

Officer Executive Decision Form



DECISION DETAILS:

1. Subject:

WE WORK for Everyone Programme. Permission to procure specialist employment support services to the value of £250,000 through existing programme funds.

2. Full details of the decision taken:

The WE WORK for Everyone Programme supports people with a learning difficulty in finding, securing and maintaining paid employment. A report was taken to Cabinet on 5 November 2019 in relation to the bid for the grant funding (provided by ESF/WECA), but this did not cover the procurement of contracts for the delivery of the contracts necessary for the delivery of the programme.

An open framework has been set up and it is anticipated that there will be a total spend of approximately £1.9m on delivery of the programme. The current decision is to allow an initial spend of up to £250k, whilst a report is taken to Cabinet in November in order for authorisation to be sought for the remainder of the funding, as this will constitute a key decision.

3. Monetary value involved (if any):

Up to £250,000

4. Contract number (if applicable):

DN535320

5. Reason for identifying as an OED:

The decision involves spend in excess of £100k and below the £500k key decision threshold and therefore it is required that an OED be published.

6. Date of decision:

28th July 2021

7. Reasons for the decision:

To ensure that commitments to the grant providers and participants (150 already enrolled) can be met in terms of the programme being delivered.

8. Details of alternative options considered and rejected:

An emergency key decision was considered unnecessary as the initial commitment on spend would allow the necessary key decision to be taken at Cabinet. Delaying the programme whilst a decision was awaited would have prejudiced the success of the programme and potentially would have placed the council in breach of its commitments to the grant providers.

9. Any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member consulted by the officer taking the decision, together with a note of any dispensation granted by Audit Committee in relation to the conflict of interest (if applicable):

Not Applicable

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