

CABINET REPORT YOUTH PROMISE PLUS - PROJECT EXTENSION

Appendix 5: Feedback from DWP appraisal of Project Change Request- conditions

At the time of writing the Department for Work and Pensions are in the process of appraising the Council's Project Change Request in respect of this proposed service extension. City Officers are in liaison with DWP to respond to queries raised and consider options around necessary adjustments to the proposed delivery model.

The conditions so far emerging from that process are summarised in the table below:

Conditions

No	Condition	BCC Update
1.	Applicant to provide a letter of intent to confirm the name change/new organisation change, and for Birmingham Children's Trust to additionally confirm there is no change to the type of match funding which was originally supplied.	The project will provide detail on the legal basis for the formation of the Children's Trust as part of the match funding letter, along with the fact that there is no change to the type of match funding which is still public – Local Authority.
2.	Applicant to provide revised match funding certificates and these to match the revised financial annex	Match funding letters based on the revised Project Change request model being provided by all named delivery partners
3.	Applicant to provide a revised granular budget which aligns to the Financial annex	Revised granular budgets have been submitted on 09/01/19
4.	<p>Applicant to provide a greater assurance on the changes to outputs and results, in particular the significant change to the inactive participants and how the local area will be able to meet the overall investment priority requirements.</p> <p>In doing this to also consider what measures have been/are in place to record participants against the correct classification of inactive rather than unemployed as this will impact on the level of target output and results in this category.</p>	<p>Current PCR proposes delivery to original target of 16,610 young people at a total revised cost of £42 million rather than the original proposed cost of £50.4 million. As such the overall value for money of the extended proposal significantly improves. However, within that the DWP evaluation has identified an issue concerning lower than envisaged levels of economically inactive clients that we are proposing to work with given our experience of demand and verification of client status gained from phase 1 of delivery.</p> <p>BCC has worked with partners on an urgent basis to review this matter and the partnership has agreed to increase the Inactive participant numbers to be equal to the pro-rata reduction in funding. Details of how this will be achieved have been provided to DWP</p>