



## Combined Authority Board

**6 February 2025**

Title:	Recommendations from Skills and Employment Committee
Committee Date:	20 January 2025
Meeting Link:	<a href="#">Skills and Employment Committee 20 January 2025</a>

Agenda Item	Further Education Cold Spots
Recommendations:	Combined Authority Board is recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• approve the proposed Grant Funding approach to spend the £4.5m Capital Investment</li><li>• delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Skills and Employment, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter into grant funding agreements with selected providers on behalf of the Combined Authority</li></ul>
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting members
Strategic Objectives:	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities Achieving good growth Enabling resilient communities Achieving best value and high performance
Purpose:	To note the progress made towards the establishment of a Skills Capital Grant Funding opportunity to resolve the FE Cold Spots identified by the Combined Authority. To discuss and accept the recommendations set out in this paper.
Report and Appendices:	<a href="#">Skills and Employment Committee 20 January 2025 – Item 9 – Further Education Cold Spots</a> <a href="#">Appendix A – Early Market Engagement Slides</a>
Background Papers:	<a href="#">FE Cold Spots Project Initiation Document (PID) 4 July 2022</a> (page 169-184) <a href="#">FE Cold spots Analysis - Skills Committee January 2022</a> (page 309-314) <a href="#">CA Board - March 2022 Gainshare Funding for FE Cold Spots (App 7 - Summary of Shortlisted Projects)</a> (page 59-61) <a href="#">Addressing FE Cold-Spots Skills Committee Report – September 2022</a>