



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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Agenda Item No: 6.1

Lifetime Skills Guarantee

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 24 March 2021

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Councillor John Holdich OBE, Lead Member for Skills

From: John T Hill, Director of Business and Skills

Key decision: Yes

Forward Plan ref: KD2021/005

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:

- a) Note the additional funding from the Department for Education (DfE), delegated to Mayoral Combined Authorities as part of the Government's Lifetime Skills Guarantee, to deliver free Level 3 courses for adults aged 24+
- b) Approve the approach to spending this additional ring-fenced funding through the Adult Education Board (AEB) Commissioning Principles set out in the report to the Skills Committee on 15 March 2021, including the creation of a 'Level 3 courses' budget line as shown in Table 2, and applying a 3.4% top slice.

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

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Board's approval is sought to the proposed commissioning approach for the additional funding received by the CPCA to deliver a new Level 3 Adult Offer in our region.
- 1.2 The additional funding allocation notified by the Department for Education (DfE) to the CPCA is **£207,838** for the period 1 April 2021 - 31 July 2021, and a further **£833,623** for the period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022. In addition, **£4,423** as an 'uplift' to the funding rate for 19–23-year-olds for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 July 2021. This equates to additional funding of **£1,045,844** for the region between 1 April 2021 – 31 July 2022.
- 1.3 These proposals were considered by the Skills Committee on 15 March 2021. Following discussion, the Committee agreed unanimously to recommend the proposals to the Combined Authority Board for approval.
- 1.4 The report and appendices presented to the Skills Committee can be viewed via the link below:

[Skills Committee 15 March 2021 - Item 2.1 refers](#)

2. Considerations

- 2.1 None.

3. Appendices

- 3.1 Appendices to the report to the Skills Committee on 15 March 2021 can be viewed via the link below:

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4. Background Papers

- 4.1 [Government Guidance on the National Skills Fund](#)