

AEB Supplier Event Questions and Answers

Date Received	Published Response Date	Questions from Attendees	West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Response
17/09/2020	25/09/2020	Acceptance to the DPS by January 2020 - do you mean 2021?	Yes, apologies, this is a typo and should read 2021
17/09/2020	25/09/2020	Re the need to be appointed onto DPS by January 2020 - a) I hope you mean 2021 :) and b) do you have a specific date for this yet, or will this be advised when the DPS is launched?	a) Yes, apologies, this is a typo and should read 2021 b) This will be advised when DPS opens
17/09/2020	25/09/2020	Can providers be a subcontractor & a prime?	Our intention is not to allow providers to be both a subcontractor and a prime.
17/09/2020	25/09/2020	Are there any rules on being "local" providers?	It is not our intention to set rules for local providers.
17/09/2020	25/09/2020	Is there particular employment sectors you will be focusing on?	No employment sectors. However, we will be working in tandem with the Combined Authority AEB strategy for area priorities and communities of need. More information is available on slide 15 including links to the individual Local Authority's policies and strategies. However, we have put aside a responsive and test pilot pots.
17/09/2020	25/09/2020	We were informed that allocations to colleges would be based on 18/19 information how does this new process affect this	This DPS process is only for contracts of services(procured) and the grant process will be dealt with separately
22/09/2020	25/09/2020	How soon can we expect notification of the DPS documents being made available	The DPS will be live by the end of October 2020.
22/09/2020	25/09/2020	Will a copy of the West Yorkshire AEB Funding and Performance Management Rules be published prior to the DPS launch in October or before the mini-competition in January 2021	These will be available when the mini competition goes live.
22/09/2020	25/09/2020	Will any feedback/outcomes be published before the DPS or mini-competition exercise in relation to the AEB Strategy Survey which took place in July 2020	These are available via our website here .
22/09/2020	25/09/2020	Please advise how long it will take WYCA to assess applications to the DPS and subsequently notify potential suppliers of the outcome – this will help us plan our DPS submission so as to ensure we can aim to be appointed onto the DPS by January 2021	It is our intention to respond as quickly as possible, but we are expecting a high number of returns when the DPS is first established and as such will be requesting providers allow a maximum of 4 weeks for the initial applications. A more detailed timeline will be confirmed when the DPS goes live.

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22/09/2020	25/09/2020	Can you please provide some more details, clarity and examples around 'Targeted Adult Education Provision'	More detail will be available when the DPS goes live.
22/09/2020	25/09/2020	What data set/time period (18/19 or 19/20) will be used by the WYCA as the basis of evaluating DPS applications and the subsequent mini-competition in light of the ESFA's Update Announcement on 29.07.20 wherein they stated (in the section titled "Information: qualification achievement rates (QARs) for 2019 to 2020") - "We also announced that data will not be used by others, such as Ofsted, local authorities or devolved authorities or within ESFA and DFE, to hold institutions to account. Therefore, we will not supply 2019 to 2020 QARs for institutions to use internally themselves."	This will be confirmed via the DPS process.
22/09/2020	25/09/2020	What % of the devolved £63m is going to be grant funded vs procured	These allocations are not confirmed yet.
22/09/2020	25/09/2020	Furthermore, what percentages of the procured budget will account for 'Adult Education Provision (%) that is accessible to all West Yorkshire residents' and 'Targeted Adult Education Provision' (%)	All funding will be aligned to the strategy available here Yes, these will be published soon and will be available on this dedicated AEB web page.
22/09/2020	25/09/2020	Are there any minimum and/or maximum contract values for the planned AEB procurement (i.e. not grant funded)?	This will be confirmed via the DPS process.
30/09/2020	09/10/2020	Are you setting a minimum contract value & if so what is that likely to be?	This will be confirmed at DPS
30/09/2020	09/10/2020	Can a Prime also be named in a consortium partnership	Our intention is not to allow providers to be both a subcontractor and a prime.
30/09/2020	09/10/2020	How will you ensure successful providers have a West Yorkshire presence	This will be evaluated at mini competition stage
30/09/2020	09/10/2020	Can providers be named as subcontractor in more than 1 tender / partnership	This will be confirmed in the DPS documentation.
01/10/2020	09/10/2020	Given that as a college we will be grant funded based on 2018/19 allocations which for us will mean a big funding cut, can I confirm that we can apply for an additional contract through the DPS please?	This will be confirmed in the DPS documentation.

