



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Part 5: Recommendations from Skills Committee - 5 September 2022

Agenda Item 5.1	Addressing Further Education 'Cold-Spots' in East Cambridgeshire and St Neots (KD2022/047)
Recommendation(s):	<p>a) Approve the creation of a new budget line in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the FE Cold Spots programme, allocating £225,000 for 2022/23, as per the allocated budget profile. shown in Table A in this report.</p> <p>b) Delegate authority to the Interim Associate Director of Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to procure, enter into and sign contracts with suitable consultants to produce business cases for the two projects.</p>
Voting arrangements:	<p>A simple majority of Members present and voting.</p> <p>To be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor.</p>
Purpose:	<p>Following preliminary discussions and unanimous support at Skills Committee on 4 July 2022, the Further Education (FE) Cold spots programme in East Cambridgeshire and St Neots can now commence in earnest, subject to the approval of the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>Approval is sought to formally commence the programme, which aims to develop two individual FE capital projects for East Cambridgeshire and St Neots. Delegated authority is sought to appoint and contract with consultants to undertake separate Business Cases for the two projects and to sign contracts with them as the CPCA continues to co-produce its Employment and Skills Strategy</p>

	<p>Delivery Plan in partnership with Place Leaders, including our constituent member councils.</p>
<p>Strategic Objectives:</p>	<p>This proposal is fully aligned with the CPCA's Business Plan 2022 / Growth Ambition Statement under the 'Health and Skills' theme and aims to reduce educational inequalities through the provision of new FE facilities and curriculum for residents. CPCA's Employment and Skills Strategy under the Pre-work learning and formal education pillar, identifies: - Capital investment to improve teaching facilities and kit, particularly for providers of FE, alongside support for staff capacity building as a key priority.</p> <p>This project contributes to meeting this objective.</p>
	<p>Skills Committee 5 September - Item 2.2 - Addressing Further Education 'Cold Spots' in East Cambridgeshire and St Neots</p> <p>Item 2.2 - Appendix 1 - FE Cold Spots Maps</p>