

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) Grant Funding Agreement with Cambridgeshire Skills

To: Strategy, Resources & Performance Committee

Meeting Date: 19 December 2023

From: Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships

Electoral division(s): All

Key decision: Yes

Forward Plan ref: 2023/089

Outcome: Receipt of CPCA Grant Funding is approved and the agreement is signed under seal.

Recommendation: The Committee is being asked to:

- a) accept the funding agreement from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority; and
- b) provide authorisation for it to be signed under seal, delegating responsibility to the Executive Director of Strategy and Partnerships in consultation with the Chair of the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee.

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1. Background

1.1 Cambridgeshire Skills is externally funded by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) to deliver adult education. The Adult Education Budget (AEB) has been a rolling annual funding allocation which previously came from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and the CPCA retained this funding method when the AEB was devolved in 2019.

The CPCA has moved away from this model and has begun to issue two-year funding agreements for the period August 2023 – July 2025. It is issuing these agreements in the form of a deed that needs to be signed under seal.

1.2 This report asks members at committee to accept the funding agreement from the CPCA and provide authorisation for it to be signed under seal.

2. Main Issues

2.1 The CPCA have allocated a total of £4.8m for the academic years 2003/24 and 2024/25.

Funding stream	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Adult Education Budget	£2,000,000	£2,000,000	£4,000,000
Free Courses for Jobs	£200,000	£200,000	£400,000
Multiply	£200,000	£200,000	£400,000
Total	£2,400,000	£2,400,000	£4,800,000

The allocation is paid on a monthly profile and the service makes a data return which evidences performance. Without the Grant Funding being signed under seal the funding in the table above will not be paid by the CPCA to the council.

Without the funding in place, the Council is unable to deliver adult education across Cambridgeshire.

The grant agreement has been reviewed by officers from the service who are confident that the terms and conditions, including performance standards and key performance indicators can be achieved within the given timescales.

3. Alignment with ambitions

3.1 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2045, and our communities and natural environment are supported to adapt and thrive as the climate changes

The Adult Education Budget that is received funds a number of courses that provide people with the knowledge and understanding of the environment, recycling and green skills that contribute to achieving this ambition.

3.2 Travel across the county is safer and more environmentally sustainable

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

3.3 Health inequalities are reduced

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

3.4 People enjoy healthy, safe, and independent lives through timely support that is most suited to their needs

There are no significant implications for this ambition.

3.5 Helping people out of poverty and income inequality

Delivery of adult education and supporting people to improve skills leads to better employment opportunities and subsequently can help people to move out of poverty or into employment or a position of betterment.

3.6 Places and communities prosper because they have a resilient and inclusive economy, access to good quality public services and social justice is prioritised

Provision of adult learning helps to improve skills available in the workplace leading to an improved local economy.

3.7 Children and young people have opportunities to thrive

The Adult Education Budget funds targeted courses for identified parents/careers who require support in bringing up their children and/or supporting them with their education.

4. Significant Implications

4.1 Resource Implications

The report above sets out details of significant implications in 2.1.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

The report above sets out details of significant implications in 2.1.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.8 Climate Change and Environment Implications on Priority Areas

4.8.1 Implication 1: Energy efficient, low carbon buildings.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral

Explanation: Not applicable

4.8.2 Implication 2: Low carbon transport.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral

Explanation: Not applicable

4.8.3 Implication 3: Green spaces, peatland, afforestation, habitats and land management.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral

Explanation: Not applicable

4.8.4 Implication 4: Waste Management and Tackling Plastic Pollution.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral

Explanation: Not applicable

4.8.5 Implication 5: Water use, availability and management:

Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral

Explanation: Not applicable

4.8.6 Implication 6: Air Pollution.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral

Explanation: Not applicable

4.8.7 Implication 7: Resilience of our services and infrastructure, and supporting vulnerable people to cope with climate change.

Positive/neutral/negative Status: Neutral

Explanation: Not applicable

Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance? Yes

Name of Financial Officer: Clare Andrews

Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the Head of Procurement and Commercial? Yes

Name of Officer: Clare Ellis

Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by the Council's Monitoring Officer or Pathfinder Legal? Yes

Name of Legal Officer: Emma Duncan

Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your EqIA Super User?
Yes

Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?
Yes
Name of Officer: Sarah Silk

Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact? Yes
Name of Officer: Sue Grace

Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health?
Yes
Name of Officer: Kate Parker

If a Key decision, have any Climate Change and Environment implications been cleared by the Climate Change Officer? Yes
Name of Officer: Emily Bolton

5. Source documents

5.1 Source documents

CPCA Grant Funding Agreement