


OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Skills Bootcamp Wave 4 Call 2
Decision reference number: ODN23_0011
Decision date: 27 th Setempber 2023
<p>Background / reason for decision:</p> <p>Skills Bootcamps are a £2.5bn national initiative forming part of the National Skills Fund. The purpose of which is to deliver predominately high-level training (level 3-5, i.e., A level equivalent and higher).</p> <p>Skills Bootcamps are employer centric training interventions that allow employers to train participants to fill short-medium term skills gaps. Employers can use Skills Bootcamps funding to fund employee training.</p> <p>Eligible participants must be 19+ and Skills Bootcamps must run for 60 guided learning hours over a maximum period of 16 weeks. Participants do not have to live in area, but the employer must be situated within the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership geographical region.</p> <p><u>First Wave 4 Funding Call:</u></p> <p>Approval was given to award £4,088,265.32 in the first call of wave 4 Skills Bootcamps by the CEO's Group on June 14th, 2023. This has since reduced to £4,016,265.32 following withdrawal of one project. This funding was sourced from the CA's overall Wave 4 funding allocation of £5,115,000. A second call was launched on 6th July 2023 for the remaining allocation of £1,026,734.68 (the available amount has increased to £1,098,734.86 due to provider withdrawing from a cyber security project).</p> <p><u>Applications and Assessment:</u></p> <p>16 applications were received by the deadline. 15 of the 16 projects scored over the 40% minimum threshold and were considered eligible for funding.</p>
Options considered: N/A
<p>Decision:</p> <p>CEOs approved the recommendation to allocate funding to 15 projects £1,016,595.63 and to re-distribute the remaining £82,139.05 by extending existing providers where performance meets the KPIs of over 80% of starts, as the amount is too low to go out for a 3rd call.</p>
Consultation: The paper was taken to the Skills Officer Group on 13 th September 2023 and presented to Corporate Leadership Team on 20 th September 2023.
<p>Officer making decision: Richard Ennis</p> 
Position: Interim Chief Executive, West of England Combined Authority