

Procurement Board Meeting Held at 2 New Bailey Square, New Bailey Street, Salford

12th May 2021

Meeting commenced 10:02

Meeting ended 10:12

Present in Person

City Mayor Paul Dennett and Councillor Kelly

In Attendance in Person

Carol Eddleston Democratic Services

In Attendance via MS Teams

Chris Hesketh Head of Financial Management

Emma Heyes Category Manager

Anthony Hilton Head of Strategic Procurement

Chris Rourke Workforce Development Service Manager

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Hinds and Merry.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Proceedings

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st April were approved as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Request for Approval – Contract Award – Cohort 7 of the Step Up to Social Work Programme (Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work) on behalf of the Greater Manchester Regional Partnership

Consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Director People seeking approval to award the contract for the Step Up to Social Work Initiative (Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work) for 32 students on behalf of the Greater Manchester Regional Partnership.

Step Up to Social Work was a Department for Education (DfE) initiative which started in 2010. Six cohorts of students had been through the programme with the Greater Manchester Regional Partnership. A successful bid for grant funding had allowed a seventh cohort to be progressed and the regional partnership to include ten Local Authorities (Salford, Manchester, Bolton, Wigan, Bury, Stockport, Oldham, Rochdale, Tameside, and Trafford). Salford City Council acted as Lead Authority in the partnership, holding and dispersing all funding and establishing the contract with an approved Higher Education Institution on behalf of the partnership. As the Programme was fully funded by a DfE grant the risk to the Council was low.

Members of the Board were highly supportive of this contract and asked for their thanks to be passed on to all those in the Social Work teams who had been on the front line supporting people across the city in extremely difficult circumstances during the pandemic.

RESOLVED, THAT: approval be granted for the contract for the delivery of the 24 month Cohort 7 of the Step Up to Social Work Programme to be awarded to the University of Salford with a total value of £307,200.