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01/10/2020	09/10/2020	How will you ensure successful providers have a West Yorkshire presence	This will be confirmed in the DPS documentation.
01/10/2020	09/10/2020	How will the competition calls work – adhoc, scheduled or will providers access an allocation	This will be confirmed in the DPS documentation.
05/10/2020	19/10/2020	Are you looking to match fund like the GLA? i.e ESF	To be confirmed in the DPS documentation
05/10/2020	19/10/2020	Will the contracts be split into Unemployed and Employed?	AS per the presentation, we will be supporting both unemployed and employed adults.
05/10/2020	19/10/2020	How many providers are you looking to commission/contract with?	There isn't a minimum or maximum of providers required.
05/10/2020	19/10/2020	Will there be one or multiple contract package areas?	To be confirmed in the DPS documentation
06/10/2020	19/10/2020	Please could you explain in a bit more detail what is meant by place-based curriculum?	Please see our strategy for more information here
16/10/2020	19/10/2020	Please could you confirm the value of the AEB budget which is being earmarked for procured AEB delivery in 21-22?	Please see our strategy for more information here
16/10/2020	19/10/2020	Do you need to have been subject to a full Ofsted inspection in order to apply for funding through the Adult Education Budget?	This will be confirmed in the DPS documentation.
19/10/2020	10/11/2020	Are colleges outside of West Yorkshire, but still part of Leeds city region being allocated grant funding or will they be required to go through procurement?	Please refer to our strategy here
20/10/2020	10/11/2020	As part of your procurement for adult skills and training providers from October 2020, I wondered if you'd also be procuring any sort of system to manage all of the training delivery?	We already have systems in place.
20/10/2020	10/11/2020	The Combined Authority have helpfully provided links to the relevant Local Authority Skills and Employment Plans which we understand will be a welcome and significant driver in terms of the procurement process. Could we ask if it is likely that any of these documents may change/be revised before the DPS process ends? We ask as we note that one of these documents is labelled as a draft.	All plans are subject to change to adapt to changes in the current climate such as COVID.

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20/10/2020	10/11/2020	The AEB Outcomes Survey p7 talks about local authorities and quotes Bradford, Leeds and Camden as completing responses - could we clarify if Camden did contribute	As detailed on P7 within the survey: About local authorities Half of those completing the survey as 'A local authority' were based at Wakefield, with the other responses originating from Bradford, Leeds and Camden. Two-thirds of responses from local authorities originated from those occupying positions in senior management. [NB: The Employment and Skills teams of all five Local Authorities within the West Yorkshire region had also taken part in consultative meetings (see 5.2)].
20/10/2020	10/11/2020	Given the acknowledged value of the input of Local Authorities/Councils (LA) and the necessary contribution by LA colleagues in the procurement process, how will the WYCA ensure LA independence in any selection process if respective LA run, promoted and or sponsored providers directly or indirectly take part in this procurement?	All contributions will be managed in accordance to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Governance procedure and conflicts of interest policy.
20/10/2020	10/11/2020	To apply for AEB funds through WYCA, do we have to have had a full Ofsted inspection or is just a monitoring visit sufficient?	This will be confirmed in the DPS documentation.
20/10/2020	10/11/2020	In terms of the Lots available within the DPS, our provision in renewable energy, power and gas qualifications is quite niche which makes it difficult to pinpoint the correct route forward?	Please refer to the DPS for more information. Further detail on the Lots will be confirmed in the mini competition documentation available in January 2021