

Officer Delegated Decision Record

North East MSA IS Skills Programme – Award of Contract for Services

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Confidential – Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any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

The decision is to:

Approve the proposal to enter into 33 Contract for Services with 21 providers for the delivery of the North East MSA's Skills Programme as set out in paragraph 4.2 of this report. The combined value of these contracts for the period from 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2027 is £18,978,792. The contracts will be issued for one year with two one-year extension options (subject to performance). The cumulative value of those potential extensions would result in a combined value of £56,936,376 over the three years of the North East MSA's Skills Programme. Further approvals would be sought prior to exercising any extension option/s.

Delegation:

Cabinet 17 March 2026

Minute C17/26 The North East MSA Adult Skills Programme

Cabinet agreed that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, the Portfolio Leads for the Finance and Investment and Home of Real Opportunity Portfolios and Director of Finance to approve funding allocations for Grant Funding Agreements and awards of funding for procured Contracts for Services in relation to the delivery of the North East MSA Skills Programme, and for any additional skills revenue and/or capital funds devolved to the North East MSA over the three-year term of the Integrated Settlement from April 2026.

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Assistant Director Legal and Governance:	Yes

Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes
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Date of signing: 4 August 2026