



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Skills Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Monday 14 June 2021

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Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Appointment of the Chair

The Deputy Monitoring Officer confirmed that Councillor Lucy Nethsingha was appointed as the Chair of the Skills Committee at the Annual Combined Authority Board Meeting on 2 June 2021.

1.2 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Councillor Eileen Wilson, substituted by Councillor Neil Gough and Councillor Chris Seaton.

1.3 Approval of Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 15 March 2021 were approved as an accurate record and the action log was noted.

1.4. Public Questions

None.

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 (AEB) 2021-22 Funding Allocations and Policy Changes

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Recommend the Combined Authority Board approve the funding allocations for the 2021/22 academic year, from the devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) to the providers,.
- b) Recommend the Combined Authority Board grant authority to enter into contract for services, with Steadfast Training Ltd.
- c) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills in consultation with Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter into contract for services, with the providers, set out in Table A of the report, on behalf of the Combined Authority.
- d) 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 the providers, set out in Table A of the report, on behalf of the Combined Authority.
- e) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to procure, award and enter into contract, with recommended new providers, as required within the devolved AEB Grant for 2021/22, set out in the AEB Commissioning Guiding Principles.

2.2 Future Funding Strategy

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the recommendations to the Mayor to approve:
 - i) The process for selecting the candidate bids to be submitted to Government for the CRF, based on the Combined Authority's mandate to do so as Lead Authority for bids to the UK Community Renewal Fund (CRF);
 - ii) The process for selecting the candidate regeneration bids to be submitted to the Government for the Levelling-Up Fund (LUF), on the basis of the voluntary arrangement agreed between the Combined Authority, Peterborough City Council and Fenland District Council; and

- b) Note the intent of the Combined Authority to pursue Lead Authority status for the LUF regeneration bids and its existing status as Lead Authority for transport bids.
- c) Note the intent of the Combined Authority to submit for the £20m LUF, an application for development of the Phase 3 of the Peterborough University, in the form of a second teaching building.

2.3 Growth Works Management Review May 2021

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Nominate Councillor Lis Every to be a member of the Programme Management Committee;
- b) Note that there will be representation from the Business Board on both the Growth Works Investment Panel and Programme Management Committee; and
- c) Note the financial and non-financial performance of Growth Works and request any required changes to reporting going forward.

Part 3 – Delivery

3.1 Local Skills Report

It was resolved unanimously to:

Note the publication of the Local Skills Report

3.2 Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority's Employment and Skills Strategy

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Recommend to the Combined Authority Board approval of the proposed approach to the development of the Employment and Skills Strategy.

3.3. 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 13 September 2021.