

**Decision Title:**

Digital Adoption - UKSPF

**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:**

1. Approve the request for £480,000 of UKSPF 25/26 funding for the Digital Adoption Programme
2. Agree procurement activity can commence through North East CA's DPS for a supplier to deliver a programme of activity supporting the growth of digital adoption across the North East regions SME base.

**Option 2: Confidential decision:**

Not applicable

**Delegation:**

Decision No. 65/01/25(15) of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 January 2025, Cabinet resolved that:

- Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Investment, Monitoring Officer and relevant Cabinet Member to approve project applications and contracts brought forward through the approved Made Smarter, UK SPF and Economic Inactivity Trailblazer Delivery Plans, in line with the North East Single Assurance Framework.

**Consultation:**

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

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**Signature (Decision-Maker)**



**Date of signing 10/07/2025**