

## West Sussex County Council

### Summary of Part II decision containing exempt information

#### Proposed Executive Decision for **2 March 2022** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 11 March 2022**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

<b>Decision Title &amp; Ref No:</b>	Contract Extension for the Provision of Adult Community Education - LS15 (21/22)
<b>Cabinet Member Responsible for Decision</b>	Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	All Divisions
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>Aspire Sussex, an independent, charitable, social enterprise, has been providing Adult Education and training on behalf of West Sussex County Council for six years. It provides training and support for skills and adult community-based learning under contract and funded through an annual grant to the County Council from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).</p> <p>The current contract is in the first of two possible extension periods (<a href="#">decision OKD01 (20/21)</a> refers). The initial contract extension period comes to an end at the end of the academic year 2021-22. The County Council has explored options for alternative adult education and community based learning and skills provision within the County but has not identified comparable service offers. It is therefore proposed to extend the contract with Aspire for a further year during which options will be explored for the future delivery of Adult Education. Some changes to contractual terms and arrangements for contract management and support to the service are also being confirmed.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	The Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills has approved the extension of the Education and Skills Funding Agency Adult Education contract to Aspire Sussex for the period of a further year, until August 2023, pending a revisiting of soft market testing to assess future long-term options.
<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None
<b>Reason(s) restricted</b>	Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended): Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

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