

Decision Title:

Mouth of the Tyne Festival 2026

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 1: Non-confidential decision:**

Approve an award of £80,000 investment funding to North Tyneside Council to deliver Mouth of the Tyne Festival 2026.

Delegation:

Minute No. C69/03/26 of the Cabinet Meeting held on 17 March 2026 Cabinet approved 2b. A £13m Events and Participation Investment Plan as set out in Appendix B [of the Cabinet report], with funding of up to £13m from the Investment Fund, with a particular focus on supporting regional ambitions focused on events commissioning and delivery, and support for increasing participation and engagement across our culture, sports and heritage sectors; and to 3. Delegate approval for individual project investment decisions consistent with these Investment Plans, to the Chief Executive, subject to consideration of the relevant business case by the Technical Officers Group and Finance and Investment Board, and in consultation with the Mayor and relevant portfolio holder.

Consultation:

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

Name and Title of the Decision-Maker:

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Signature (Decision-Maker):

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Hüppner'.

Date of signing: 1 June 2026