



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 5.1

Adult Education Budget Funding Allocations 2022/23 and Proposed Funding Policy Changes

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 30 March 2022

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Councillor Lucy Nethsingha, Lead Member for Skills

From: Fliss Miller, Interim Associate Skills Director

Key decision: Yes

Forward Plan ref: KD2021/081

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:

- a) Approve the funding allocations for the 2022/23 academic year, from the devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) to the grant-holders, set out in Table A to the report.
- b) Approve the funding allocations for the 2022/23 academic year from the delegated National Skills Fund for level 3 courses, to the grant-holders set out in Table A to the report.
- c) Delegate authority to the Interim Associate Director of Skills in consultation with Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter into multi-year grant funding agreements with the grant holders set out in Table A to the report, for a three-year period.
- d) Approve the funding policy changes and flexibilities for the 2022/23 academic year.

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members present and voting

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's approval is sought to:

- Make the funding allocations to grant-holders, from the devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) of £11.9m for the academic year 2022/23, as set out in Table A below. Funding allocations total £10,080,000.
- Allocate a further £745,000 to grant-holders, from the delegated National Skills Fund (NSF) of £0.9m for the academic year 2022/23, ring-fenced for the delivery of level 3 courses, as included in Table A below.
- Enter into grant funding agreements for a multi-year period for three academic years period: 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 as approved by the Combined Authority Board (November 2021). A further paper setting out the final allocations for the three-year period will be considered by the Skills Committee in June 2022.
- Implement further funding policy changes to increase participation in skills training among citizens, improving productivity, in-work progression and supporting the 'levelling up' of skills across the sub-region.

1.2 Table A:

Provider	Proposed AEB allocations for 2022/23	Proposed NSF allocations for 2022/23	TOTAL
Cambridge Regional College	£2,600,000.00	£105,000.00	£2,705,000.00
Cambridgeshire County Council	£2,000,000.00	£50,000.00	£2,050,000.00
Inspire Education Group	£2,300,000.00	£250,000.00	£2,452,000.00
City College Peterborough	£1,500,000.00	£105,000.00	£1,605,000.00
The College of West Anglia	£500,000.00	£50,000.00	£550,000.00
Bedford College	£200,000.00	£35,000.00	£235,000.00
West Suffolk College	£500,000.00	£150,000.00	£370,000.00
North Hertfordshire College	£100,000.00	£-	£100,000.00
Workers Education Association	£380,000.00	£-	£380,000.00
TOTAL	£10,080,000.00	£745,000.00	£10,825,000.00

1.3 These proposals were considered by the Skills Committee on 16 March 2022. Following discussion, the Committee resolved unanimously to recommend the proposals to the Combined Authority Board for approval.

1.4 The report and appendices presented to the Skills Committee can be viewed via the link below. Item 2.1 refers:

2. Considerations

2.1 None.

3. Appendices

3.1 None

4. Background Papers

4.1 None.