

Skills Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Wednesday 16 March 2022

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Decision Review deadline: Tuesday 29 March 2021

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Announcements

Apologies received from Councillor Chris Seaton, substituted by Councillor David Mason and Councillor Niamh Sweeney. No declarations of interest were made.

1.2 Minutes of the Skills Committee meeting on 17 January 2022 and Actions

The minutes of the meeting on 17th January 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

The action log was noted.

1.3 Public Questions

No public questions received.

Part 2 – Recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

2.1 Adult Education Budget – Funding Allocations and proposed policy changes for 2022/23

It was resolved unanimously to recommend that the Combined Authority Board:

a) Recommend the Combined Authority Board approve the funding allocations for the 2022/23 academic year, from the devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) to the grant-holders, set out in Table A to the report.

- b) Recommend the Combined Authority Board approve the funding allocations for the 2022/23 academic year, from the delegated National Skills Fund, for level 3 courses, to the grant-holders, set out in Table A to the report.
- c) Delegate authority to the Interim Associate Director of Skills in consultation with Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter into multi-year grant funding agreements, with the grant holders set out in Table A to the report, for a three-year period.
- d) Recommend the Combined Authority Board approve the funding policy changes and flexibilities for the 2022/23 academic year.
- Part 3 Programme Delivery
- 3.1 Skills and Labour Market Insights Report

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the skills and labour market headline report
- b) Provide feedback on which headline data and insights would be helpful to inform members, with a strategic over-view of skills and the economy.
- 3.2 Digital Skills Bootcamps Update

It was resolved unanimously to:

a) Note the paper that provides an update on the contract for Skills Bootcamps, Wave 2 and future intent of Wave 3.

3.3 Health and Care Sector Work Academy

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the performance of the Heath and Care Sector Work Academy to date.
- 3.4 Budget & Performance Report

It was resolved unanimously to:

a) Note the update and financial position relating to the revenue funding lines within the Skills Committee remit.

3.5 A Summary of the Employment and Skills Board Meeting 14th December 2021

It was resolved unanimously to:

a) Note the paper which provides an overview of the recent Employment and Skills Board held on 14th December 2021.

3.6 Skills Committee Agenda Plan – March 2022

It was resolved to note the agenda plan.

Key: Changes/additions in Bold