

**Decision Title:**

Child Poverty Reduction Programme Contract Award 2

**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:**

N/A

**Option 2: Confidential decision:**

Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information).

Approval of the award of contracts and grant funding to deliver aspects of the North East CA Child Poverty Reduction Programme, as set out in this report.

**Delegation:**

North East CA Cabinet meeting 22 July 2025 Reference number C22/07/25 which resolved to:

1. Endorse the Child Poverty Action Plan (2025–2030) as a strategic framework for regional collaboration and investment.
2. Approve the allocation of £28,630,608 for a four-year delivery period from the NECA Investment Fund to deliver the Child Poverty Reduction Programme (2025–2029).
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Skills, Inclusion and Public Service Reform, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer, to approve commencement of procurement and grant-making arrangements necessary for programme delivery.

4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to award contracts and grants to deliver the programme in accordance with the North East CA procedures including the single assurance framework.

Delegation HSP13 empowers the Chief Executive to authorise all stages of the procurement process for a contract for: a. goods and/or services up to a value of £5m; b. works up to a value of £5m.

**Consultation:**

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Assistant Director Legal and Governance:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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Signature (Decision-Maker) .....

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