



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.7

Skills Bootcamps

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: The Skills Committee are recommended to:

Note the report approved by the Combined Authority Board on
30 March 2022.

Voting arrangements: No vote required.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper to inform the Skills Committee of the Wave Three Skills Bootcamp grant funding secured for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area funded by the Department for Education (DfE) through the National Skills Fund. This paper outlines the key considerations for taking this forward.
- 1.2 The Skills Committee are asked to note the paper approved by the Combined Authority Board on 30 March 2022 to accept the grant funding in accordance with the Grant Funding Agreement, to create a new budget line and to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to be able to enter in to, sign and award grant agreements and awards to training providers to delivery on Wave Three Skills Bootcamps following an appropriate procurement exercise.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Department for Education via the National Skills Fund has invested in the delivery of Skills Bootcamps across the country to meet the skills needs of local areas. Skills Bootcamps form part of the Lifetime Skills Guarantee announced by the Prime Minister in September 2020.
- 2.2 The Combined Authority have been delivering Digital Skills Bootcamps since September 2021 following a successful competitive bid to the DfE for delivery across the East of England. This Wave 2 funding concludes for new starts on 31 March 2022.
- 2.3 Skills Bootcamps are intensive, Level 3-5 or equivalent flexible training courses up to 16 weeks, with a guaranteed job interview (in the case of a new job), which equip adults with technical skills that enable them to access in demand jobs, apprenticeships, new opportunities and an increased level of income over time (including for the self-employed).
- 2.4 Skills Bootcamps rely on local knowledge of skills shortages and employer needs, and the ability to attract and train local learners and to help them achieve better job outcomes.
- 2.5 Following a proposal submitted by the Combined Authority to DfE on the 28 January 2022, the Combined Authority received notification on the 8 March 2022 of award for the full amount proposed; £4,891,985 in grant funding to deliver Wave 3 Skills Bootcamps to 1,780 learners, for the first year period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Within the grant award £342,439 has been allocated to management costs.
- 2.6 The Combined Authority has been approved to deliver Skills Bootcamps in the following sectors; digital, technical (including engineering and advanced manufacturing) construction, green and a number of pathways to accelerated apprenticeships. Furthermore, up to 10% of the value of the Funding is being allowed to test the value and effectiveness of Skills Bootcamps in the sectors defined by the Combined Authority in addition to the sectors outlined above.
- 2.7 The DfE may extend the funding period of this agreement for 12 months, by giving written notice to The Combined Authority no later than 31 March 2023 and a further 12 months, by giving written notice to The Combined Authority no later than 31 March 2024.

Significant Implications

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications as this is a reporting a decision already taken by the Combined Authority. For the Committee's reference the implications of the decision taken by the Board are set out below.

"This project is not currently reflected in the 2022-23 budget, so the Board are recommended to approve the addition of £4,891,985 expenditure, fully funded by the DfE grant, to the 2022-23 budget. All CPCA resourcing costs incurred by this project will be covered by the £342,439 management fee, resulting in a net zero impact on current budgets."

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no significant legal implications.

5. Public Health implications

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

6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

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

7. Other Significant Implications

- 7.1 The recommendations in this report have due regard to the Combined Authority's Equalities duties under the Equality Act 2010 in implementing funding policies which seek to widen participation and make learning opportunities more accessible for all citizens including all protected characteristics.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 None

9. Background Papers

[Skills Bootcamps Wave 3 Combined Authority Board Report 30 March 2022](#)