

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Adult Education Budget – in-year growth recommendations
Decision reference number: 04.03.21
Decision date: 19 March 2021
<p>Background / reason for decision:</p> <p>The WECA Adult Education Team prepared a proposal (for Chief Executive delegated approval) recommending that an additional £1,588,082 be allocated across 12 providers in support of a range of national and regional priorities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The expansion of the DWP-led sector based work academy programme. b. The establishment of the WECA recruitment pipeline. c. Re-establishing support for priority residents. d. Digital demand, access and confidence. e. The Lifetime Skills Guarantee ‘targeted Level 3 entitlement’. <p>Adult Education providers were asked to submit applications to secure funding in support of these specific priorities and those to whom the release of additional funds was recommended have in turn updated their Curriculum and Delivery Plans to incorporate the provision offered.</p> <p>The priorities that form the basis of this growth allocation process are a combination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. National growth priorities for which WECA has received additional ring-fenced adult education funding. b. Provision that directly supports priorities identified by the WECA Recovery Taskforce. c. Provision that directly addresses significant emerging issues within WECA Adult Education provision. <p>The Chief Executives of the WECA constituent councils were consulted on this proposal and were in agreement with the decision.</p>
<p>Options considered:</p> <p>Not applicable in relation to this specific decision, i.e. this was the option considered.</p>

Decision:

Approval given to allocate an additional £1,588,082 across 12 providers in support of a range of national and regional priorities, as follows:

Bath College - £480,007

BTC College - £56,815

Bristol City Council - £107,100

City of Bristol College - £439,351

CJI Solutions - £27,991

Learning Curve - £84,096

National Star - £10,000

South Gloucestershire Council - £61,467

SWATPRO - £61,349

WEA - £22,037

Weston College - £235,644

Wiltshire College - £2,225

Consultation:

The Chief Executives of the WECA constituent councils were consulted on this proposal.

Officer making decision: Patricia Greer

Position: Chief Executive

Report / appendices / background documents:

None