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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Meeting of the City Council 20 September 2023

Report title Education, Skills and Employment Strategy

Referring body Cabinet – 6 September 2023

Councillor to present

report

Councillor Louise Miles

Wards affected All Wards

Cabinet Member with lead

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Report to be/has been

considered by

Economy and Growth Scrutiny

21 June 2023

Panel

Children and Young People

27 June 2023

Scrutiny Panel

Cabinet 6 September 2023

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

- 1. Approve the Education, Skills and Employment Strategy to deliver a whole life approach to learning and work which support children, young people and adults to thrive.
- 2. Approve the budget from the remaining uncommitted balance of £1.2 million, from the original £3 million programme reserve budget approved by Cabinet on 20 October 2021 for the Wolves at Work 18-24 programme to deliver Wolves at Work Transformation programme.
- 3. Delegate authority to the relevant Director to approve targeted interventions and the allocation of the associated budget (from the £1.2 million available).

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1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To approve the new Education, Skills and Employment (ESE) Strategy which sets out the Council's approach to supporting local people into good quality careers and work.
- 1.2 To receive an update on the outcome of formal consultation process undertaken.
- 1.3 To highlight that the ESE Strategy will be delivered through the Wolves at Work Transformation Programme.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 6 September 2023, Cabinet are to consider a report on Education, Skills and Employment Strategy.
- 2.2 Cabinet has been recommended to recommend that Council:
 - 1. Approve the Education, Skills and Employment Strategy to deliver a whole life approach to learning and work which support children, young people and adults to thrive.
 - 2. Approve the budget from the remaining uncommitted balance of £1.2 million, from the original £3 million programme reserve budget approved by Cabinet on 20 October 2021 for the Wolves at Work 18-24 programme to deliver Wolves at Work Transformation programme.
 - 3. Delegate authority to the relevant Director to approve targeted interventions and the allocation of the associated budget (from the £1.2 million available).

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Cabinet report of 6 September 2023.

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 Education, Skills and Employment Strategy, Cabinet, 6 September 2023.