



Combined Authority Board	Agenda Item
26 July 2023	15
Title:	Recommendations from Skills and Employment Committee
Committee Date:	5 June 2023 and 3 July 2023
Meeting Link:	Skills & Employment Committee 5 June 2023 Skills & Employment Committee 3 July 2023

Agenda Item	Contract Awards to Independent Training Providers for 2023/24 KD2023/004
Recommendations:	<p>The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• approve contract awards for the Adult Education Budget, Free Courses for Jobs and Multiply to Independent Training Providers for the 2023/24 academic year.• delegate authority to the Assistant Director - Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter and sign contracts for services with the Independent Training Providers set out in this report and make in-year adjustments to contract values based on performance.• note the contract awards for Skills Bootcamps for the 2023/24 financial year.• allocate £1m of recycled funds from the AEB Reserve Fund to be released for the additional commissioning of Free Courses for Jobs (Level 3).
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting members
Strategic Objectives:	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities Achieving good growth Enabling resilient communities
Purpose:	<p>To seek the approval of the Combined Authority Board to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• give authority and delegation to the Assistant Director of Skills to enter and sign contracts for services with the ITPs set out in Table A for AEB, Free Courses for Jobs and Multiply and authority to make in-year adjustments to contract values based on performance.• allocate c£3m from the Adult Education Budget and c£0.25m Free Courses for Jobs from the 2023/24 MTFP, to ITPs for the academic year 2023-24 inclusive.• allocate c£480K from Multiply for the academic year 2023-24 from the Combined Authority's allocation as set out in Table A.• give authority and delegation to the Assistant Director of Skills to enter and sign contracts for services with the ITPs set out in Table A. <p>This report also updates members on contract awards to ITPs for Wave 4 of Skills Bootcamps for the 2023-24 financial year as set out in Table B.</p> <p>Members are requested to approve the additional procurement round to be launched over the summer to commission further level 3 courses and recommend that the Board approve c£1m to be allocated from the AEB Reserve for this procurement. This will be added into the AEB Budget line once procurement has been completed.</p>

Report and Appendices:	Skills & Employment Committee 5 June 2023 - Item 5 - Contract Awards to Independent Training Providers for 2023-24
Background Papers:	Skills Committee Report - Contract Awards to Independent Training Providers (5 Sept 2022) Skills Committee Report – Grant Funding Allocations (6 March 2023) Skills Committee Report – Grant Funding Allocations Appendix A(6 March 2023) Skills Committee Report – Skills Bootcamps Wave 4 (9 January 2023)

Agenda Item	Proposals for External Funding
Recommendations:	<p>The Combined Authority is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> allocate £300,000 from the Local Innovation Fund from the 2023/24 Medium Term Financial Plan to be used as potential ‘match-funding’ for proposals.
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting members
Strategic Objectives:	<p>Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities</p> <p>Achieving good growth</p> <p>Enabling resilient communities</p>
Purpose:	<p>Members are requested to approve the allocation of £300,000 from the AEB Local Innovation Fund for 2023/24 to be used as ‘match-funding’, shared between the three proposals for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Lottery Connecting Communities fund DWP Flexible Support Fund Youth Futures Foundation
Report and Appendices:	Skills & Employment Committee 5 June 2023 - Item 9 - Proposals for External Funding
Background Papers:	None

Agenda Item	AEB Local Innovation Fund Allocations 2023/24 KD2023/028
Recommendations:	<p>The Combined Authority is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> approve allocations from the Local Innovation Fund 2023-24 to the organisations listed in this report. delegate authority to the Assistant Director - Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter and sign grant funding agreements with the organisations set out in this report. delegate authority to the Assistant Director - Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to procure, tender and award and sign a three-year contract for services for the ESOL Single Point of Contact (SPOC) following conclusion of procurement.
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting members
Strategic Objectives:	<p>Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities</p> <p>Achieving good growth</p> <p>Enabling resilient communities</p>
Purpose:	<p>As a key decision, this report requests approval and delegations from the Combined Authority Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for funding allocations from the Local Innovation Fund to the organisations set out in the report for the Assistant Director of Skills to enter into grant funding agreements and sign contracts for services with organisations.

Report and Appendices:	<u>Skills & Employment Committee 3 July 2023 - Item 6 - AEB Local Fund Allocations 2023-24</u>
Background Papers:	<u>Employment and Skills Strategy 2022</u> <u>Skills and Employment Committee 5 June 2023 – Proposals for External Funding</u> <u>Skills Committee Report 9 January 2023 – ESOL Local Planning Annual Report</u> <u>Skills Committee Report 7 November 2022 – Review of Innovation Fund and Proposals for 2022/23</u> <u>Skills Committee Report 7 November 2022 – Working Together with the Third Sector</u> <u>Skills Committee Report 13 Sept 2021- AEB Reserve and Innovation Fund 2021/22</u> <u>Skills Committee Report 14 Sept 2020 - AEB Innovation Fund</u>