



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 6.1

Adult Education Budget: Reserve Fund and Innovation Fund for 2021/22

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 29 September 2021

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Councillor L Nethsingha, Lead Member for Skills

From: John T Hill, Director of Business and Skills

Key decision: Yes

Forward Plan ref: KD2021/042

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:

- a) Approve funding to be allocated from the Adult Education Budget (AEB) Reserve Fund for the 2021/22 academic year to the thematic programmes as set out below:

TABLE A: Reserve Fund Thematic Programme	Allocation
1. Commissioning carry-forward for 2022/23	£ 500,000
2. Provider Capacity Building	£ 250,000
3. Strategic Partnership Development	£ 250,000
4. Reserve for over-delivery of Level 3 Adult Offer	£ 250,000
5. Unlock with Level 3 Marketing Campaign and Publications	£ 30,000
6. Contingency (for unforeseen programme expenditure)	£ 220,000
TOTAL	£1,500,000

- b) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer,

to enter into grant funding agreements with providers on behalf of the Combined Authority, for projects under the themes;

- c) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to enter into grant funding agreements for the Innovation Fund, with existing AEB providers, as required;
- d) To note the approach to the Innovation Fund for 2021/22.

Voting arrangements: Items a) to c), a simple majority of all Members present and voting.

Item d), note only, no vote.

Any vote in favour must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor acting in place of the Mayor, to be carried.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Board is invited to approve the strategic approach to utilising the identified Adult Education Budget (AEB) Reserve Fund, which has been accumulated from underspent and recycled funds from the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years. In addition, the Board is invited to agree that funding from the reserve is allocated to the themes of the Reserve Fund and delegations provided to the Director of Business and Skills to contract with providers.
- 1.2 The Board is invited to note the funding themes for the second iteration of Innovation Fund of £500,00 from the main 2021/22 Devolved AEB Grant.
- 1.3 Officers are also seeking the necessary delegations to enable the Director of Business and Skills to enter into additional grant funding agreements with existing AEB providers for any successful Innovation Fund bid for 2021/22.
- 1.4 These proposals were considered by the Skills Committee on 13 September 2021. Following discussion, the Committee resolved unanimously to recommend the proposals to the Combined Authority Board for approval.
- 1.5 The report and appendices presented to the Skills Committee can be viewed via the link below. Item 2.1 refers:

[Skills Committee - 13 September 2021](#)

2. Considerations

- 2.1 None.

3. Appendices

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – AEB Final Funding Allocations 2021/22
- 3.2 Appendix 2 – AEB Innovation Fund Projects 2020/21
- 3.3 Appendices to the report to the Skills Committee on 15 March 2021 can be viewed via the link below. Item 2.1 refers:

[Skills Committee - 13 September 2021](#)

4. Background Papers

- 4.1 None.