

ANNEX A

Action level summary

- As requested by the Committee, a summary of draft budget changes by Action relevant to this Committee is provided below. As detailed in paragraphs 8 and 9, the summary reflects changes from the First Supplementary Budget figures for 2018-19 (as the year on year comparator) and the 2018-19 final Budget (as the baseline figure).

Work Based Learning Action

2018-19 Supplementary Budget June 2018 £000	2019-20 Allocations as per 2018-19 Final Budget £000	2019-20 Changes £000	2019-20 New Plans Draft Budget £000
115,709	111,113	(29,000)	82,113

- The purpose of the BEL is to support the delivery of Work Based Learning in Wales. The majority of this budget is utilised in support of the actual delivery of Traineeship programmes (until the 31 March 2019) and Apprenticeship programmes. However, there are other elements that are used to support Welsh Government commitments i.e. employer incentives to facilitate the recruitment of young learners, especially at key educational transition points.
- The decreased value of £4.596m between 18-19 Supplementary budget and Final budget 18-19 plans are as follows:
 - reduction of £7.596m in 19-20 to release core funding by drawing down a greater proportion of the available ESF programme income to offset this reduction. This is offset by a £3m transfer to HEFCW Expenditure BEL in 2018-19 for degree apprenticeships, actioned at the First Supplementary budgeting phase 2018-19.
- There has been a reduction from the 2018-19 final budget of (£29m). The two elements that contribute to the net decrease are:
 - A transfer out of £24m to the Employability & Skills BEL to fund the replacement of the Traineeship programme Working Wales.
 - A transfer out of £5m to the HEFCW Expenditure BEL in respect of degree level funding to support post graduate study in Wales.

Delivery Support – Skills Action

2018-19 Supplementary Budget June 2018 £000	2019-20 Allocations as per 2018-19 Final Budget £000	2019-20 Changes £000	2019-20 New Plans Draft Budget £000
648	648	-	648

- This funding contributes towards developing key messages and engaging in communications delivered through high profile announcements and events, publicising of major milestones via social media and digital communications, high-profile focused and targeted campaigns and stakeholder engagement.
- There have been no changes to the indicative plans for the financial year 2019-20 financial year.

Skills Policy Action

2018-19 Supplementary Budget June 2018 £000	2019-20 Allocations as per 2018-19 Final Budget £000	2019-20 Changes £000	2019-20 New Plans Draft Budget £000
1,061	1,061	-	1,061

- The funding for this action contributes towards Employer Engagement, providing support for employer-led projects that support high quality job creation and/or safeguarding, National Occupational Standards and Skills implementation to post-16 employment & skills policy.
- There have been no changes to the indicative plans for 2019-20.

Employment and Skills Action

2018-19 Supplementary Budget June 2018 £000	2019-20 Allocations as per 2018-19 Final Budget £000	2019-20 Changes £000	2019-20 New Plans Draft Budget £000
28,498	28,498	27,698	56,196

- The Employment and Skills Action funds the development and delivery of strategies, policies and programmes which assist people to access, return to, remain in, and progress at work through skills and training support. It facilitates a direct response to assist the growth of individual businesses through workforce development and provides sector-based, employer-led and wider solutions to respond to identified skills needs in Welsh Government priority areas which are important for the economy of Wales.

- The budget for the Employability and Skills Action has increased by £27.698m in 2019-20 compared to the 2018-19 Final budget. This is made up of the following transfers:
- A Transfer in of £0.548m from the Supporting Digital Learning in Education BEL for Application Maintenance & Support.
- A transfer in of £24m from the Work Based Learning BEL to fund the replacement of the Traineeship programme.
- Transfer in from Reserves of £3.150m for Ford (£1m), Airbus (£1.5m) & other automotive manufacturers (£0.650m), as a result of additional EU transition funding.

Educational and Careers Choice Action (Revenue only)

2018-19 Supplementary Budget June 2018 £000	2019-20 Allocations as per 2018-19 Final Budget £000	2019-20 Changes £000	2019-20 New Plans Draft Budget £000
18,800	18,800	-	18,800

- This action contains the Careers Wales BEL (a wholly owned subsidiary company of the Welsh Government) and delivers a national, all age, impartial and bilingual careers information, advice and guidance (CIAG) service in Wales.
- There have been no changes to the indicative plans for 2019-20.