of the North East, it is proposed to celebrate these with new lighting schemes that will redefine their presence and create a striking impression on visitors, especially those arriving via the River Tyne.

The people of North Tyneside

This plan contains a broad range of physical projects which develop North Tyneside as a place. However, North Tyneside is nothing without its people. It's the businesses and shoppers that make the town centres, the visitors, residents, and businesses that bring to life the attractions at the coast and residents and visitors that fill the parks and wagonways with activity.

Just as this programme is designed to be for all of North Tyneside, it is designed for all the people of North Tyneside wherever they live. Many of the projects that have been delivered and will be delivered are shaped with that in mind, and is consistent with the Inclusive Economic Growth Strategy which seeks to ensure that those most marginalised from the mainstream economy have the opportunity to benefit from growth and fulfil their potential.

This plan is ambitious in scope and complex in nature, however, it means nothing without the people served by North Tyneside Council.

Proposed Funding Breakdown

An initial breakdown of the proposed funding allocation is set out below.

In line with the Authority's priorities, further work will continue be undertaken to refine a delivery programme and to profile the spend for each project across the five-year period.

1.5.8 How the plan will be managed

Progress on the Our Ambition Plan shall be monitored by the Deputy Mayor, who has responsibility for regeneration, and regular reports on progress will be reported to Cabinet. Property related projects will be dealt with via the Strategic Property Group chaired by the Elected Mayor.

Scheme	Council Funding from Our Ambition / Budget (2021-2025)	External Funding
North West – Killingworth Lake	£0.755M	To be confirmed
North West – Wagonways	£0.515M	To be confirmed
South West – Segedunum	£1.078M	£500k id to the MEND fund from DCMS
North East – Northern Promenade	£1.15M	
South East – North Shields Heritage Action Zone	£0.908M	£0.90M Heritage and £0.10M private sector
South East – North Shields Town Centre	£2.929M	<p>£19.125M Transforming Cities Fund for investment in new bus infrastructure, gateways and pedestrian routes between the town centre and Fish Quay</p> <p>£3.6M DfT funding for improvements to Tanners Bank Bridge with £0.3M contribution from Nexus</p> <p>£3.5m Getting Building Again Fund (MHCLG via LEP) for investment in the town centre public realm, with £1.00M match from Heritage Action Zone and £0.6M from the North East LEP.</p> <p>£4.344m Brownfield Housing Fund for Tyne Brand Site</p> <p>£1.3mK Brownfield Housing Fund for Unicorn House</p> <p>£734kBrownfield Housing Fund for Smith Dock</p> <p>Bids are also pending for a servant plan for Fish Quay (£60k) and £1.6m for a Cultural and Creative Zone</p>

		from the North of Tyne Combined Authority
TOTAL	£7.335m	£41.2m

Specific project and working groups will be established to handle more significant projects with appropriate Elected Member and Chief Officer leadership.

1.5.9 Next steps

Subject to agreement by Cabinet, the next steps will include:

- Further project development including refining delivery plans and funding mix;
- Options on the major projects moving through appropriate governance; and
- Finalise the Investment Programme based on a £10m budget over 5 years.

1.6 Decision options:

There is no decision to be made regarding the report which is for information purposes only. All projects identified for delivery within the report will be subject to the Authority's project governance arrangements.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Not applicable as the report is for information purposes only

1.8 Appendix:

None

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

(1) Our North Tyneside Plan 2021-25

(2) State of the Area 2018

(3) Cabinet report 26th November 2018 'An Ambition for North Tyneside'

(4) Cabinet report 1st April 2019 'An Ambition for North Shields'

(5) Cabinet Report November 2019 'An Ambition for North Tyneside' mid year update

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

The capital and revenue implications relating to those projects currently underway are included within the Authority's current Investment Plan and Financial Plan respectively. Any future proposals will be considered as part of the investment plan gateway process in line with the Authority's Capital Investment Strategy.

The Authority's 5-year Investment Plan budget for 2020/21 identified a £10m investment pot to deliver the projects contained in Our Ambition for North Tyneside to the financial year 2024/25. The draft Investment Plan for 2022/23 identifies the residual funding of £5m available for the remaining 3 years to 2024/25. This will continue to support the specific projects identified in this report but crucially it is available as matched funding to take advantage of emerging public and private finance opportunities.

As projects are further developed and refined, the Authority will continue to identify sources of match funding from national and regional funding bodies to deliver on the Authority's promises and to maximise the impact of its schemes and to provide value for money.

2.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. As projects and plans come forward individual consideration of the legal implications of these plans and projects will be required.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

The report is based on discussions with the Elected Mayor and Cabinet Members as well as detailed technical discussions across the Senior Leadership Team.

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

As the Authority has begun to mobilise on many of the key projects contained in Our Ambition for North Tyneside, the Authority has undertaken a numerous consultation events and have engaged with businesses and stakeholders to seek their views. This has included meeting with businesses at specific engagement events as well as meetings with the Chambers of Trade.

As proposals contained in Our Ambition for North Tyneside move towards delivery and where statutory processes are involved, for example Planning Applications, formal consultation will take place.

Future engagement will also build upon earlier consultation that has been undertaken which includes the Big Community Conversation; Budget Engagement and the engagement which supported the production of the North Tyneside Local Plan, Masterplans and Community Infrastructure Levy.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) will be carried out for each project where appropriate. This has seen the inclusion of a changing places facility within the transport hub, and the design of the walkway on the embankment has been designed to ensure easier access. EIAs are a key part of project planning as they assess the potential impact a project may have on people with protected characteristics and help to ensure our engagement activities are promoted appropriately and are accessible.

2.6 Risk management

Specific projects will have their own risk management arrangements in line with the agreed corporate approach.

2.7 Crime and disorder

Any crime and disorder implications and mitigation measures will be considered as part of the proposals for the individual schemes and projects set out in this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

The contents of the plan aim to support sustainable development and contribute to reducing carbon emissions and responding to our climate change emergency.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive ☐ X
- Director(s) of Service ☐ X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) ☐ X
- Chief Finance Officer ☐ X
- Monitoring Officer ☐ X
- Assistant Chief Executive ☐ X