

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Skills Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 17 January 2020

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Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	No apologies received.
		Councillor Mike Davey declared an interest for item 3.1 on the agenda – Work Readiness and Careers Inspiration Pilot in that his wife Sarah Ferguson is the Assistant Director: Housing, Communities & Youth Community & Safety across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
		Councillor Chris Seaton declared an interest for item 3.1 on the agenda – Work Readiness and Careers Inspiration Pilot in that his wife works at the College for West Anglia in the Apprenticeships Division.
		Councillor John Holdich declared an interest for item 3.3 Skills Brokerage Contract Extension as he sits on the Opportunity Peterborough Board.
1.2	Minutes – 11 November 2019	It was resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the 11 November 2019 as a correct record.



1.3	Public Questions	Questions received from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1.4	Agenda Plan	The agenda plan was noted.
1.5	CA Forward Plan	The CA Forward Plan was noted.

	Part 2 – Reports to Combined Authority Board	
2.1	University of Peterborough – Outline Business Case – Phase 1	 Approve the preferred option as part of an Options Appraisal and adopt the Outline Business Case for the new University of Peterborough as a Combined Authority priority and key element of the Local Industrial Strategy and Skills Strategy. Approve the development of a Subscription Agreement between the Combined Authority and Peterborough City Council for the capital investment into the development of Phase 1 and the land required and delegate to the Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with the Lead Member for Skills, the Chief Financial Officer and the Monitoring Officer, authority to negotiate and complete the Subscription Agreement. Approve the commitment to invest the £12.3M capital budget into the Phase 1 build and draw down the funding to mobilise the activities and milestones identified within the Outline Business Case to achieve the target of opening the University in September 2022 to 2000 students.
	Part 3 – Delivery	
3.1	Work Readiness and Careers Aspiration Pilot – Hampton Academies Trust Update Paper	It was resolved unanimously to: a) Defer the decision to the next Committee meeting so that proposals



		could be developed to identify alternative funding lines within the Combined Authority's MTFP for 2020-2022, that might enable the activities and outputs from this pilot to be extended past its first year, and into years two and three.
3.2	Skills Brokerage Contract Extension	It was resolved unanimously to:
		 a) Agree a four-month extension to the Skills Brokerage contract with Peterborough City Council as accountable body for Opportunity Peterborough at a cost of £75,000 to the Skills Brokerage CX0095 budget line.
		b) To note a European Social Fund (ESF) bid has been submitted to support the continuation and connectivity to Skills Brokerage activities.
3.3	Employment & Skills Board Update Paper	It was resolved unanimously to:
		a) Note the newly established Employment & Skills Board.
		b) Note the appointment of Board members
3.4	Business Support Services Promotional Campaign	It was resolved unanimously to:
		 a) Note the requirement to improve the profile of the full range of Skills and Adult Education Services in the external network.
		b) Approve the planned activities detailed within the Promotional Campaign (Appendi 2).
		c) Note the revised budget re-allocations as detailed in Section 6.2
		d) Note the subsequent benefits of mobilising this campaign alongside the launch of



		the Business Growth Service and its new STAR Hub (Skills, Training, Apprenticeship, Recruitment).
3.5	Budget And Performance Report	It was resolved to note the December budget and performance monitoring update.
	Part 4 – Date of the next meeting	
4.1	Date: Monday 9 March 2020 2019 – Incubator 2, Alconbury Weald Enterprise Campus, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 4WX	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting.

Note: Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

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