

**Decision Title:**

North East Economic Inactivity Trailblazer 2026/27

**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The decision is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person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).

The decision is to:

1. Approve £3,700,472 of Economic Inactivity Trailblazer funding to support delivery of new activity.
2. Approve commencement of the relevant commissioning processes for new activity, alongside previously approved Childcare Plus and Participant Engagement activity set out in the approved EIT Delivery Plan.
3. Approve the programme management approach to enable the flexibility and opportunity to re-distribute in year funding across the projects in EIT, where budget is available (not exceeding £10m total programme budget), by allowing "up to" awards for existing and new activities.

**Delegation:**

Decision No. 65/01/25 2025- 26 of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 January 2025, 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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**Signature (Decision-Maker)**



**Date of signing: 20 May 2026**