

Officer Delegated Decision Record

Decision Title:

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Confidential – Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any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

Approval to award 10 Contracts for Services to 9 providers for the delivery of skills provision in the ICT and Foundational Economy sectors as part of the North East MSA Skills Programme. The contracts have an initial value of £6 million for Academic Year 2026-27, with two optional one-year extensions, bringing the potential total contract value to £18 million over three years.

Delegation:

Cabinet 17 March 2026

Minute C17/26 The North East CA 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
	Yes

Director of Finance and Investment:	
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Signature (Decision-Maker)**Date of signing: 1 September 2026**