



<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No: 5.2</b>
<b>5 AUGUST 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **INTEGRATED ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND SKILLS INSIGHT PROGRAMME**

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To propose the consolidation of all Business & Skills activities to provide:
- a. Economic, sector and place insight to inform the focus of current and future programmes, and
  - b. Monitoring and evaluation of the efficacy of current and past projects to inform the selection of the most effective intervention types for that focus
- 1.2. This consolidation will integrate currently separate activities as below to create an Integrated Business & Skills Insight & Evaluation Programme:
- (a) The current COVID-19 Impact Survey (co-funded with GCP)
  - (b) The planned COVID-19 Impact Econometric Assessment
  - (c) The planned COVID-19 refresh of the LIS, Skills and Sector Strategies
  - (d) The planned Growth Observatory to identify clients for Growth Service
  - (e) The ongoing skills market insight for workforce skills and adult education
- 1.3. The report recommends resourcing the commissioning exercise through existing MTFP budgets and seek authorisation to consolidate these.
- 1.4 These proposals were discussed at the Skills Committee meeting on 6 July 2020 where they were endorsed unanimously by those present.
- 1.5 The report to the Skills Committee can be viewed at:

<https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1992/Committee/66/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

Item 2.4 refers.

<b><u>DECISION REQUIRED</u></b>	
<b>Lead Member:</b>	<b>Councillor John Holdich, Lead Member for Skills</b>
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>John T Hill, Director of Business and Skills</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref: KD2020/039</b>	<b>Key Decision: Yes</b>
<p>The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:</p> <p>(a) Approve the consolidation of the Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SME) Observatory budget and the Local Growth Fund (LGF) Top Slice and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Support Funding as detailed in Table 1, to resource the commissioning.</p> <p>(b) Approve the consolidation of the Adult Education Budget Programme costs, National Retraining scheme and Apprenticeships as detailed in Table 2, to resource the commissioning.</p>	<p><b>Voting arrangements</b></p> <p>A simple majority</p>

## 2.0 CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 None.

## 3.0 APPENDICES

3.1 None.

<b><u>Background Papers</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Report to the Business Board 26 May 2020	<a href="https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughc.gov.uk/cmismis/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/877/C.aspx">https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughc.gov.uk/cmismis/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/877/C.aspx</a>

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