



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.3

Addendum: Multiply – The Approach to Programme Delivery

1. Background

- 1.1 Following the report to the Combined Authority Board on 8 June 2022 about the new Multiply programme, the Combined Authority expected to receive a grant funding letter week commencing 29 August 2022
- 1.2 At the time of writing the report to Skills Committee at item 2.3 on this agenda, the grant funding letter from the DfE had not been received and correspondence from DfE had indicated the Combined Authority would receive notification week commencing 29 August 2022. Given the timelines for delivery within this financial year, it was critical to obtain the necessary approvals and delegations to proceed with awarding grants and contracts to providers, to maximise delivery of learning within the financial year and prevent the risk of under-performance.
- 1.3 The Combined Authority had subsequently been notified that to ensure payment could be processed in September 2022, the Grant Funding Agreement must be signed and returned by Friday 2 September 2022, if payment is to be received in September to support the delivery of the Multiply programme. The Special Urgency procedures set out in the Constitution were therefore enacted to meet these deadlines and the report was taken directly to Board on 31 August 2022 for approval.
- 1.4 Therefore the report on this agenda is now for noting only.

New Recommendation:

The Skills Committee is recommended to note the report.

2. Background Papers

- 2.1 [Special Urgency notice - 30 August 2022](#)
- 2.2 [Report to Combined Authority Board 31 August 2022](#)