

### Summary – Conditions of Funding Changes for Adult Learning

Education Skills and Funding Agency 2018/19 Conditions of Funding (CoF) that affect the Council's Adult Learning programme contain some constructive additions to the previous year 2017/18 version that do not prevent the Council accepting the ESFA Adult Education Budget (AEB) funding contract for 2018/19.

#### Details of changes affecting the Council Adult Learning programme

- Two new groups were added that are now eligible for AEB funding:
  - “persons granted stateless leave” and
  - “children under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016”.
- A new category was added for those eligible for free learning under Adult Skills Budget ASB:
  - employed learners with an annual wage below £15736.50.
- The above eligibility criteria “annual wage below £15736.50” for free learning will be propagated to the Council's Community Learning programme. Fee remission policy for Community Learning is determined by the Council and not the ESFA. This will enable free Adult Learning courses to those on low wages, especially those affected by in-work poverty.
- Community Learning objectives added to Appendix B were taken from “New Challenges New Chances”.
  - The purpose of Community Learning is much more focused towards “progress towards formal learning or employment outcomes...” whereas the previous purpose was to “experience the joy of learning”.
  - The Council will be more rigorous when authorising the purpose of each course.
- Reference added to the “Funding Grant Letter” that details the amount allocated for Community Learning.
- In the 18/19 Funding Grant Letter received in June 2018, the total AEB funding is slightly greater than last year at £2,191,234, due to a one-off additional £25k for Community Learning, as some national ESFA contracts with other providers have expired.

End of Appendix 2 CoF Changes for Adult Learning