



CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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OFFICER DECISION TITLE: FUNDING REQUEST FOR OPPORTUNITY PETERBOROUGH: LEP FUNDING
NAME OF OFFICER EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
DATE OF OFFICER DECISION: 4 October 2017

Responsible Director:	<i>Martin Whiteley, Chief Executive</i>
Is this a public report? If a key decision, it will be a public report and will be published on the CA website.	Yes
Does the report have any annex that contains exempt information?	No If yes, specify number of exempt annex (eg Annex 1), the reason for exemption and explain the application of the public interest test

Decision taken	<i>Please provide an overview of the decision taken.</i> The Chief Executive agreed to fund the skills service provided by Opportunity Peterborough in the sum of £265K subject to an application to the GCGP LEP to refund that funding to the Combined Authority once the LEP is placed in funds by Government
Authorisation (<i>delete as appropriate</i>)	This decision has been taken under constitutional authority delegated to the Chief Executive to take decisions up to £500K in value provided that any such decisions are reported to the next meeting of the Board General authorisation (<i>those decisions delegated to officers as per the Constitution</i>):This decision will be reported to the next meeting of the Board on 25 October 2017
Background Information	On the 3 October Cllr John Holdich approached the Combined Authority on behalf of Opportunity Peterborough to provide some financial assistance. Opportunity Peterborough are a wholly owned company of Peterborough City Council who provide a limited skills service with funding from the LEP. This includes a skills fair and was referred to in a report on skills provision to the Combined Authority Board on 28 June. Despite receiving several written commitments from GCGP LEP and



	<p>further to their Board decision to provide a contract for the Skills Service for a further 1-year of funding up to end August 2018, no formal grant contract has been entered into and OP have been operating the service at risk since 1 September. This does present a very real risk to OP, their finances and more importantly to the very important work in supporting the provision of skills in the Combined Authority area and it will also lose the connections with schools and businesses.</p> <p>This is believed to be a temporary measure pending restoration of Local growth fund to the GCGP LEP.</p>
Alternative options considered.	<p><i>List alternative options considered and rejected and the reasons for rejection. Do not leave this section blank or put 'None'. There is always an alternative even if it is to do nothing.</i></p> <p>.</p>
Consultation	<p><i>List any relevant consultation undertaken in relation to the decision. For example portfolio holders, other Chief Officers.</i></p> <p>Consultation with the Mayor on the general importance of the service.</p>
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	<p><i>List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an interest in relation to the decision.</i></p> <p>None</p>
Supporting documentation	<p><i>List any supporting documentation available in relation to this decision (all of this information must be retained for public inspection for a period of at least 4 years – there is no provision for the release of exempt/confidential information).</i></p> <p>GCGP LEP Board minutes</p>

Officer signature	Martin Whiteley (by email)	Date 4/10/17
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