



CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No: 5.1
29 APRIL 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

ADULT EDUCATION BUDGET INNOVATION FUND

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. To recommend the establishment of an Adult Education Budget (AEB) Innovation Fund that supports Providers to deliver education and training that addresses the Adult Education Budget (AEB) Commissioning Strategy priorities that reduces skills and employment gaps of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough learners disproportionately underrepresented in the labour market. These groups include the unemployed, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), health volunteers, special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) learners and ex-offenders.
- 1.2. It details how the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Innovation Fund will be managed for funded delivery with immediate effect and during the 2020/21 academic year. The Fund will support all CPCA grant funded provision and contract services Providers to apply for additional funding to deliver innovative provision that meets the CPCA priorities for skills and training. It will also give special priority to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it is having on the delivery of learning for residents.
- 1.3. These proposals will be discussed at the Skills Committee meeting on 27 April 2020 and the Committee's recommendation will be reported to the Combined Authority Board on 29 April 2020.
- 1.4. The report to the Skills Committee can be viewed at:

<https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1956/Committee/66/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

Item 2.1 refers.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Councillor John Holdich, Lead Member for Skills

Lead Officer:	John T Hill, Director – Business and Skills
Forward Plan Ref: n/a	Key Decision: No
<p>The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) approve the carry forward of 50% of the 2019-20 underspend on the “AEB Devolution Programme – ITP and grant ” funding lines and ring-fence this for the Innovation Fund in the 2020-21 Budget, up to a maximum of £500k.</p>	<p>Voting arrangements</p> <p>Simple majority of members</p>

3.0 APPENDICES

3.1 Appendices to the Skills Committee report:

Appendix 1: Type of activity anticipated and the expected rationale, aims and outcomes from innovative projects.

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<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	