

CONTRACT AWARD REPORT

Adult Education Budget 2018/19



I. INTRODUCTION

PCC has, over many years, delivered government supported adult skills programmes. This has been funded through contracts from the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) and its predecessor agency the Learning and Skills Council. This supported an internally staffed training department, Plymouth Adult and Community Learning Service (P-ACLS) and a number of external partners in providing a range of learning opportunities to the citizens of Plymouth. This includes:

- Family Learning programmes
- Basic Skills courses in English and mathematics
- Vocational courses at Entry Level and above
- Introductory courses in ICT
- Arts and Languages courses
- Pre-Access to Higher Education

P-ACLS was converted into a Community Interest Company in 2015: On Course South West (OCSW). PCC has continued to hold funding agreements with SFA, at c£1.5m, managing provision through contracts with OCSW and other external partners.

For reasons of commercial confidentiality further background, details of the procurement process and financial implications are included within a separate Part II Briefing Report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To approve contract awards for the Adult Education Budget and Community Learning contracts. Details of the contracts to be awarded are contained in the Part II Paper.