
Report to: Employment and Skills Panel

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Subject: **European Social Fund Overview**

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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the current position of the Leeds City Region European Social Fund programme and seek Panel members' views on future funding calls.

2 Information

- 2.1 A presentation will be given to the panel regarding European Social Fund, detailing progress to date and future plans.
- 2.2 There is currently £35 million unallocated relating to enhancing access to lifelong learning. This funding focuses on improving the skills of individuals to meet their goals and the needs of the local economy, primarily training, advising or supporting individuals, including those in work but at risk due to skills deficiencies or facing redundancy. The panel's views are sought regarding interventions which could be developed to meet the needs of employers and individuals currently in work.
- 2.3 The presentation attached at **Appendix 1**, gives an overview of the programme to date and the planned funding calls, the key questions for discussion are:
- Given the current funding still available (circa £35m) and the current range of interventions being or to be delivered – what is missing?
 - What key interventions do employees need to meet employer skills and employment needs?
 - Are there any other options for generating match funding?

3 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4 Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5 Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6 External Consultees

6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

7 Recommendations

7.1 That Panel members note the content of the presentation and give their views on the future direction of uncommitted funds.

8 Background Documents

None.

9 Appendices

Appendix 1 – European Social Fund Overview