

## Wyre Forest District Council

### Record of a Council Decision delegated to be made by an Officer

This includes a record of an Executive Decision made by an officer under Regulation 13, Part 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

<b>Item decided: Allocation of State of the Area (SoTA) Funding for 2018/19 – Apprenticeships Funding</b>	
<b>Officer who has taken the decision</b>	<b>Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity &amp; Place</b>
<b>Date of the decision</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
<b>Reason for the decision/alternatives considered</b>	<p>Through the SoTA monies the Council has supported employers to take on apprenticeships for the past 6 years under an agreement with Kidderminster College which they administer for the Council. Skills development remains key for the Council so funding for a further year is appropriate. Recent refinement to the amount of funding and criteria for 2018/19 are: total of £35k to be allocated for apprenticeships, comprising £20k for use to support the Council's apprenticeships and £15k to support external businesses. In addition to original criteria the following will apply in 2018/19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only 1 apprentice per business and only businesses that have not accessed the funding within the last two financial years</li> <li>• Of the £15k total, min of £10k for level 3 and above (therefore no more than £5k on level 2)</li> <li>• Funding covers up to 25% of cost of apprentice in year 1 (max £1.5k)</li> <li>• Up to £10% of cost of apprentice in yr 2 (max £1k)</li> </ul>
<b>Date and source of Delegated Decision (if appropriate)</b>	<b>Cabinet 19/12/17 – Medium Term Financial Strategy report</b>
<b>Council/Cabinet member consulted – if applicable</b>	<b>Cabinet member for Planning &amp; Economic Regeneration and Member Champion for People</b>
<b>Any interest declared by the Consultee or officer</b>	<b>None</b>