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To Whom It May Concern,

**Re: S31 Grant Determination Letter for Skills Analysis Panels
(Increasing local analytical capabilities), DfE GR1000679, MHCLG
31/3502**

This Determination is made between:

(1) The Secretary of State for Education and

**(2) The local authorities or Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs) on
behalf of the local area(s) covered by the MCAs and Local Enterprise
Partnerships (LEPs) listed in Annex A**

This Grant is to aid you in the implementation of Skills Advisory Panels (SAPs), which aims to bring about a closer alignment between skills supply and local employer demand.

I am pleased to inform you that the Department is willing to offer your organisation funding of £75,000 for the purposes of increasing local SAP analytical capabilities sustainably.

The grant is awarded under the additional following general conditions specific for this project:

- That you will make reasonable use of the funds to develop and sustain your analytical capabilities in line with the analytical toolkit produced by the SAPs programme team. This will support the delivery of the objectives of the Skills Advisory Panel role as set out in the governance guidance published in December 2018
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/skills-advisory-panels-saps-role-and-governance>

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/skills-advisory-panels-analytical-toolkit>
- To deliver the objectives effectively, you may wish to hire additional analytical resource, provide training to upskill existing analytical staff, procure new data sets, undertake discovery work to establish clear user needs or contract out some or all of their analytical work (this list is in no way exhaustive).
- The Department for Education has an associated memorandum of understanding (MOU) in place and asks that you will provide use of funds statements, confirming the grant received and spent was used wholly for the purposes for which it was given, at the end of financial year 2019-20 (i.e. in April 2020), signed by your Accounting Officer.

Grant awards to LEPs will be subject to them having addressed the recommendations of the LEP Review.

You are subject to the National Local Growth Assurance Framework and expected to provide feedback on progress against the published governance standards to Government through the assurance process set out in the Framework.

We will work with you to support progress in implementing changes around the governance and analytical capabilities, which we expect to be in place by October 2019. We will review your progress against the governance expectations set out in the guidance and the analytical expectations set out in the analytical toolkit in summer 2019 to determine whether you are on track.

We will continue to work with you to determine how to spread best practice across Local Enterprise Partnerships and Mayoral Combined Authorities, how to address concerns around data availability, what analytical support central government should provide, and how we ensure Skills Advisory Panel analysis has real influence.

Yours faithfully,

Graeme Henderson
Deputy Director, Skills Strategy

**Skills Analysis Panels (Increasing local analytical capabilities)
GRANT DETERMINATION 2018: DfE GR1000679, MHCLG
31/3502**

The Minister of State for Education (“the Minister of State”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Skills Analysis Panels (Increasing local analytical capabilities) Determination 2018 No31/3502.

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local areas in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

Determination

3) The Minister of State determines the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid; these are set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local areas in England, the Minister of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Payment arrangements

5) Payment will be made in one instalment of £75,000 between February 2019 and March 2019.

Signed by authority of the Minister of State for Education

Graeme Henderson
Deputy Director, Skills Strategy

26 March 2019

ANNEX A – Skills Analysis Panels (Increasing local analytical capabilities) GRANT DETERMINATION 2018: DfE GR1000679, MHCLG 31/3502

Authorities to which grants are to be paid

Combined Authority	LEP areas covered	Authority to which grant being paid	Amount
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (on behalf of the Combined Authority)	£75,000
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Greater Manchester	Greater Manchester Combined Authority (on behalf of the Combined Authority)	£75,000
Liverpool City Region	Liverpool City Region	Liverpool City Region (on behalf of the Combined Authority)	£75,000
Sheffield City Region	Sheffield City Region	Sheffield City Region (on behalf of the Combined Authority)	£75,000
Tees Valley Combined Authority	Tees Valley	Tees Valley Combined Authority (on behalf of the Combined Authority)	£75,000
West Midlands Combined Authority	Black Country	West Midlands Combined Authority (on behalf of the Combined Authority)	£75,000
	Coventry and Warwickshire		
	Greater Birmingham & Solihull		
West of England	West of England	West of England (on behalf of the Combined Authority)	£75,000
North of Tyne	North East	Newcastle City Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	Leeds City Region	West Yorkshire Combined Authority (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Greater London Authority	London	Greater London Authority (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
N/A	Buckinghamshire Thames Valley	Buckinghamshire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
	Cheshire & Warrington	Cheshire East Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
	Coast to Capital	London Borough of Croydon (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	Cornwall Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
	Cumbria	Cumbria County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
	Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire	Derbyshire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
	Dorset	Dorset County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
	Enterprise M3	Hampshire County Council	£75,000

	(on behalf of the LEP)	
GFirst	Gloucestershire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Greater Lincolnshire	Lincolnshire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Heart of the South West	Devon County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Hertfordshire	Hertfordshire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Humber	Hull City Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Lancashire	Lancashire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Leicester and Leicestershire	Leicester City Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
New Anglia	Suffolk County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Oxfordshire	Oxfordshire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Solent	Portsmouth City Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
South East	Essex County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
South East Midlands	Luton Borough Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire	Staffordshire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Swindon and Wiltshire	Wiltshire Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Thames Valley Berkshire	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
The Marches	Shropshire Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Worcestershire	Worcestershire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
York, North Yorkshire and East Riding	North Yorkshire County Council (on behalf of the LEP)	£75,000
Total		£2,700,000