

Decision Title:

Made Smarter Adoption One-Year Extension 2025/2026

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Non-Key

If the decision is Key, has the decision been published on the Forward Plan?

N/A

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

No

Decision:

Option 1: Non-confidential decision:

In line with the Cabinet approved delegated authority, the Chief Executive, in agreement with the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer and in consultation with the Mayor and the relevant Cabinet Member:

- i. Approves £1.2m of Made Smarter Funding to extend the Made Smarter Adoption Programme for the 2025/2026 financial year; and
- ii. Authorises the Director of Finance and Investment to enter into the necessary agreements with Government and Tees Valley Combined Authority to deliver this programme.

Delegation:

In May 2024, the North East Combined Authority (North East CA) Cabinet agreed that 'the formal decisions which the former North East Combined Authority and the former North of Tyne Combined Authority made be treated as decisions of the Authority.' (Cabinet meeting 7 May 2024, Decision C6/5/24 (4)).

Decision C24/7/24 of Cabinet meeting held on 30 July 2024 - North East CA Cabinet delegated authority to the Chief Executive to progress subsequent business cases and make investment decisions associated with the activity described within the Strategic Portfolio Plans, in consultation with the Mayor and relevant Portfolio Holder, subject to the thresholds which are included within the adopted Single Assurance Framework. This included the following: 'Investment approvals over £1 million and up to and including £5 million are approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Finance and Investment Board, Section 73 Officer and Monitoring Officer, under the Cabinet approved delegated authority'

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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