

**Decision Title:**

North East Excellence in Education Programme Contract Awards

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

Non-key

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

Not applicable

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

No

**Decision:**

**Option 2: Confidential decision:**

Confidential – Not for publication by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any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).

Approve the award of contracts summarised in the Report. Namely:

1. £355,944 to deliver a professional development programme for teachers to support 110 schools to develop a whole-school approach to oracy.
2. £155,000 to develop a North East Evidence Base for effective educational practices to support 100 schools, as set out in paragraph 3.

**Delegation:**

Minute number C77/03/25 of the Cabinet meeting held on 18th March 2025

Resolved to:

1. Subject to full business case appraisal and in line with the Single Assurance Framework, approve an indicative funding allocation of £5,000,000 from the Investment Fund for a three-year North East CA Excellence in Education Programme, with authority delegated to the Chief Executive for implementation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Finance and Investment Board.

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive to commence procurement activity and award contracts through the Children and Young People's Flexible Procurement Framework.

**Consultation:**

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

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**Signature (Decision-Maker)**



**Date of signing 05/05/2026**