

Officer Delegated Decision Record

Decision Title:

Solar Collective Buying Scheme Contract Award

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

Confidential 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The decision is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person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 approve the contract award for the delivery of a regional solar collective buying scheme to iChoosr Ltd as set out in the confidential Delegated Decision report.

Delegation:

Decision C24/7/24 of Cabinet meeting held on 30 July 2024 - North East MSA Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Executive to progress subsequent business cases and make investment decisions associated with the activity described within the Strategic Portfolio Plans, in consultation with the Mayor and relevant Portfolio Holder, subject to the thresholds which are included within the adopted Single Assurance Framework. This included the following: 'Investment approvals over £1m and up to £5m are to be approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Finance and Investment Board, the S73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, under the Cabinet approved delegated authority'.

On 30 June 2025 the Chief Executive approved via Delegated Decision the allocation of up to £4,215,575 of North East CA Investment Fund to deliver the Retrofit Programme 2025-27.

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Assistant Director Legal and Governance:	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 black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Aldridge', written over a horizontal line.

Date of signing: 02/07/2026