

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CYPS EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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APPROVAL OF ARRANGEMENTS TO PROCURE SERVICES UNDER THE MULTIPLY INITIATIVE

SUPPORTING ANNEX; This report includes a supporting Annex which contains exempt information as described in paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authority direct award, through a waiver, multiple elements of the 'Multiply' provision to a range of providers such as:

- Training providers currently in receipt of Adult Education grants
- Further Education Colleges
- Charity and Voluntary sector organisations

BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION

This procurement exercise is to establish multiple new contracts for the delivery 'Multiply' provision as this has not been previously procured.

The Department for Education will provide the Authority with £2,700,000 of grant funding over a period of three years which to be spent on adult numeracy education. Some elements of this provision are currently provided by ALSS however, a number of modules are not.

The identified new provision includes;

- Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money,
- Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal numeracy qualifications
- Numeracy activities, courses or provision developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners aimed at engaging the hardest to reach learners
- Courses aimed at people who can't apply for certain jobs because of lack of numeracy skills and/or to encourage people to upskill in numeracy order to access a certain job/career

A number of paths to deliver this requirement have been identified, many of which could be provided by local SMEs and VCSEs. Awarding directly a contract to these groups would allow for rapid delivery of the service whilst best utilising SMEs and VCSEs in the local community.

LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE

The contract will be procured in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The direct award falls under Section 7 Social and Other Specific Services and will follow the principles of regulation 27.

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