

Decision Log

Decision Title: Proposed Delivery Strategy – Multiply Yr 3 & Carry over of Contracts and Growth Funding for two providers Yr 2

Decision Date: 19 January 2024

Decision Reference Number: ESK_2024_0002

Decision Taken

That:-

- 1) Agreed the proposed delivery strategy for year three Multiply.
- 2) Agreed to extend funding contracts for year three, with existing Multiply providers subject to meeting the qualifying criteria of reaching 80% of starts in year two.
- 3) Agreed to award growth funding for two providers amounting to £31,600.

Reasons for the Decision

This recommendation will allow the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority to continue to distribute the Multiply funding for its final year of delivery, supporting the region in upskilling residents to improve their math's.

By approving the carryover of funding contracts, we can support existing well-performing providers to offer a continuous and seamless offer.

By approving the growth funding allocation to two providers, this reduces the underspend which will be returned to the DFE.

Authority for the decision

“A delegation to Director of Economy and Skills & Directors of Unitary Authorities by West of England Mayoral Combined Authority Committee on October 6th, 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: 19th January 2024

In Consultation with: - the Business and Skills Directors from the Unitary Authorities.