

CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION	PART 1 (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
Proposed Decision Maker <i>(please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)</i>		Date for Decision
Leader of the Council		29 th June 2022
Title: Multiply Fund		
<p>Summary of matter</p> <p>The Department for Education (DfE) has invited the County Council – along with the Greater London Authority, Mayoral Combined Authorities and other upper tier or unitary authorities outside of these areas – to develop an investment plan for the new Multiply Fund aimed at improving functional numeracy skills among adults. Warwickshire has a provisional maximum allocation of £2,543,359.95.</p> <p>The decisions are required for the Council to be able to submit the investment plan and funding application to DfE and to enter into the related grant agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. Approvals are also required for the Council to proceed with one or more calls for projects to identify the specific interventions to be funded by the Multiply Fund in Warwickshire and to enter into grant agreements with the selected project deliverers.</p>		
<p>Proposed Decision</p> <p>That the Leader of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the submission of the Multiply investment plan and funding application on behalf of the Warwickshire area to the Department for Education (DfE). • Authorises the Strategic Director for Communities to enter into a grant agreement with the DfE for funding from the Multiply Fund on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director of Resources. • Approves proceeding with a small number of competitive calls for projects to identify and select the specific interventions to be funded by the Multiply Fund in Warwickshire. • Authorises the Strategic Director for Communities to negotiate, and enter into, grant agreements with the selected project deliverers on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director for Resources. 		
<p>Reasons for urgency</p> <p>The decisions need to be made under the Urgency Procedure in order to meet both the Government's deadline for submitting the investment plan/ funding application and the timescales for expenditure in 2022/ 2023. The deadline is 30th June 2022, and Warwickshire has a provisional maximum allocation for 2022/ 2023 of £768,922 (or 30% of the total funding).</p> <p>It also – due to the Government timescales, extended bank holiday weekend, school half-term holidays and need to co-ordinate the investment plan for Multiply with the investment plans to be submitted by the district and borough councils for the core UK Shared Prosperity Funding – has not been possible to hold a partner engagement</p>		

event (and, therefore, to finalise the plan) until 22nd June – just a week before the deadline.

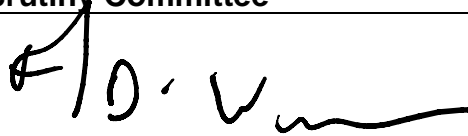
Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? *[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]*

No

PART 2 (to be completed by the person giving consent)

Name Councillor Adrian Warwick

Office Held Chair of the Resources and Fire & Rescue Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date consent is given 15/06/2022