



Combined Authority Board	Agenda Item
20 September 2023	18
Title:	Recommendations from Business Board
Committee Date:	4 September 2023
Meeting Link:	Business Board 4 September 2023

Agenda Item	Net Zero Training Centre – Project Change Request KD2023/043
Recommendations:	The Combined Authority Board is recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the proposed project change
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting Members
Strategic Objectives:	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities Achieving good growth Enabling resilient communities
Purpose:	<p>The Combined Authority Board noted the Mayoral Decision Notice MDN 38-2022 approving the recycled LGF fund allocation of Business £2m grant to College of West Anglia (COWA) for delivery of a Net Zero Training Centre on the 27th July 2022, subject to a successful Round 2 Levelling Up application being submitted by Fenland District Council; unfortunately, the application was not successful.</p> <p>COWA approached the Combined Authority and requested time to investigate whether investment could be secured to support the project in a slightly reduced form.</p> <p>COWA submitted a change request including the proposed changes to the project and the secured additional funding to support the delivery of the project on the 4th August, Appendix 1, this has been re-evaluated by external independent due diligence with a positive outcome, the independent evaluation concluded the project was one the Combined Authority could support, it offered value for money and excellent returns in terms of a community asset and long-term training facility.</p> <p>As a result of the independent review and the changes proposed the team are supportive of the project and recommend the change be approved.</p>
Report and Appendices:	Business Board – 4 September 2023 – Item 3.2 – Net Zero Training Centre - Project Change Request Appendix 1 – Change request including drawings, delivery programme, risk register and budget Appendix 2 – [EXEMPT] Due Diligence Report
Background Papers:	Business Board Report - 24 June 2022 – Recycled Local Growth Fund Project Funding Awards Mayoral Decision Notice – 30 June 2022 – Recycled Local Growth Fund Category 2 Funding Approval Combined Authority Board Report – 27 July 2022 – Recycled Growth Fund Project Funding Awards: MDN 38-2022