



CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Skills Committee

Decision Statement

Meeting: 14 September 2020

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Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	No apologies received. Councillor Chris Seaton declared an interest as his wife works at the College for West Anglia in the Apprenticeships Division. Councillor Wilson declared an interest in agenda item 2.4 as in her previous job she had been involved in designing and implementing Sector Based Work Academies.
1.2	Minutes – 6 July 2020	It was resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the 6 July 2020 as a correct record.
1.3	Action Log	The action log was noted.
1.4	Public Questions	Questions received from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
1.5	Skills Committee Agenda Plan	The agenda plan was noted.
1.6	Combined Authority - Forward Plan	The Combined Authority Forward Plan was noted.



	Part 2 – Report to Combined Authority Board	
2.1	Business Growth Service – Full Business Case	<p>It was resolved unanimously to recommend the Combined Authority Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Approve and adopt the Full Business Case to mobilise the delivery of the Business Growth Service(b) Agree that the conditions for FBC approval set at OBC have been met, specifically:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Confirmation of EU funding, and the conditions set out in item 4.2 for contracting only upon further correspondence from MHCLG;ii. Appointment of delivery partner;iii. Submission of 3-year cash flow forecast; monthly for year 1 and annual thereafter;iv. Contact / Involvement of HMRC to upskill Growth Hub staff;v. Discussions with local authority partners on availability of in-kind support via use of L/A office space, provisional of secretariat, and officer time;vi. Submission of an independent state aid report covering:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. ESF and ERDF application and utilisation;ii. allocation of £2.335m of the authority's revenue budget to Growth Service Management Company Ltd;iii. Management of Capital Growth Fund;



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">vii. Submission of Sustainability and Environmental policy for the Growth Service Management Company Ltd;viii. Submission of evidence to support the claim of delivering 2.8 new jobs per firm receiving supported in-depth coaching;(c) Agree that additional conditions, to be considered post-COVID 19, have been met, specifically:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. That the Service has been appropriately adapted to support the Local COVID 19 Economic Recovery Strategy;ii. That the impacts of COVID 19 on contributing funding from Enterprise Zone, business rates receipts, have been appropriately considered.(d) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with the Lead Member for Economic Growth, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer (Section 73), to contract the preferred bidder to commence the Service during October 2020.
2.2	COVID-19 Evidence & Insight Report	<p>It was resolved unanimously to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the Metro Dynamics Report and provide any necessary feedback as applicable for an updated version of that report.
2.3	Covid-19 Local Economic Recovery Strategy	<p>It was resolved unanimously to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Recommend the Combined Authority Board approve the first draft of the Local Economic Recovery Strategy (LERS) for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.



		b. Note that the final draft of the Economic Recovery Strategy (LERS) for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough will be brought to Committee in November 2020 for final approval.
2.4	Sector-Based Work Academies And High Value Courses	<p>It was resolved unanimously to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) To recommend that the Combined Authority Board allocate the £486,297, once received, from the DfE to the AEB Budget.b) To recommend that the Combined Authority Board delegate authority to the Skills Committee for the spend allocation of the £486.297 including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the spend of the funding of £241,361 across the 20/21 and 21/22 financial years for the creation of sector-based work academies;• the spend of funding of £244,936 to offer an enhanced one-year classroom based course for those students who have left school or college with no job, apprenticeship, placement, university or course to go to across the 20/21 and 21/22 financial years;• the spend on Sector – based work academies and High Value Courses.
	Part 3 – Delivery	
3.1	Skills Strategy Delivery Plans Update	<p>It was resolved unanimously to:</p> <p>Note the delivery plans attached to the key interventions annotated within the Skills Strategy of June 2019 - Appendix A.</p>



3.2	University of Peterborough Phase 2 Update	It was resolved unanimously to: a) Note the progress made to date on the University of Peterborough Phase 2 building.
3.3	Adult Education Budget – Innovation Fund And The Top Slice	It was resolved unanimously to: a) Note the recommended approach of how the Innovation Fund will be managed.
3.4	Budget and Performance Report	It was resolved unanimously to: a) Note the July budget and performance monitoring update. b) Note the current Medium Term Financial Plan and consider whether there are any recommendations they wish to make.

	Part 4 – Date of the next meeting	
4.1	Date: Monday 9 November 2020	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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