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Dear James

Request for Information under the Freedom of information Act 2000 (the "Act")

Thank you for your email received 3 December 2009 in which you made a request for information that One North East holds. I can confirm that we have completed our investigations into your query and both your questions and our answers can be found at Annex 1 to this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information, or would like to discuss this response.

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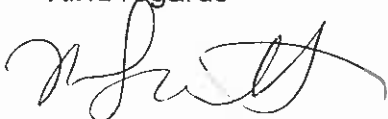
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Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Barnett', written in a cursive style.

Nicola Barnett
Specialist Advisor
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ANNEX 1

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information in relation to funding provided to the Codeworks Digital Evaluation Vehicle (DEV) programme and the Difference Engine programme for the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11:

The name of the applicant applying for the funding

- North East Business & Innovation Centre

Amount of funding provided

- £336k

The legal entity that the funding has been provided to

- North East Business & Innovation Centre

The target number of businesses to receive direct support as a result of the funding

- 20

The name of the applicant applying for the funding

- Codeworks

Amount of funding provided

- £1,921,319

The legal entity that the funding has been provided to

- Codeworks

The target number of businesses to receive direct support as a result of the funding

- 80

For the Codeworks Digital Evaluation Vehicle (DEV) programme I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

Confirmation that businesses will receive capital investment of around £20k (as per press release) <http://www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/news/article.cfm?articleId=4186> against a matched investment from the business of around £10k

- No, there is no capital funding in this project. However, one of the aims is for 20 projects to receive £20k revenue support towards the creation of a product prototype.

What form does the match investment from the business have to be in, eg capital, in kind etc.

- An actual contribution will be expected from the business. Under ERDF regulations in kind contributions are not accepted.

How is the remainder of the £1.9m for this programme going to be used in providing direct support for eligible target number of businesses

- £617k spent on SME technical & marketing
- technical = £400 on prototyping 20 @ 20k each companies creating 10 new business and jobs safeguarding 25 jobs leveraging £2.4m private and public investment
- marketing = £217 spent market research supporting further 60 companies

- 5 Full time + 2 part-time staff to deal with in total 160 businesses through the lifetime of the project.

Confirmation that the remainder of the £1.9m is not used for funding activities not directly relating to this programme

- All funding is directly related to this programme