

**Decision Title:**

Connect to Work - Award of Contracts for Services (IPS)

**Is this decision Key or Non-key?**

Non-Key

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

N/A

**Is this decision subject to Call-in?**

No

**Decision:**

Approve the award of seven contracts for services to four organisations, with a total value of £28,607,090.

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**Delegation:**

C48/11/24 Department for Work and Pensions: Connect to Work Programme:

Cabinet resolved to authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Finance and Investment Board, to approve project applications and award contracts brought forward through the approved Delivery Plan.

**Consultation:**

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

**Name and Title of the Decision-Maker:**

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**Signature (Decision-Maker)**

**Date of signing** 23 July 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. B. Smith', is written over the date.