

Decision Title:

North East Economic Inactivity Trailblazer – Regional Pilot for Joint Employer Engagement

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:

Note the outcome of the procurement process and approve the award of a contract of £135,750 to design and test options for a regional model(s) of joint employer engagement that enhances access to sustainable employment opportunities for priority groups.

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Delegation:

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

14. 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)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Gwilym', is written over the signature line.

Date of signing 18/11/2025