

Decision Title:

Expansion of the 2024/25 Education Improvement and Child Poverty Prevention Programmes to the wider North East Combined Authority area.

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Non-key

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

Not applicable

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

No

Decision:

Non-confidential decision:

1. Allocate funding of £1,043,500 from the North East CA Investment Fund for the expanded delivery of the Education Improvement Programme as set out in Appendix A
2. Allocate funding of £1,356,500 from the North East CA Investment Fund for the expanded delivery of the Child Poverty Prevention Programme as set out at in Appendix B
3. Authorise next steps including bringing forward business cases for grant funded activity and reopening of the North East CA Children and Young People's Procurement Framework to procure contracted providers. Funding awards as a result of these next steps are subject to further decisions in line with the Single Assurance Framework.

Delegation:

Minute number C14/6/24 (3) of the Cabinet meeting held on 11 June 2024 which stated the following:

'an allocation of up to £2.4m of Investment Funds be approved to extend the North East CA child poverty and education improvement programmes to benefit schools, families, children and young people across all North East CA constituent authorities for the academic year 2024/25, beginning in September; and the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Education, Skills and Inclusion Portfolio, be authorised to approve the final business case and associated funding.'

Consultation:

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

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Name and Title of the Decision-Maker:

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Date of signing05-08-2024.....