

Decision Title:

Events and Participation Programme 2026-2029

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:**

- To approve the award of a total of £9,397,790 of North East MSA Investment Fund to deliver the remaining elements of the Events and Participation Programme 2026-2029, noting that £3,602,210 has already been approved through delegated decisions to support early programme commitments.
- To approve the allocation of £1,750,080 of the £9,397,790 North East MSA Investment Fund referred to above to the specific projects set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- To authorise the Director of Finance and Investment and Monitoring Officer to prepare the necessary documentation and enter into funding agreements with successful applicants and/or delivery organisations, subject to completion of due diligence, subsidy control assessment, and compliance with the North East MSA Assurance Framework.

Delegation:

Cabinet meeting held on 17 March 2026 Decision No. C69/03/26 Delivering the Mayor's Culture, Creative Industries and Sport Strategic Framework, Cabinet resolved to:

3. Delegate approval for individual project investment decisions consistent with these Investment Plans, to the Chief Executive, subject to consideration of the 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):

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Date of signing: 5 August 2026