

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY

To: The Metro Mayor and Members of the Combined Authority

Meeting: 8 March 2018

Authority/Authorities Affected: Liverpool

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT AND THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER: INCLUSIVE GROWTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIGITAL AND INNOVATION

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION SINGLE INVESTMENT FUND SKILLS CAPITAL EVERTON LEARNING AND SKILLS CENTRE

FULL BUSINESS CASE DECISIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Combined Authority decision on a project change request for Skills Capital Everton Learning and Skills Centre (SIF 0112). The report seeks approval by the Combined Authority as the revised project proposal constitutes a “material change”.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority approve the allocation of the full grant for use at an alternative site in Granby Children’s Centre, subject to confirmation by independent appraiser that the project’s performance and value for money are equivalent to those generated by the original site.

Revised proposals will retain the key elements of the original agreement in relation to project costs and outputs; however timescales will be extended by up to six months.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Combined Authority approved Skills Capital SIF funding for the Everton Learning and Skills Centre project on 18 August 2017.

3.2 This investment will maximize the impact of adult and community learning on the social and economic well-being of individuals, families and communities by delivering a fully integrated curriculum offer to parents, carers and local residents.

- 3.8 A further and independent appraisal has been commissioned to test the impact of the revised proposals on the previous value for money assessment. The outcome and recommendations of this appraisal are currently awaited.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Financial

There is no additional funding required; the project will be delivered to the previously approved funding allocation of £692,000.

The Combined Authority will monitor the project within the agreed funding envelope.

4.2. Human Resources

There are no human resource implications to this report.

4.3. Physical Assets

There are no physical asset implications of this project for the Combined Authority.

4.4. Information Technology

There are no Information Technology implications to this report.

5. RISKS AND MITIGATION

The risk is low; the applicant is member authority, the funding value is low and the Combined Authority monitors the project and its associated risks on a monthly basis.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equality and diversity implications to report.

7. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

The decision will be communicated to the applicant and the grant funding agreement updated if approval is granted.

8. CONCLUSION

This report outlines to the Combined Authority the applicants request and stated implications which are considered to be negligible at this point in time.

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Background Documents:

Combined Authority report dated 18 August 2017.