

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

<p>Decision Title: Careers Hub Risk of NEET Project Funding Approval</p>
<p>Decision reference number: ODN23_0017</p>
<p>Decision date: 8th November 2023</p>
<p>Background / reason for decision:</p> <p>There are high numbers of young people in the region who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) and the highest concentration of these individuals is in the Bristol City region.</p> <p>The Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC) has launched a fund to support Careers Hubs to revise the current risk of NEET measures being used, and then improve the way in which the data can be communicated, shared and used to inform effective school Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) delivery. The funding provides Careers Hubs with the opportunity to test innovative ideas, to create renewed confidence in the risk of NEET measurement, to secure appropriate data sources and to build the profile of Risk of NEET within Careers Leader's and institution's agendas.</p> <p>We have been successful in a collaborative bid with Bristol City Council (BCC) to deliver this funding through the Careers Hub.</p>
<p>Options considered:</p> <p>Option 1 – Do not accept the funding or run the project – this is not recommended as it would not allow the potential impact of the project to be delivered</p> <p>Option 2 – Receive the funding and deliver within the Mayoral Combined Authority. This is not recommended as we do not have the data sharing agreements in place to deliver the outputs or the data capability to manage this project.</p> <p>Option 3 – Accept this funding from the CEC and grant fund Bristol City Council to deliver as per the bid. This option is recommended as will enable impact to be achieved in line with the intended outcomes and outputs included in the Theory of Change.</p>
<p>Decision:</p> <p>The Chief Executive Officers approved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) receipt of £100,000.00 of grant funding from the Careers and Enterprise Company (the national body for careers education in England established by the Government as a company limited by guarantee in 2015) and (ii) the award of a grant of £85,000.00 to Bristol City Council in line with the bid submitted
<p>Consultation:</p> <p>The West of England Skills Officer Group (SOG) have been consulted at all stages on the submission of the bid to the CEC and given the opportunity to partner on the bid. SOG members were contacted individually by email in August to identify if they wished to be part of the proposal. Only Bristol were</p>

in a position to engage. SOG has been updated on the outcomes of the bid by email and at SOG meeting 16th October 2023.

The MCS CLT were consulted on 31st October and agreed with the recommendation to approve funding and grant funding to Bristol City Council.

Officer making decision: Richard Ennis

Position: Interim Chief Executive Officer – West of England Mayoral Combined Authority