

Decision Title:

Variations to Adult Skills Funding Allocations

Is this decision Key or Non-key?

Non-key

If the decision is Key, has the decision been published on the Forward Plan?

Not applicable

Is this decision subject to Call-in?

No.

Decision:**Option 1: Non-confidential decision:**

Not applicable

Option 2: Confidential decision:

Confidential – the report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Decision and approval:

Approval to increase 5 Skills Bootcamp Contracts for Services in response to additional funding from the Department for Education (DfE) to expand Skills Bootcamp provision in the construction sector as part of the Government's £600m construction package.

Approval to utilise reconciled Adult Skills Funds (ASF)

Recommendations

The Chief Executive is recommended to:

- i. Approve recommendation 1 in paragraph 1.4 of the confidential report proposing to increase 5 existing Skills Bootcamp contract for services by up to 50%. The total value of these increases across the 5 contracts would equate to £573,303.75.
- ii. Approve recommendation 2 in paragraph 3.4 of the confidential report proposing an increase of £323,453 to a current grant funding agreement.
- iii. Approve recommendation 3 in paragraph 4.3 of the confidential report proposing a direct award from the Adult Skills Provider Framework. The total value of this direct award is £200,000.

Delegation:

Decision No, C47/11/24. Cabinet at its meeting on 26 November 2024 approved the proposal to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Portfolio Holder for Education, Inclusion and Skills to approve any subsequent arrangements including procurement activity and funding allocations related to the delivery of Adult Skills programmes.

Consultation:

Cabinet Member:	Yes
Monitoring Officer:	Yes
Director of Finance and Investment:	Yes

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Date of signing 24/09/2025

