

Decision Title:

Business Case Development Fund

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:

Non-confidential decision:

Approve £3 million of North East Investment Funds for the creation of a Business Case Development Fund

Delegation:

Cabinet 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

HPS 16 To award and sign a grant offer or agreement up to £5m.

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 'H. Wells'.

Date of signing: 23/02/2026