

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E3061
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Devolution of the Adult Education Budget – Legislative Process

Decision maker/s	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
The Issue	To give consent to The West of England Combined Authority (Adult Education Functions) Order 2018 prepared by the Department for Education passing statutory duties regarding the provision of adult education currently held by the Secretary of State for Education to the West of England Combined Authority.
Decision Date	Not before 12th May 2018
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consent be given to The West of England Combined Authority (Adult Education Functions) Order 2018.2. That the Chief Executive, Bath and North East Somerset Council, has authority to confirm the final form of the West of England Combined Authority (Adult Education Functions) Order 2018 on behalf of the Council and to provide written confirmation to the Secretary of State consenting to the making of the West of England Combined Authority (Adult Education Functions) Order 2018
Rationale for decision	<p>The devolution of AEB formed part of the individual deals to 'transfer of powers and funding from central government to local government and each existing combined authority area subject to each area meeting strict readiness conditions.</p> <p>Devolution of the funding allows for each combined authority to create individual solutions to local skills needs in a responsive and timely way that central government management of these funds has failed to do.</p>
Financial and budget implications	There are no financial implications arising from the agreement to the Order. WECA will be asked to approve detailed allocations of devolved funding during the budget setting process for 2019/20 following a co-production approach with the constituent Councils via the Skills Advisory Board.

Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	The devolution of the AEB will support the Council's Corporate Strategy 2016 - 2020 by enabling the promotion of a Strong Economy & Growth enabling young people and people furthest from the labour market to receive local devised, co-developed training designed with local employers in mind.
Consultation undertaken	Consultation has been undertaken with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, each of the constituent council Chief Executive, Monitoring and S151 Officers, the City of Bath College, other local training providers and officers from Children & Young People's Service and Economy & Culture.
How consultation was carried out	Council officers have been part of the WECA AEB Working Group and attended the Skills Officer Group, Skills Advisory Board and the WECA AEB Provider Engagement Group
Other options considered	The Order will give effect to the adult skills and education element of the agreed WECA devolution deal
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	
Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
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