

**Decision Title:**

North East Excellence in Education Programme Grant and Contract Awards

**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 2: Confidential decision:**

Approve the award of contracts and grants, summarised in Annex 1 of the report to the Chief Executive, namely an award of £1,823,000 from the NE Excellence in Education Programme to the successful providers and the award of grants totalling £456,944 to the recipients.

Approve the creation of an 'Inspire' Grant programme for schools and education settings, with a total available fund of £500,000.

The report to the Chief Executive is confidential and not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**Delegation:**

Minute number C77/03/25 of the Cabinet meeting held on 18th March 2025

Resolved to:

1. Subject to full business case appraisal and in line with the Single Assurance Framework, approve an indicative funding allocation of £5,000,000 from the Investment Fund for a three-year North East CA Excellence in Education Programme, with authority delegated to the Chief Executive for implementation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Finance and Investment Board.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to commence procurement activity and award contracts through the Children and Young People's Flexible Procurement Framework.

**Consultation:**

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

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

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**Signature (Decision-Maker)**A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H Kippin', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark.

Date of signing 26/08/2025