

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

**GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE – ADULT NUMERACY PROGRAMME –
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2022/2023 – MULTIPLY INVESTMENT PLAN
SUBMISSION**

**(under regulations 10(1) and 10(3) of The Local Authorities (Executive
Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations
2012 (“the Regulations”))**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Children’s Service, Education and Lifelong Skills intends no earlier than 21 June 2022 to make an executive decision regarding the submission of the implementation plan 2022/2023 in relation to the adult numeracy programme to the Department of Education.

This decision is regarded as a ‘key decision’ and ordinarily under regulation 9 of the Regulations at least 28 clear days’ notice is required to be given in advance on the Forward Plan, setting out that a key decision is to be made, the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made, the name of the decision-making body and its members or the name of the individual decision maker, the date on which, or the period within which, the decision is to be made, a list of the documents submitted, the address from where copies of documents may be obtained, notice that other documents may be submitted to the decision maker and the procedure for requesting details of these documents (if any) as they become available.

Where such notice is impracticable, a general exception notice may instead be given in accordance with regulation 10 of the Regulations.

The Monitoring Officer has by written notice informed the Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee of the matter about which the decision is to be made, namely

The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Lifelong Skills is recommended to make the decision (referred to in the accompanying report dated 9 June 2022), to agree the following (under delegated authority granted to her):

That the proposed investment plan (‘the Multiply Investment Plan’) to the Department for Education, referred to in para 9 of this report, be agreed and be submitted to the Department for Education by no later than 30 June 2022. (This will enable adult numeracy courses and workshops to commence from September 2022).

The reason why it was impracticable to have complied with the standard advance notice requirement is that the deadline for submission of the implementation plan to the Department of Education is no later than 30 June 2022. In order to meet this deadline, decisions must be made as soon as possible. A copy of this notice has been made available for inspection by the public and published on the Council’s website. As part of the UK Single Prosperity Fund, the government announced a new £559 million adult numeracy programme for the whole of the UK, the programme will be delivered under the brand ‘Multiply’. The programme will help adults with no or low-level maths skills to understand and use maths in daily life, at home and in work. Multiply will offer free courses, workshops and digital training that

will be flexibly delivered around people's lives, whether at their workplace, in the evening, or through online, intensive or personalised tutoring. Improving numeracy is an important stepping stone to intermediate and higher qualifications, it can help unemployed adults gain jobs and can help in everyday life for example personal finances, scam awareness and helping a child with their homework. The Isle of Wight has been allocated a maximum of £666,594 split equally over a 3 year period. In order to access the funding for the 2022/23 academic year, the council is required to submit an Implementation Plan to the Department for Education by 30th June 2022. The Council will need to develop bespoke adult numeracy programmes that meet the needs of local people and can be identified from the menu of interventions defined in the DFE Multiply Investment Prospectus (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1068822/Multiply_Investment_Prospectus.pdf).

Approval of the submission of the implementation plan for the first year of the Multiply Project (within the deadline of 30 June 2022) for actual submission to the Department for Education is needed first. The Plan will be delivered through a combination of direct delivery by the Adult Community Learning Service and through commissioning of further education and voluntary sector partners. Outcomes from the Multiply project will include increased numbers of adult participating in maths courses, increased acquisition of skills through non-qualification provision, and increased number of adults achieving maths qualifications. Once approval has been granted by DFE there will be urgent staff recruitment and partnership commissioning activity on order to begin delivery in September 2022.

Dated 9 June 2022

Signed: Christopher Potter, Monitoring Officer