Date of Meeting:	24 01 20

SUBJECT

Item 5: PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT

DECISION

Note the information within the report.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The report was presented in order to give an update on progress by the Executive Officers Group. An update was received on the appointment of four members of staff to the Programme Office, including the Programme Director. Also, it was noted that a Governance workshop will be held on 14 February 2020, and an update was given on the work of the Chair of the NWEAB.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.



Date of Meeting: 24 01 20

SUBJECT

Item 6: REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20 - THIRD QUARTER REVIEW (DECEMBER 2019)

DECISION

Receive the third quarter review of the NWEAB budget for 2019/20, and agree to transfer any underspend in 2019/20 to the earmarked reserve that will be available for future years.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

A report was given on the various budget headings that were overspending / underspending and it was noted that there would be an estimated net underspend of £117,424 at the end of 2019/20, which would be transferred to the earmarked reserve set up at the end of 2018/19.

In order to work effectively, the Joint-committee (NWEAB) must be aware of its expenditure situation to date and this year's spending projections against its annual budget.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.



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SUBJECT

Item 7: ESF APPLICATION

DECISION

Approve the Staffing Structure for the Programme Office, and delegate the authority to the Programme Director in consultation with the Chief Executive of the Host Authority and the Statutory Finance Officer to amend the structure as required within the funding envelope.

Approve the appointment dates for the staff within the staffing structure, and appoint to the Programme Office prior to the Final Deal, where those posts are affordable within the core budget and the ESF budget (as listed in clause 4.2.5 of the report).

Subject to the matters set out in the report, authorise the Programme Director to proceed with the creation of the posts and undertake the appointments process in accordance with the Host Authority's Policies and Procedures.

Delegate the authority to the Programme Director, in consultation with the Host Authority Chief Executive and the Statutory Finance Officer, to accept a WEFO grant offer based on 50% of the total project cost for the period July 2018 up until June 2023. Confirm that the NWEAB accepts that it will contribute match funding at 50%, primarily by a combination of capitalisation of project costs and core budget.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The ESF grant would provide funding to the region for the development and delivery of the Growth Vision, through the establishment of a Programme Office. The Programme Office will start with a core team of officers partly funded through the ESF grant.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.



Date of Meeting: 24 01 20

SUBJECT

Item 9: BUSINESS DELIVERY BOARD CHAIR - SHORT LIST

DECISION

That four of the candidates are eligible for short-listing for interview.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Drawing up a short list of candidates was one of the key milestones in the process of recruiting and appointing an individual to this key post.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.