

**ITEM No ...2.....**

**REPORT TO:** NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 24 APRIL 2023

**REPORT ON:** UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND MULTIPLY ADULT NUMERACY INTERVENTION

**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**REPORT NO.** 117-2023

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform committee of the proposed delivery approach for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Multiply adult numeracy programme interventions.
- 1.2 The report seeks approval for a waiver of tender procedures to award a contract to Dundee and Angus College as Dundee and Angus College is understood to be the only further education provider in the area with the ability to deliver key aspects of the proposed Multiply interventions to scale and to the required academic level. A “VEAT” Notice (voluntary ex ante transparency notice) in terms of Regulation 91 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 shall be made prior to the intended award to alert the market place of this intended award (allowing any other potential provider to make itself known although this is not considered at all likely).

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Neighbourhood Services Committee:

- a. approves the request for waiver of tender procedures to enable Dundee and Angus College to deliver specific Multiply interventions to 800 adults after completion of a “VEAT” Notice.
- b. delegate authority to the Executive Director Neighbourhood Services to progress the development of the partnership with Dundee and Angus College to deliver specific Multiply interventions.
- c. remits Neighbourhood Services to contribute to an annual report submitted by the Executive Directors of Corporate Services and City Development on progress of the delivery of the UKSPF Investment Plan (including Multiply) to City Development Committee.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council as the following will be funded from the conditional allocation of funding from UKSPF to Dundee allocated from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The overall aim of the UKSPF is to address key challenges locally by focusing interventions across three key themes:
- People and skills;
  - Local business support; and
  - Communities and place
- 3.2 As part of Dundee’s UKSPG allocation, £968,616 is ring-fenced for the Multiply adult numeracy programme to be managed by Neighbourhood Services. The intended allocation to Dundee and Angus College is up to £400,000 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, to support the delivery of specific Multiply interventions.

#### 4. MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Multiply programme is a ring-fenced funding stream of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with a focus on supporting adults aged 19 plus to improve their functional numeracy skills, through the delivery of pre-specified interventions. The Multiply element of the fund is being led by Neighbourhood Services.

4.2 The aim of Multiply is to increase the levels of functional literacy in the adult population and includes the following success measures.

- More adults achieving a maths qualifications/participating in numeracy courses leading to :
- Improved labour market outcomes
- Increased adult numeracy across the population

4.3 To ensure the programme reaches the target numbers and a wide range of learners Multiply will be delivered through a mixed delivery model, including:

- £392,000 over 2023/24 and 2024/25 for direct delivery from Dundee City Council, through the recruitment of 3 Community Learning and Development Workers, managed by a Senior Community Learning & Development Worker who will work with learners to help them improve their confidence in everyday numeracy, including parents and those who want a first step towards a numeracy qualification and those in employability programmes
- a challenge fund of up to £176,616 over 2023/24 and 2024/25 open to the Third Sector to enable local partners to enhance or extend existing provision to reach and engage more adults in numeracy learning activities
- Dundee and Angus College contribution of up to £400,000 over 2023/24 and 2024/25 as specified in 4.4

4.4 Dundee and Angus College will be contracted to deliver the following specific interventions:

**S46:** Additional relevant maths modules embedded into other vocational courses

**S47:** Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace

**S48:** New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 5 maths in Scotland, leading to an equivalent qualification

4.5 Interventions **S46, S47 and S48** relate to very specific learning offers which it is understood can only be delivered at scale by Dundee and Angus College as the only local Further Education provider of vocational courses, workplace academies and courses leading to an SQA Level 5 qualification, or equivalent. Approximately 800 learners will experience improved life chances through participation in Multiply at Dundee and Angus College.

As the only further education provider in Dundee, Dundee and Angus College supports approximately 23,000 adults across a range of subjects and levels. The College has extensive experience in developing and delivering SQA qualifications. The College is best placed to deliver elements of the Multiply programme and thereby reach an additional 800 learners.

4.6 This request for a waiver of tender procedures following a “VEAT” Notice would enable Dundee City Council to develop a meaningful partnership with Dundee and Angus College to develop and deliver a broader range of Multiply interventions and therefore improve the lives of a wider range of adult learners.

## **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues. An Integrated Impact Assessment will be undertaken during the Investment Plan development process. (including Multiply).

## **6. CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted on the preparation of this report and agree with its contents.

