

## **Grant for Business Investment - Support to eaga helps create jobs**

Green support services company eaga is building on recent success thanks to development funding from One NorthEast.

A string of recent contract wins have accelerated eaga's expansion and public support helps ensure it can keep recruiting and retaining skilled staff needed to manage the growth. One NorthEast recently granted Newcastle-based eaga £1.15m as part of its Selective Finance for Investment (SFI) scheme to support eaga's expansion plans.

**This scheme, recently renamed and refocused as 'Grant for Business Investment', continues to provide support to growing businesses, incentivising private sector investment in business sustainability and growth.**

Jobs will be created across eaga's North-East operations, which already employ more than 1,200 staff, to run the ground-breaking partnership with Scottish Power to manage the energy giant's entire Government-set Carbon Emission Reduction Target (CERT) and the Digital Switchover Help Scheme.

John Clough MBE, eaga Chief Executive, said: "This is a significant investment from One NorthEast, not only in eaga but I believe in the region as a whole. As our business expands and we diversify into new areas the funding will help us continue to develop a strong and sustainable business which is rooted right here in the North-East.

"The success of any organisation rests on the quality and strength of its staff and being able to attract and keep the right people is crucial. I am grateful to One NorthEast for their support."

The SFI scheme awards grants to companies for capital investment projects that lead to the creation or safeguarding of employment or the expansion or relocation of the company.

One NorthEast Director of Business and Industry, Ian Williams, said: "eaga is a genuine regional success story, providing high-quality jobs in a sector that is as important economically as it is environmentally.

"I'm delighted that we have been able to support eaga's commitment to the North-East with this grant to help the business grow and develop."