

Economic Growth Board

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Report Title	Skills Investment
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Report has been considered by	Directors of Economic Development

Recommendations for action or decision:

The Economic Growth Board is asked to:

- a) Note the level and profile of skills investment for the 12-month period to June 2023, compared with previous years.

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This paper provides a summary of WMCA skills investment for the 12-month period to June 2023, and in comparison with recent years. The data is presented by the local authority of the learner and not the provider. Academic year is taken from the course start date and all spend is assigned to that year. The tables only provide information on Adult Education Budget (AEB) spend and Skills Bootcamp spend (where available). Community learning funding is not included.

2 Summary of Skills Investment

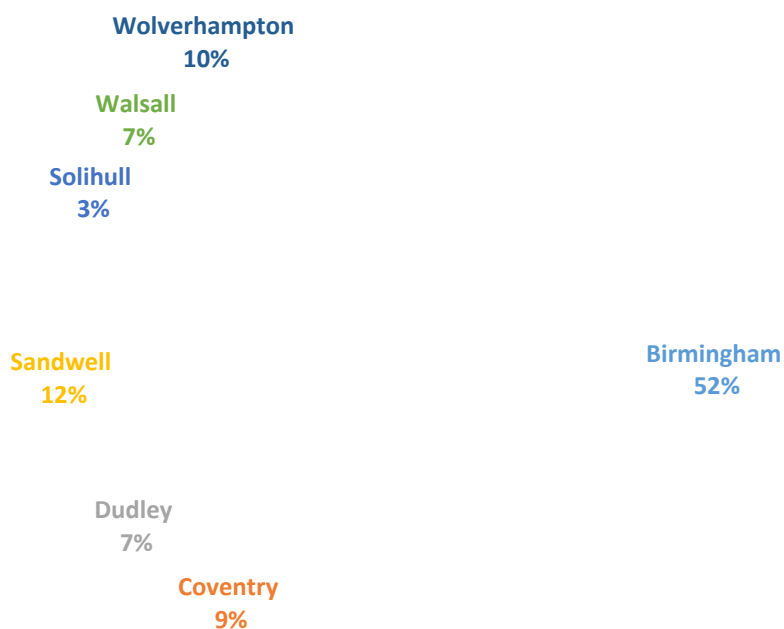
- 2.1 The devolved Adult Education Budget (AEB) for 2022/23 is £131m. In addition, the WMCA administers two pots of National Skills Funding: £8.98m for “Free Courses For Jobs” (FCFJ) and £12.25m for Skills Bootcamps. In total this is a budget of £152million.
- 2.2 To date, total spend for 2022/23 is £82.5m (£81.6 of which has been spent on WMCA residents). The spend to date represents 54% of the total budget. Broken down by allocation: 55% of the AEB budget has been spent, 56% of the FCFJ budget and 45% of the Skills Bootcamps budget.

Total Individual Learning Record (ILR) Spend



local authority	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	year to June 2023
Birmingham	£41,655,000	£52,281,000	£42,196,000	£44,307,000
Coventry	£7,609,000	£8,417,000	£7,201,000	£7,125,000
Dudley	£5,030,000	£7,667,000	£5,999,000	£6,410,000
Sandwell	£8,901,000	£11,258,000	£10,468,000	£10,989,000
Solihull	£2,613,000	£3,316,000	£2,624,000	£2,941,000
Walsall	£6,285,000	£7,142,000	£5,605,000	£6,078,000
Wolverhampton	£7,765,000	£9,602,000	£7,572,000	£9,031,000
WMCA total	£79,857,000	£99,682,000	£81,665,000	£86,881,000

Distribution of spend 2022/23



AEB Bootcamp Spend*

local authority	2021-22	2022-23
Birmingham	£136,000	£659,000
Dudley	£36,000	£296,000
Sandwell	£56,000	£35,000
Solihull	£15,000	£153,000
Walsall	£61,000	£44,000
Wolverhampton	£67,000	£121,000
Coventry	£19,000	£94,000
WMCA total	£391,000	£1,402,000

Skills Bootcamp Spend

local authority	2021-22	2022-23	year to June 2023
Birmingham	£45,000	£2,033,000	£2,438,000
Coventry	£4,000	£384,000	£425,000
Dudley	£5,000	£397,000	£442,000
Sandwell	£15,000	£423,000	£466,000
Walsall	£11,000	£201,000	£301,000
Wolverhampton	£2,000	£254,000	£419,000
Solihull		£339,000	£228,000
WMCA total	£82,000	£4,031,000	£4,718,000

Free Course for Jobs Spend

local authority	2021-22	2022-23	year to June 2023
Birmingham	£2,013,000	£1,957,000	£2,185,000
Coventry	£521,000	£439,000	£453,000
Dudley	£526,000	£465,000	£534,000
Sandwell	£691,000	£817,000	£915,000
Solihull	£186,000	£134,000	£141,000
Walsall	£615,000	£583,000	£660,000
Wolverhampton	£781,000	£598,000	£699,000
WMCA total	£5,334,000	£4,994,000	£5,587,000

ESOL Spend

local authority	2021-22	2022-23	year to June 2023
Birmingham	£10,764,000	£8,232,000	£7,593,000
Coventry	£1,177,000	£981,000	£979,000
Dudley	£644,000	£479,000	£476,000
Sandwell	£1,096,000	£1,014,000	£996,000
Solihull	£168,000	£201,000	£196,000
Walsall	£428,000	£419,000	£415,000
Wolverhampton	£693,000	£614,000	£623,000
WMCA total	£14,970,000	£11,939,000	£11,278,000

Other ILR Spend

local authority	2021-22	2022-23	year to June 2023
Birmingham	£39,323,000	£29,064,000	£32,090,000
Coventry	£6,696,000	£4,889,000	£5,269,000
Dudley	£6,456,000	£4,350,000	£4,957,000
Sandwell	£9,399,000	£7,506,000	£8,609,000
Solihull	£2,946,000	£2,060,000	£2,375,000
Walsall	£6,026,000	£4,189,000	£4,694,000
Wolverhampton	£8,058,000	£6,580,000	£7,287,000
WMCA total	£78,905,000	£58,638,000	£65,281,000

Notes

* AEB Bootcamp data has only been systematically captured in the ILR since May22 and data may not be complete. Data for the 2022-23 academic year is not yet available through the ILR.

1. 'Other AEB spend' is all AEB programmes which are not Bootcamps, FCFJ or ESOL
2. Data are for academic years (August – September) unless otherwise stated
3. Data for 2022-2023 are for the current academic year and so are partial
4. Does not include community learning
5. Data are taken from the ILR and are subject to amendments

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 This paper is for information only. There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

5. Equalities Implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate equalities implications arising from this report.

6. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 6.1 There are no immediate inclusive growth implications arising from this report.

7. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

- 7.1 Devolved Adult Education Budget and grant funding for Bootcamps and Free Courses for Jobs applies to the 7 Met area.

8. Other implications

- 8.1 None