



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: n/a

Multiply – The Approach to Programme Delivery

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 31 August 2022

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

From: Fliss Miller, Interim Director for Skills

Key decision: Yes – Special Urgency arrangements

Forward Plan ref: KD2022/052

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:

- a) Accept the Multiply grant funding of **£3,999,186 from** the Department for Education and approve the creation of a new budget line in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MFTP) for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years as per Table A in Appendix 1 to this report, subject to receipt of the grant funding offer letter from the DfE.
- b) Delegate authority to the Interim Associate Director of Skills, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to commission, enter into and sign grant funding agreements and contracts for services to the providers listed in Tables D and E in Appendix 1 to this report for 'on-menu' delivery and further allocations for 'off-menu', subject to receipt of the grant funding agreement.
- c) Approve the funding allocations to Further Education colleges, local authority Institutes of Adult Learning and procured Independent Training Providers (ITPs), subject to receipt of grant funding from the DfE.
- d) Approve the approach to programme management of Multiply and note the analysis of numeracy levels in the sub-region.

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members present and voting

To be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor.

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 Following the report to the Combined Authority Board on 8 June 2022 about the new Multiply programme, the Combined Authority expects to receive a grant funding letter week commencing 29 August 2022 and authority is sought to:
- Accept the three-year grant funding allocation of **£3,999,186** from the DfE and create a new budget in the MTFP to manage and administer the funds
 - Seek the necessary delegated authority to the Interim Associate Director of Skills in conjunction with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to commission, enter into and sign grants and contracts for services with suitable providers
- 1.2 At the time of writing this report, 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 is 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 have subsequently been notified that to ensure payment can be processed in September 2022, the Grant Funding Agreement must be signed and returned by Friday 2 September 2022. The Special Urgency procedures set out in the Constitution have therefore been enacted to meet these deadlines.
- 1.4 The attached paper and appendix (Appendices 1 and 2) were due to be considered by the Skills Committee on 5 September and by the Combined Authority Board on 21 September 2022. However, due to the reasons stated above the Board is now requested to consider and approve all four recommendations.

2. Considerations

- 2.1 None

3. Appendices

- 3.1 Appendix 1 – Report to Skills Committee 5 September 2022: Item 2.3 Multiply – The Approach to Programme Delivery
- 3.2 Appendix 2 – Report to Skills Committee 5 September: Item 2.3 Appendix 1 CPCA Adult Education Budget – Numeracy Data Slides – Suppressed Community Learning Data

An accessible version of the information contained in this appendix is available on request from democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk

4. Background Papers

- 4.1 [Special Urgency notice - 30 August 2022](#)

- 4.2 [Combined Authority Board 8 June 2022 - Item 3.6 Multiply Local Investment Plan](#)
- 4.3 [Combined Authority Board 8 June - Item 3.6 Appendix 1 Multiply investment plan template](#)