

Report title	Wolves at Work 18-24 – Youth Employment		
Referring body	Cabinet – 20 October 2021		
Councillor to present report	Councillor Ian Brookfield		
Wards affected	All Wards		
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council		
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Report to be/has been considered by	Regeneration Leadership Team	5 October 2021	
	Strategic Executive Board	7 October 2021	
	Leader's Briefing	11 October 2021	
	Cabinet Member Briefing – Education & Skills	11 October 2021	
	Cabinet Member Briefing – Children and Young People	11 October 2021	
	Cabinet	20 October 2021	

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to approve:

1. The launch of a new Wolves at Work 18-24 Programme of targeted interventions which puts our young people at the centre of activity and urgently delivers the step change needed in our City to give unemployed young people opportunities for secure, sustainable employment, apprenticeships, education or training.
2. An initial £3 million budget, from a combination of the Recovery Reserve and Covid Emergency Grant, to deliver Wolves at Work 18-24 and galvanise a 'One City' approach to create opportunities for our young people.

3. The establishment of a £100,000 'City Ideas Fund', initially (funded from the £3 million available), for City employers and partners to bid for and put forward ideas that will get more young people into sustained employment, apprenticeships, education or training.
4. The delegation of authority to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance, to approve:
 - a. Wolves at Work 18-24 targeted interventions and the allocation of the associated budget (from the £3 million available).
 - b. The scope and governance arrangements for the 'City Ideas Fund'.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval for the Council to lead on developing and resourcing a comprehensive programme of targeted intervention – Wolves at Work 18-24 - to support young people currently claiming benefits and aged 18 to 24 into sustainable employment, apprenticeships, education or training.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 20 October 2021 Cabinet considered a report on Wolves at Work 18-24 - Youth Employment.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).
- 2.3 Cabinet approved, subject to the support and endorsement of Full Council:
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3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 20 October 2021.

4.0 Legal implications

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5.0 Equalities implications

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6.0 All other implications

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7.0 Schedule of background papers

7.1 Cabinet report of 20 October 2021 - [Wolves at Work 18-24 - Youth Employment](#)