

**Decision Notice**

**Decision Title:** Change Requests – Wave 4 Skills Bootcamps

**Decision Date:** 15 December 2023

**Decision Reference Number:** ESK\_2023\_0002

**Decision Taken**

That Directors: -

1. Approved the change request from Mastered to increase their allocation by £22,400 for the Digital Tech Skills Bootcamp and support an employer (Moonraker) with an increase of 6 learners. This will be taken from funding which is unallocated.
2. Approved the change request from UWE to increase the contract by £1,078.53 to plug the shortfall in the funding for 3 self-employed learners. This will be taken from funding which is unallocated.
3. Approved the change request from IO Academy to increase their allocation by £72,000 for the Software Development Skills Bootcamp which will add a further 12 learner places due to demand from employers. This will be taken from funding which is unallocated.
4. Approved the change request from City of Bristol College to increase their allocation by £304,110 for the HGV Skills Bootcamp which will support a further 70 learners due to demand from learners and employers. This will also support re-allocating funding for HGV provision where another provider (Back2 Work Complete Training) has reduced their contract and thereby filling the gap that would have been left.

**Reasons for the Decision**

To utilise the unallocated funding of £398,449.99 to high performing existing providers who can deliver in time. This will avoid funding having to be returned to central government which would potentially impact on future funding decisions from the DFE.

All Directors were supportive of the decision to fund the four providers in full as per the recommendations without change.

**Authority for the decision**

“A delegation to Director of Economy and Skills by West of England Mayoral Combined Authority Committee on 15th December 2023 to:-

That authority be delegated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority’s Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with equivalent Directors from the

Unitary Authorities, to administer funds and deliver initiatives under pursuant to the Adult Education Budget / Adult Skills Fund, Skills Bootcamps and Multiply as detailed in paragraphs 24 and 25. In the event of a consensus not being reached at Director level, decision making to be escalated to the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in consultation with the Unitary Authority CEOs.

**Decision-Taker**

**Full Name:** Stephen Bashford

**Position:** Director of Economy and Skills

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**In Consultation with:** - Directors of Business & Skills from the Unitary Authorities