

Programmes currently being supported

Expansion to the Working Win - The current extension will allow us to continue this work and support the Local Integration Boards in not just considering how to get people into work but also supporting them to continue successfully in work.

Expansion of the Careers Hub - This will work with schools in the most disadvantaged areas of Rotherham, Barnsley and Sheffield. Doncaster already has a Hub; it will broaden students' understanding of the career's opportunities available to them.

The Skills Bank – Options for continuation of the Skills Bank under the direction of the LEP / MCA are being developed, a range of options being considered each which cement the role of the Skills Bank as the LEP/MCA route to co-investment in skills as part of its business support offer. This will be presented to the Board imminently.

Commissioning of the devolved Adult Education Budget - Full devolution of AEB, whilst a small part of the overall national investment in education and skills, provides an opportunity to focus on “individual places” within SCR as well as on equality, equity and inclusivity.

ESF – European Social Fund projects are being delivered across the SCR, many supporting the RAP. A response has been provided to the ESF Reserve Fund Call. Identifying and securing sufficient local match funding, will be a challenge. The Board may want to consider how the MCA engages with national Government and how we might prioritise funding within SCR, particularly given the level of disadvantage that still exists. Five interventions, fully aligned with the RAP, have been proposed for the ESF call and are set out below:

- Reducing youth unemployment and inactivity in Sheffield City Region LEP Area;
- Improving existing workforce digital skills and Business Productivity Levels;
- Overcoming Barriers to Work – Digital Inclusion;
- Existing Workforce Progression / Productivity / Underemployment / Career Change;
- Job Creation and Skilling the Unemployed.