

Officer Delegated Decision Record

Decision Title:

North East Economic Inactivity Trailblazer – Contract Awards (Employers System Engagement, Inclusion and Redesign)

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Confidential - The decision is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person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).

To approve entering into contracts for the two lots of EIT Year 2 Activity within the Employers System Engagement, Inclusion and Redesign strand of activity, for onward progression to Contracts for Services.

Delegation:

Decision No. 65/01/25 2025 - 26 of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 January 2025, Cabinet resolved to:

14. Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Investment and relevant Cabinet Member, to approve commencement of the associated procurement activity with respect to Made Smarter, UK SPF and the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programmes and subsequent award of contracts.

15. Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Investment, Monitoring Officer and relevant Cabinet Member to approve project applications and contracts brought forward through the approved Made Smarter, UK SPF and Economic Inactivity Trailblazer Delivery Plans, in line with the North East Single Assurance Framework.

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Assistant Director Legal and Governance:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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Signature (Decision-Maker):

Date of signing: 11 September 2026