

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
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Our Ref: Fol 3410

Date: 31 August 2018

Dear Mr Wolf,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 5th August 2018. You asked:

Please send me a summary of the 'Households into work' innovation pilot (Liverpool), the 'Routes into work' innovation pilot (Tees Valley) and the 'Connecting Communities' innovation pilot (West Midlands)

DEP2018-0751 https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/business-papers/commons/deposited-papers/?house=1&search_term=Department+for+Work+and+Pensions&itemId=119004#toggle-751

And a copy of the contracts, service level agreements, methods of evaluation and £ value of the contracts.

DWP Response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you. We do not have to provide opinions or explanations, generate answers to questions, or create or obtain information we do not hold.

The following hyperlink refers to the press release issued on 1st August 2017 which refers to the pilots' overall funding:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/35-million-of-innovative-employment-schemes-to-benefit-thousands-of-disadvantaged-people>

The following hyperlinks are from the respective combined authority's website about their pilot projects, and provide a summary of each scheme:

West Midlands Combined Authority: 'Connecting Communities':

<https://www.wmca.org.uk/news/4m-funding-opportunity-to-help-people-get-into-work/>

Tees Valley Combined Authority: 'Routes to Work':

<https://teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/skills-employment/employment/routes-to-work-2/>

Liverpool City Region: ‘Households into Work’:

<http://liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/news/liverpool-city-region-secures-%C2%A335m-for-innovative-employment-programme>.

<http://liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/news/steve-rotheram-launches-%C2%A345m-initiative-to-help-households-into-work>.

A prerequisite of the combined authorities accepting DWP funding to run these pilot projects was that they would agree to arrange full, independent evaluations.

The three documents are attached reflecting the agreements between the Department for Work and Pensions and each respective combined authority, for the purposes of them developing and running each pilot project, funded by DWP. Please note that redactions have been made to all three documents in accordance with sections 40 (personal information which could be used to identify an individual) and 41 (information provided in confidence). We have marked clearly where this has been done and on what basis.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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