



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Skills Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Monday 7 November 2022

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Decision Review deadline: Friday 11 November 2022

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Announcements

Apologies received from Councillor McDonald, Councillor Seaton and Councillor Wakeford substituted by Councillor Sanderson. No declarations of interest were made.

1.2 Minutes of the Skills Committee meeting on 5 September 2022 and Actions

The minutes of the meeting on 5 September 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

The action log was noted.

1.2 Public Questions

Questions from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were taken at the relevant items on the agenda.

Part 2 – Delivery

2.1 Careers Hub Operational Plan

It was resolved unanimously to:

Note the performance and future plans of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Careers Hub and to provide feedback to shape the provision of the Careers Hub.

2.2 Working Together with the Third Sector

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Approve the allocation of £300,000 from the devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) Local Innovation Fund and £100,000 from the Multiply budget for the 2022/23 academic year, to pilot a new approach to commissioning local third sector organisations to deliver learning in the community.
- b) Delegate authority to the Interim Associate Director of Skills in conjunction with the Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to enter into and sign grant funding agreements for AEB Local Innovation Fund and Multiply with the nominated providers, once selected.
- c) To note the different models for commissioning the Third Sector and proposal to consider Model two ~~or~~ **and** Model four subject to further scoping with providers and the sector.

2.3 Review of Innovation Fund and Proposals for 2022-23

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the rapid review of the Adult Education Budget Innovation Fund programme for 2020/21, the current position with the 2021/22 and the next steps
- b) Note the Innovation Fund(s) budgets and approve the allocations to the Local Innovation Fund project themes proposed in this report for 2022/23 academic year.

2.4 Health and Care Sector Work Academy

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) note and scrutinise the contents of the report which gives progress to date of the Health and Care Sector Work Academy.
- b) note the predicted performance for the remainder of the project.

2.5 Growth Works Performance Review

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the Growth Works Programme performance data for Q7 (01 July to 30 September 2022).
- b) Note the outcomes and findings of the recent Programme review.
- c) Recommend the Combined Authority approves the implementation of proposed six recommendations from the Programme review as outlined in section 8 of this report.

2.6 Employment and Skills Board Update

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the paper which provides an overview of the recent Employment and Skills Board held on 18 October 2022.

2.7 Budget and Performance Report – November 2022

It was resolved unanimously to:

note the year-to-date outturn position against budget.

2.8 University of Peterborough, Delivery Update and Future CPCA Role

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the progress of the development of the University of Peterborough, the opening and operation of the phase 1 building to students by ARU Peterborough and its initial and potential performance against the original business plan objectives.
- b) Note the future role of the Combined Authority in the next few months in the further evolution and development of the University through the following:
 - i. Preparation and submission for approval of the Phase 3 full business case including a review of the University's original quantitative

objectives set at the Phase 1 full business case, with further recommendations about how to reset these for effective monitoring of the new University.

- ii. Update and preparation of the University Programme Business Case including partners strategy for delivery.
- iii. Supporting and managing the preparation and submission of an outline planning application for a scheme to articulate the vision to potentially expand the University campus beyond the phase 3.
- iv. To review the business plan and approach to lettings for the phase 2 building to achieve the best outcome.

2.9 Skills Committee Agenda Plan

It was resolved to note the agenda plan.

2.10 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was resolved unanimously;

to exclude the press and public from the meeting to discuss appendix 1 of item 2.8 'University of Peterborough, Delivery Update and Future CPCA Role' which is exempt from publication under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, in that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the authority holding that information.

Key: Additions in Bold.