



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Skills Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Monday 13 September 2021

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Decision Review deadline: Monday 20 September 2021

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Councillor Mike Davey substituted by Councillor Rosey Moore, Councillor Chris Seaton substituted by Councillor David Mason, Councillor Lynne Ayres substituted by Councillor Ray Bisby and Councillor Jon Neish.

1.2 Approval of Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 14 June 2021 were approved as an accurate record and the action log was noted.

1.3. Public Questions

None.

1.4 Skills Committee Agenda Plan

It was resolved to note the agenda plan.

1.5 Combined Authority Forward Plan

It was resolved to note the forward plan.

Part 2 – Reports to Combined Authority Board

2.1 Adult Education Budget: Reserve Fund and Innovation Fund for 2021/22

It was resolved unanimously to recommend the Combined Authority Board:

- a) Approve funding to be allocated from the Adult Education Budget (AEB) Reserve Fund for the 2021/22 academic year to the thematic programmes as set out in Item 2.3, Table A;
- b) 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 providers on behalf of the Combined Authority, for projects under the themes;
- c) 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 for the Innovation Fund, with existing AEB providers, as required;
- d) To note the approach to the Innovation Fund for 2021/22.

Part 3 – Delivery

3.1 Growth Works Management Review – September 2021

It was resolved to:

Note the Growth Works programme performance up to 31 July 2021.

3.2 Employment & Skills Strategy – Update

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the progress undertaken to develop the Employment and Skills Strategy and direction to complete the final Strategy.

3.3 Careers Hub

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the report approved by the Combined Authority Board on 3 June 2021.

3.4 Digital Skills Bootcamps

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the report approved by the Combined Authority Board on 28 July 2021.

3.5 Implications of the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the potential implications of the Skills and post-16 Education Bill and risks to the Combined Authority's strategic role for accelerating the improvement of skills in the region.
- b) Note the Combined Authority will be responding to two of the Department for Education's open consultations on the National Skills Fund and Reforms to Further Education Funding and Accountability.

3.6 Employment & Skills Board Update

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the paper which provides a summary of the recent Employment and Skills Board held on 29th June 2021.

3.7. Budget and Performance Report

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the update and financial position relating to the revenue funding lines within the Skills Committee remit.
- b) Note the current Medium-Term Financial Plan and consider whether there are any recommendations they wish to make to the Combined Authority Board in November.

Part 4 – Date of the next meeting

4.1. It was resolved to:

Note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 10 November 2021.