

Decision Title:

Create Talent Programme – Awards for Contract for Services

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Key

If the decision is Key, has the decision been published on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

Yes

Decision:**Option 1: Non-confidential decision:****Option 2: Confidential decision:**

Confidential – the report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any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

Decision and approval:

The funding related to the contract awards was approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Finance and Investment Board, S73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, on 20 November 2025 through the Chief Executive's delegated authority.

Recommendations

The Chief Executive is recommended to approve the award of 6 contract for services to Music Sub-sector, Music, Screen and Writing sub-sectors, Screen subsector and Writing subsector. The total value of the contracts for the 3-year period is £3,740,500.00 as set out at paragraph 3.1 to 3.4 of the report.

Delegation:

Cabinet meeting held on 9 December 2025 Decision No. 50/12/25 Governance Update, Cabinet resolved to approve the revised Scheme of Officer Delegations set out at Appendix 1.
North East Combined Authority Constitution: Part 2.7 B: Scheme of Delegations:
Part B: Delegations to the Head of Paid Service

HPS14 To authorise the award of 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
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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Signature (Decision-Maker)



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