

**Decision Title:**

Adult Skills Funding – Lot 1 and 2 – Awards for Contract for Services

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

No

**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:**

**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Confidential – the report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any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:**

Decision No, C47/11/24. Cabinet at its meeting on 26 November 2024 approved the proposal to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Portfolio Holder for Education, Inclusion and Skills to approve any subsequent arrangements including procurement activity and funding allocations related to the delivery of Adult Skills programmes.

**Recommendations**

- i) Approve the award of 7 contracts for services (an initial 12-month period guaranteed plus an option to extend for a 12-month period). The combined total value of the contracts for the initial 12-month period is £5,397,921 as set out in paragraph 3.1 of this report. Any extensions of contracts beyond this period will be subject to further approvals.

**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

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**Consultation:**

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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