

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Adult Education Budget 2021/22 - final allocations

Decision reference number: 03.07.21

Decision date: 1 July 2021

Background / reason for decision:

Delegated authority has been granted to the Combined Authority Chief Executive, in consultation with constituent council Chief Executives, to agree the final allocation of the Adult Education Budget to providers for 2021-22.

The Combined Authority has received Curriculum Delivery Plans from 11 providers. Of these, 10 were able to be considered at this point in time and recommended for funding.

An assessment by officers of these Curriculum Delivery Plans showed that, in overall terms, providers have committed to move in the direction outlined in the Combined Authority's 2021/22 Adult Education Budget Strategy. This was considered to be particularly positive in light of the current pressures that providers are under due to the impact of Covid-19. On this basis, 10 providers were recommended to receive funding.

The Skills lead officers and Chief Executives of the West of England constituent councils were consulted on this proposal and were in agreement with the decision.

Options considered:

Not applicable in relation to this specific decision, i.e. this was the option considered.

Decision:

To approve final Adult Education Budget allocations for 2021/22 to providers as follows: City of Bristol College - £6,490,785 SGS College - £2,500,448 Bath College - £1,993,950 Weston College - £1,272,170 Bristol City Council - £1,135,168 South Gloucestershire Council - £595,188 WEA - £322,750 NCG (Trading as Kidderminster College) - £255,033 Wiltshire College - £226,753 Bridgewater and Taunton College - £171,849 TOTAL - £14,964,094

Consultation:

The Chief Executives of the West of England constituent councils were consulted on these proposals.

Officer making decision: Patricia Greer

Position: Chief Executive

Report / appendices / background documents: None.