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Title of meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Subject:	Multiply Funding
Date of meeting:	22 June 2022
Report lead:	Tristan Samuels Director of Regeneration
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Wards affected:	All

1. Requested by

Provided in response to the request from the Corporate Performance Manager for information

2. Purpose

To provide an overview of the new funding stream Multiply.

Multiply is part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), which replaces European Social Funds (ESF) from 2022.

3. Information Requested

Multiply is the first priority of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The funds are to support the 17M adults in England - half of the working population - who have under-developed maths skills. This is in recognition of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) average rating for the UK putting us behind our economic partners, including Japan, Germany and Canada. All activities and interventions under Multiple are for adults (19+) who have not yet achieved maths at level 2 (GCSE grade 4+). Employed and unemployed adults are eligible.

Unlike UKSPF, which is delivered by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Multiply is managed by Department for Education (DfE).

Portsmouth have been awarded an allocation of £1,080,470.93 to be spend over the 3 years April 2022 to March 2025.

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In order to have the allocation released, Portsmouth City Council is required to submit an Investment Plan to government by 30 June 2022. The Investment Plan is being developed with partners (including potential delivery partners) and evidence based on local need. The investment plan must show how we intend to spend the fund, having consulted with key stakeholders and to reflect the local educational and socio-economic environment.

It is anticipated that finances will be released to local authorities from October 2022, reflecting a restricted year 1, however there is no reduction in allocation and underspend will be lost to the council and the project overall without exception. Councils can commission and deliver ahead of approval at their own risk.

Portsmouth City Council will link the investment plan for Multiply (and the linked UKSPF) to Portsmouth's City Vision 2040, recognising this as a driving force for the cities strategic planning and representative of the needs of our residents, communities, and businesses.

Funds can be spent for internally delivered services subject to strict delivery criteria, however councils are encouraged to partnership with skills and other community-based providers in each area and Portsmouth are currently planning a commission based approach, with some internal delivery by the adult and community learning service (The Learning Place) and other key internal services are considering their potential role.

As part of the investment plan, Portsmouth City Council must clearly articulate how these interventions will not negatively impact on the current delivery of existing provision (including college provision for maths funded under the Adult Education Budget)

Portsmouth total funding allocation £1,080,470.93

22/23	£326,654.00
23/24	£376,908.46
24/25	£376,908.46

Allocations are restricted to each year. Underspend in year is lost to the multiply project and cannot be moved between year.

As part of the investment plan we have engaged with a wide range of key partners including:

Abri Housing Association
Citizens Advice Portsmouth
City of Portsmouth College
DWP
Fareham College
HIVE Portsmouth
HSDC College

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John Pounds Centre

PCC Adult and Community Learning Service

PCC Education (extended guarantee and Care leavers)

PCC Housing

PCC Library services

Probation Service

Public Health - Health and Wellbeing team

Shaping Portsmouth

WEA

Solent Apprenticeship and Skills Hub (SASH)

University of Portsmouth

Vivid Housing

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Signed by (Director)

Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Multiply Investment Prospectus	Multiply Investment Prospectus (publishing.service.gov.uk)
Multiply indicative allocations	Indicative allocations for local areas - GOV.UK (publishing.service.gov.uk)
UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus and supporting documents	UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Imagine Portsmouth - City Vision 2040	Homepage - Imagine Portsmouth
OECD Skills Surveys	Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC) - PIAAC, the OECD's programme of assessment and analysis of adult skills