



Skills Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Monday 15 March 2021

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Decision Review deadline: Monday 22 March 2021

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Councillor Seaton.

1.2 Minutes of the Skills Committee meeting on 11 January 2021

The minutes of the meeting on 11 January 2021 were approved as an accurate record. A copy will be signed by the Chairman when it is practical to do so.

1.3 Action Log

The action log was noted.

1.4. Public Questions

Questions received from Overview and Scrutiny Committee and considered at the relevant agenda item.

1.5 Skills Committee Agenda Plan

It was resolved to note the agenda plan.

1.6 Combined Authority Forward Plan

It was resolved to note the forward plan.

Part 2 – Reports to Combined Authority Board

2.1 Adult Education Budget – Lifetime Skills Guarantee (Level 3 Adult Offer)

It was resolved unanimously to recommend that the Combined Authority Board:

- a) note the additional funding from the Department for Education (DfE), delegated to Mayoral Combined Authorities as part of the Government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee, to deliver free Level 3 courses for adults aged 24+.
- b) approve the approach to spending this additional ring-fenced funding through the AEB Commissioning Principles set out in this Paper, including creation of a 'Level 3 courses' budget line as shown in Table 2, and applying a 3.4% top slice.

2.2 Business Growth Service

It was resolved unanimously to:

Note the report from Business Board.

2.3. Local Economic Recovery Strategy (LERS) – Updated Refresh

It was resolved unanimously to:

Note the updated version of the Local Economic Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

Part 3 – Delivery

3.1 Adult Education Budget Evaluation 2019/20

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) note the Adult Education Budget (AEB) 2019/20 Evaluation Report as required under the CPCA's Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.
- b) note the additional district level analysis requested by Members at the January 2021 Skills Committee.

3.2 Adult Education Budget – COVID-19 Response

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the ongoing challenges faced by Adult Education providers due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the reduction in enrolments.
- b) Approve the planned approach to in-year commissioning of programme underspend. This is Subject to the Combined Authority Board approving carry-forward of AEB underspend into 2021/22 financial year.
- c) Note the update on the Innovation Fund programme and the projects supporting learners in the pandemic.

3.3. Employment and Skills Board Update

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the Employment and Skills Board update.

3.4. Budget and Performance Report

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the update and financial position relating to the revenue and capital funding lines within the Skills Committee remit.

Part 4 – Date of the next meeting

4.1. It was resolved to:

Note the date of the next meeting as Monday 14 June 2021.