

Decision Title:

North East Economic Inactivity Trailblazer (EIT) Delivery Plan – Reallocation of Resources

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:

The delegated decision report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person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

Approve £173,532 additional funding to three EIT providers, funded from re-allocation of EIT funding from seven EIT providers to ensure expedient use of funding and delivery; and

Approval to enter into Project Change Requests for 13 EIT contracts to re-allocate resources across the programme; five (across three organisations) for growth funding; and eight (across seven organisations) to de-commit funding as outlined in section 2 of the confidential report.

Delegation:

Minute No. C65/01/25 of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 January 2025, when 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
Assistant Director Legal and Governance:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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