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| Title of Report: | Labour Market Partnership – Multiply Programme |
| Committee Report Submitted To: | Leisure & Development Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 18 June 2024 |
| For Decision or For Information | For Information |
| For Discussion In Committee | No |

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| Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25) | |
| Strategic Theme | Accelerating our Economy and Contributing to Prosperity |
| Outcome | Enhancement of skills and job creation opportunities |
| Lead Officer | Labour Market Partnership Manager |

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| Budgetary Considerations | |
| Cost of Proposal | £287,780 (100% DfE funded) |
| Included in Current Year Estimates | YES |
| Capital/Revenue | Revenue |
| Code | 1142-30151 |
| Staffing Costs | 100% DfE funded |

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| Screening Requirements | Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. | | |
| Section 75 Screening | Screening Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |
| | EQIA Required and Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |
| Rural Needs Assessment (RNA) | Screening Completed | Yes/No | Date: |
| | RNA Required and Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |
| Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) | Screening Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |
| | DPIA Required and Completed: | Yes/No | Date: |

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of the Labour Market Partnership securing £287,780 of funding from the Department for the Economy's (DfE) Multiply Programme.

2.0 Background

Multiply is funded through the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and administered by Department for the Economy (DfE). In June 2023-24, the 11 NI LMPs were asked to submit proposals to DLUHC and DfE, however DLUHC withdrew the funding due to the NI Assembly not sitting. Funding was reinstated in Q4 2023-24 and DfE engaged with LMPs, Colleges and Universities to develop plans to deliver Multiply across NI.

Applications were sought for projects across six themes for pathway non-accredited courses, and accredited course, including:

- Numeracy Boot Camps;
- Bring Your Grown Up Parent and Child Numeracy;
- Counting on You – Industry Upskilling;
- Engaging Mature Learners - Making It Count;
- Supporting Previous Offenders and Those in the Prison System; and
- Maths for Speakers of Other Languages.

3.0 Multiply Projects in Causeway Coast and Glens

Applications to DfE and DLUHC were submitted and assessed in Q1 2024-25. During the application process Causeway Coast and Glens LMP engaged with local colleges and Ulster University to identify what Multiply projects and funding they were applying for and intending to deliver in Causeway Coast and Glens. Following engagement, Causeway LMP progressed with four applications. Applications were not submitted for Numeracy Boot Camps and Bring Your Grown Up as provision in these areas are already being catered for in the local area.

Four funding applications were submitted to Multiply by Causeway Coast and Glens LMP. All four of these were successful and secured funding. The table below details the themes, budgets, and targeted participants:

| Intervention | Initiative | Maximum funding | Targeted number of participants |
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| Counting on You – Industry Upskilling | Multiply Your Workforce | £86,160.00 | 48 |
| Engaging Mature Learners - Making It Count | Age Friendly Numeracy | £55,440.00 | 48 |
| Supporting Previous Offenders and Those in the Prison System | Numeracy At Risk | £34,980.00 | 24 |
| Maths for Speakers of Other Languages | Multilingual Math | £61,200.00 | 36 |

The Leisure & Development Committee will be updated at key milestones as the Multiply Programme is delivered in this financial year.