

Decision Title:

Events and Festivals Capacity Development Fund 2025/26

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:**

Approve the award of grant funding to 11 projects from the £345,000 allocation for the Capacity Development Fund as part of the overall Early Events Programme for FY2025/26.

Delegation:

Decision No. C49/11/24 of the Cabinet meeting of 26 November 2024, Cabinet resolved to: To allocate £2m to support early priority regional events in advance of the long-term events strategy and to delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive to make investment decisions in relation to the funding allocated, in line with intent and objectives set out in the report, and in accordance with the North East CA Single Assurance Framework. On 16 April 2025, the Early Events Programme 2025/26 received Delegated Decision Approval.

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

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)

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Date of signing 07/10/2025