



Officer Decision Record

Name / Title of Officer:	Kieran Carr Economic Development Manager
Service:	Community
Delegated Power:	Finance & Assets Committee
Subject of Decision:	Continuation of Shared Prosperity Project Digital Inclusion, via 12-month transition funding confirmed with Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority.
Type of Decision:	Contract award via exemption to current provider.
Decision Taken: (specify precise details):	<p>Continued delivery of a digital inclusion course for the residents of East Cambridgeshire. The project should provide digital inclusion initiatives to help improve people's digital skills so that they can use online services.</p> <p>The project will address the main challenges that people face to going online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• access - the ability to actually go online and connect to the internet• skills - to be able to use the internet• motivation - knowing the reasons why using the internet is a good thing• trust - a fear of crime or not knowing where to start to go online. <p>The delivery partner will remain SPS Training Solutions Limited, and a contract extension has been awarded via existing Contract Procedure Rules.</p>
Reasons for the Decision: (specify all reasons for taking the decisions including where applicable reference to Council policy)	<p>The funding is for a 12-month extension to a previously approved project, (Finance & Asset Committee 30 March 2023), which has been extremely successful and beneficial for residents across East Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>The opportunity to continue the programme arrived via an allocation of SPF transition funding delegated from MHCLG with CPCA.</p> <p>Under contract procedure rules this is a change to an existing requirement. An extension of funding</p>

	has been awarded by CPCA to continue the delivery of the project until 31st March 2026.
Authority / Legal Power Used:	This project was part of the previously funded SPF programme 2022-2025 as approved by Finance & Asset Committee 30 March 2023.
Alternative Options Considered: (if applicable)	N/A
Background/Reports/Information considered and attached (Legal, Personnel, Financial Implications etc)	<p>Paper presented to Finance & Asset Committee 30 March 2023.</p> <p>GFA agreed with CPCA</p> <p>Claim form to be submitted to CPCA as expenditure incurred.</p> <p>Exemption Request approved via contract procedure rules.</p> <p>Contract document SPS Training Solutions Ltd.</p>
Implications:	
Legal	GFA in place with CPCA to reclaim funding.
Financial	Contract awarded £62,250.00 Funding to be reclaimed from CPCA.
HR	N/A
Procurement	<p>One year extension to existing contract funded via CPCA through Shared Prosperity Transition Fund 2025/26.</p> <p>Contract with SPS Training Solutions Ltd. for delivery of project.</p>
Consulted With:	Sally Bonnett Director Community
Signature and Date: K.Carr 20/06/2025	