



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.2

Multiply Local Investment Plan

To:	Skills Committee
Meeting Date:	4 July 2022
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Councillor Lucy Nethsingha, Chair of the Skills Committee
From:	Fliss Miller, Interim Associate Skills Director
Key decision:	No
Forward Plan ref:	N/A
Recommendations:	<p>The Skills Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>Note the outcome of the Combined Authority Board Decision which will be taken on 27th June 2022.</p>
Voting arrangements:	No vote required.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 As part of the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) the Combined Authority is required to submit two Investment Plans, Core SPF and Multiply to Central Government. This paper includes the draft Investment Plan for Multiply which must be approved before submission to the Department for Education (DfE) by 30th June 2022.
- 1.2 The Investment Plan sets out what interventions will be funded and is the key mechanism to draw down the funds allocated to the Combined Authority.
- 1.3 The Skills Committee are asked to note the paper that will be presented to the Combined Authority Board on 27 June 2022 to approve the draft Local Investment Plan for the Multiply Programme and its submission to the Department for Education. As well as Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to approve the final version of the Multiply Investment Plan for submission to the Department of Education. An update on the outcome of the Combined Authority Meeting will be provided.

2. Background

- 2.1 On the 13 April the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities announced details of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The fund includes an allocation for Multiply, an adult numeracy programme. The Combined Authority is the Lead Authority for Multiply.
- 2.2 The overall objective of Multiply is to increase the levels of functional numeracy in the adult population across the UK. The DfE have identified three key measures of success for the whole programme at a national level:
- I. More adults achieving maths qualifications courses (up to, and including, Level 2 – with GCSEs and Functional Skills Qualifications as the qualifications of choice in England – or equivalent) and an increase in participation in numeracy courses.
 - II. Improved labour market outcomes - fewer numeracy skills gaps reported by employers, and an increase in the proportion of adults that progress into sustained employment and / or education.
 - III. Increased adult numeracy across the population
- 2.3 The Combined Authority's allocation to deliver Multiply over a three year programme is:

2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
£1,209,056	£1,395,065	£1,395,065	£3,999,186

- 2.4 Interventions delivered with Multiply funding need to be additional and differentiated from that which is already fully funded through the Adult Education Budget (AEB) legal entitlement and should not displace that provision. Provision to be funded by Multiply is outlined in the Investment Plan.

3.0 The Investment Plan

- 3.1 The Investment Plan template has ten sections which focus on strategic fit, evidence of demand and the proposed interventions to be funded.
- 3.2 A menu of options are provided to steer Lead Authorities when developing the Plan.
- 3.3 Lead Authorities can include 'off menu' interventions where there is a robust analysis to support the inclusions of such activities. The Combined Authority, through engagement with key stakeholders have nominated three 'off menu' interventions:
 - I. A Combined Authority wide awareness and aspiration raising engagement campaign targeted at hard to reach communities.
 - II. A collaborative approach to recruiting, upskilling and reskilling numeric tutors to deliver the new programmes - building capacity within the region.
 - III. The creation of Maths Champions to provide mentoring support.
- 3.4 The Combined Authority has engaged with a number of stakeholders and providers to develop the investment plan, further refinement will continue before the Investment Plan is submitted to DfE as new evidence is sourced to ensure all decisions are evidence based. The draft Local Investment Plan is at Appendix 1.

Significant Implications

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Combined Authority has been allocated £3,999,186 over the three year programme.
- 4.2 Once the Investment Plan has been approved by the Department for Education a subsequent paper will be brought back to the Skills Committee outlining the detail of the budgets and associated management fee. The Combined Authority are allowed to charge up to 10% of the allocation for management costs.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications at this stage.

6. Public Health implications

- 6.1 The recommendation of this report is for members to note; therefore, the recommendation is neutral for public health implications.

7. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

- 7.1 The report recommendation has a neutral implication for the environment and climate change as it is for members to note.

8. Other Significant Implications

- 8.1 There are no significant implications as the recommendation is for members to note.

9. Appendices

- 9.1. Appendix 1 –

[Combined Authority Board Report – approved on the resumption of the Annual Meeting on 27 June.](#)

[Draft Local Investment Plan – with track changes.](#)