



West Midlands Combined Authority

Scrutiny Review - Scoping Document

| A Review of the impact of the devolution of the Adult Education Budget to the WMCA on the Delivery of Local Skills Training | |
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| Date of Review: | October 2022 - January 2023 |
| Purpose of the Review: | |
| <p>To understand the impact of the devolution of the Adult Education Budget to the WMCA on the delivery of local skills training within the region, and to identify the challenges and ways in which the West Midlands Combined Authority and Local Authorities can most effectively use skills development to address short and longer term challenges in the region particularly in relation to the big economic challenges.</p> <p>The findings of the review will be used to help shape future skills funding including Shared Prosperity Fund.</p> | |
| Objectives: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To understand the current delivery of the devolved Adult Education Budget within each constituent authority and the difference devolution has made to date.• To understand how additional skills investment has increased the offer in each Local Authority for residents and businesses.• To consider the approach to the relative distribution of investment in the context of need and the economic challenges – this should include consideration of balancing the needs of business against the drive to increase qualification levels of the workforce per se.• To understand the key drivers in terms of current and future employment, including which job sectors and residents are most at risk and their locations within the region.• To ascertain views on how skills development can best contribute to levelling up, improving career pathways, and addressing the challenges for the region and where it has limitations or dependencies on the impact that can be created. | |
| Scope As part of the evidence gathering to achieve the objectives, the review group will invite the following individuals to share their views and suggestions: | |

- To be confirmed
- Business Community Representation

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| Intended Outcome: |
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| <p>Links to the WMCA priorities:</p> |
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| WMCA Officer Responsible: |
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| Review Work Programme: |
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