

Officer Delegated Decision Record

Decision Title:

North East Trade and Investment Strategy – 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

Decision:**Option 1: Non-confidential decision:**

To authorise award of the contract to deliver the North East Investment and Trade Strategy and Delivery Framework to OCO Global Limited at a cost of £89,000.

Delegation:

Part 2.7 of the Constitution Section A: Delegations to all the Delegated Officers

Delegation GD3 empowers the Delegated Officers 'to authorise the procurement process for a contract for:

- a. goods and/or services up to the value of £250,000;
- b. works up to a value of £250,000.

Delegation GD4 empowers the Delegated Officers 'to authorise the award of a contract for:

- a. goods and/or services up to a value of £250,000;
- b. works up to a value of £250,000.'

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 A. H.' followed by a stylized flourish or surname.

Date of signing: 25 September 2026