

Decision Title:

Music Industry Cluster – UKSPF/IF

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:**Option 1: Non-confidential decision:**

The Chief Executive is recommended to:

- i) Approve £120,000 UKSPF and £50,000 Investment Fund to deliver a programme of activity supporting the growth of the North East's Music Industry Cluster. This includes the overall management of the North East's £50,000 contribution to the delivery of the Northern Music Export Office.
- ii) Authorise commencement of the procurement process and authority to award the contracts via the North East CA's DPS framework.

Delegation:

Minute Number 34(v) of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 September 2022, Cabinet resolved that:

- The Chief Executive, be authorised in consultation with the Director of Finance and relevant Cabinet Members, to approve the commissioning approach and subsequent grant agreements and/or contracts associated with the Shared Prosperity Fund. Project approvals should be made with reference to fit with the NTCA SPF Investment Plan, value for money and deliverability.

Minute Number C6/5/24 (4) of the Cabinet meeting held on May 2024, Cabinet resolved 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.

North East CA Constitution, Part 2.7 – Scheme of Delegations Section A: General Delegations to all Delegated Officers, GD7 To award and sign a grant offer or agreement within an approved budget up to £500,000.

Decisions are now being taken in line with these delegations.

Consultation:

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

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