## **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None.

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## Integrated Impact Assessment

Committee Report Number: 117-2023

Document Title: UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND MULTIPLY ADULT NUMERACY INTERVENTION

Document Type: Service

Description:

Committee report to seek approval for waiver of tender procedures as Dundee and Angus College is the only further education provider in the area with the ability to deliver key aspects of the proposed Multiply interventions to scale and the required academic level.

Intended Outcome:

Agree waiver, delegate authority to progress the development of a partnership agreement between Dundee City Council and Dundee and Angus College

Period Covered: 24/04/2023 to 31/03/2025

Monitoring:

A partnership agreement will be drawn up with clear milestones and be subject to ongoing monitoring.

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## Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

### Impacts & Implications

Age: Positive

This will benefit adults aged 19+ to achieve numeracy skills and qualifications.

Disability: No Impact

Gender Reassignment: No Impact

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No Impact

Pregnancy & Maternity: No Impact

Race / Ethnicity: No Impact

Religion or Belief: No Impact

Sex: No Impact

Sexual Orientation: No Impact

Are any Human Rights not covered by the Equalities questions above impacted by this report?

No

## Fairness & Poverty

### Geographic Impacts & Implications

Strathmartine:	Positive
Lochee:	Positive
Coldside:	Positive
Maryfield:	Positive
North East:	Positive
East End:	Positive
The Ferry:	Positive
West End:	Positive

Positive Implications:

This intervention benefits the whole city and especially people in the Community regeneration areas who have lower level educational attainment and qualifications.

## Household Group Impacts and Implications

Looked After Children & Care Leavers: No Impact

Carers: No Impact

Lone Parent Families: No Impact

Single Female Households with Children: No Impact

Greater number of children and/or young children: No Impact

Pensioners - single / couple: No Impact

Unskilled workers or unemployed: Positive

The partnership with the college will deliver innovative programmes with employers, including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace.

Serious & enduring mental health problems: No Impact

Homeless: No Impact

Drug and/or alcohol problems: No Impact

Offenders & Ex-offenders: No Impact

## Socio Economic Disadvantage Impacts & Implications

Employment Status: Positive

Will enhance numeracy skills linked to specific work areas

Education & Skills: Positive

Aims to increase numeracy skills of approximately 800 people over the programme

Income: Positive

Increase in peoples' employability and qualifications to access to higher paid employment

Caring Responsibilities (including Childcare): No Impact

Affordability and accessibility of services: Positive

This is a free intervention, fully funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund , enabling people to access skills and qualifications

Fuel Poverty: No Impact

Cost of Living / Poverty Premium: No Impact

Connectivity / Internet Access: No Impact

Income / Benefit Advice / Income Maximisation: No Impact

Employment Opportunities: Positive

This will help people be more qualified to take up employment and it will require an increase in staff to deliver.

Education: Positive

Up to 800 people increasing their numeracy

Health: No Impact

Life Expectancy: No Impact

Mental Health: No Impact

Overweight / Obesity: No Impact

Child Health: No Impact

Neighbourhood Satisfaction: No Impact

Transport: No Impact

## **Environment**

### **Climate Change Impacts**

Mitigating Greenhouse Gases: No Impact

Adapting to the effects of climate change: No Impact

### **Resource Use Impacts**

Energy efficiency & consumption: No Impact

Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste: No Impact

Sustainable Procurement: No Impact

### **Transport Impacts**

Accessible transport provision: No Impact

Sustainable modes of transport: No Impact

### **Natural Environment Impacts**

Air, land & water quality: No Impact

Biodiversity: No Impact

Open & green spaces: No Impact



## **Built Environment Impacts**

Built Heritage: No Impact

Housing: No Impact

Is the proposal subject to a Strategic

Environmental Assessment (SEA)?

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

## **Corporate Risk**

### **Corporate Risk Impacts**

Political Reputational Risk: Positive

This is a positive intervention for Dundee's citizens

Economic/Financial Sustainability / Security & Equipment: No Impact

Social Impact / Safety of Staff & Clients: No Impact

Technological / Business or Service Interruption: No Impact

Environmental: No Impact

Legal / Statutory Obligations: No Impact

Organisational / Staffing & Competence: No Impact

Corporate Risk Implications & Mitigation:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are "business as normal" risks and any increase to the level of risk to the Council is minimal. This is due either to the risk being inherently low or as a result of the risk being transferred in full or in part to another party on a fair and equitable basis. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant impact.

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