

**Decision Title:**

North East Offshore Wind Innovation and Demonstration (NEOWIND) Programme

**Is this decision Key or Non-key?**

Key

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

**Key Decision**

**Date of publication:** 16 February 2026

**Is this decision subject to Call-in?**

Yes

**Decision:**

**Option 1: Non-confidential decision:**

Yes - The Chief Executive is recommended to approve the award of £4,536,162.50 from the Integrated Settlement (Economic Development and Regeneration Pillar) to the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult and for the North East CA and Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult to complete a Grant Funding Agreement.

**Delegation:**

North East CA Constitution: Scheme of Delegations Part 2.7: HPS 16 To award and sign a grant offer or agreement up to £5m.

The approved North East CA Strategic Portfolio Plans paper, tabled with the North East CA Cabinet of 30th July 2024 Appendix A outlines a further objective to deliver:

“Exemplary innovation support and investment to drive research and development” and

“In conjunction with our businesses, Universities and Catapults unlock higher levels of R&D and Innovation Funding – translating the region’s world class research expertise into jobs, skills and inclusive growth outcomes”

Subsequently Cabinet, (Under Resolved) outlines – “the Strategic Portfolio Plans as set out in the report of the Chief Executive be endorsed, the priorities identified in those Plans be progressed and subsequent business cases be developed to support investment decisions.”

**Consultation:**

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Assistant Director Legal and Governance:	Yes

Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes
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**Date of signing** 25/03/2026