

*H Kippin***Decision Title:**

Economic Inactivity Trailblazer_Priority 2_Open Calls 1 and 2

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 funding to providers identified through the first two Open Calls detailed in Appendix 1.

Delegation:

Decision No. 65/01/25 2025- 26 of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 January 2025, Cabinet resolved to:

4. Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Investment and relevant Cabinet Member, to approve commencement of the associated procurement activity with respect to Made Smarter, UK SPF and the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programmes and subsequent award of contracts.

15. 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

Name and Title of the Decision-Maker:

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Signature (Decision-Maker)

Date of signing 02/09/2025