

West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network

Future of the Network

1. Developments to date

- 1.1. Early in the current academic year, following consultation with the Strategic Advisory Forum the Board agreed an outline proposal to extend the project. The basis of the proposal was to use a fourth year with a reduced level of staffing in order to gain a better understanding of the impact the WYLLN has made and thus inform the partnership in the development of a sustainability strategy, if any. The proposal was submitted to HEFCE for informal comments. As reported at a subsequent Board meeting, we were advised that more detail was needed in terms of activity and targets.
- 1.2. Acting on the advice from HEFCE, the proposal has been further developed to include the detail requested. Following consultation with the Chair and the Board member from the accountable body, the proposal was submitted to HEFCE for more informal feedback. The details of the activities, staffing structure and targets were discussed with the SAF at the meeting held on June 2nd; no issues were raised. The proposal presented today has been further modified in line with the feedback from HEFCE and includes the four year budget. On submission to HEFCE a re-profile of payments will also be included.

2. Action requested by the Board

- 2.1. The Board is asked to consider and approve the proposal attached to this paper for formal submission to HEFCE.