

Decision Title:

North East Fund – UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Supplementary Funding

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 an additional £1,481,517.19 to take the final value of UKSPF for the North East Fund project to £4,481,517.19 in line with the delegated decision of 7 February 2025.

Option 2: Confidential decision:

Not applicable

Delegation:

Decision No. 65/01/25(15) of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 January 2025, Cabinet resolved that:

- 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.

Delegated Decision 7 February 2025:

- The Chief Executive: i. Approved the award of £3m of UKSPF funding from the 2022-25 programme budget to The North East Fund Limited in respect of the proposals set out in the report; and ii. Authorised that this funding award may be increased to up to £9m in total, in line with the business case and recommendations of Finance and Investment Board and subject to programme budget capacity at financial year end being confirmed by the Chief Finance Officer.

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes

Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes
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Signature (Decision-Maker)



Date of signing 04/12/2025