

## **SUNDERLAND SOFTWARE CITY – PHASE 3**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

#### **1.      Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1      To consider a report on the progress being made with regard to the Sunderland Software City Phase 3 Project and its contribution to the continued development of the software and technology sector in the city.

#### **2.      Background**

- 2.1      On 22 June 2016, the Cabinet considered a report on the Sunderland Software City Phase 3 Project. The report sought approval to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Department of Communities and Local Government to secure resources from the European Regional Development Fund for Phase 3 of the Project and to enter into a partnership agreement with the North East Business Innovation Centre (BIC) to underpin delivery.
- 2.2      The report sets out the background and development of the project and its role in the city's software and technology sector. A copy of the report is attached as an appendix.

#### **3      Current Position**

- 3.1      Andrea Winders (Executive Director of Enterprise Development) will be in attendance to discuss the report and answer any questions from members.

#### **4.      Recommendations**

- 4.1      The Committee is asked to note the information.