

# Navigating Change: Key Funding & Policy Insights For the Future of FE

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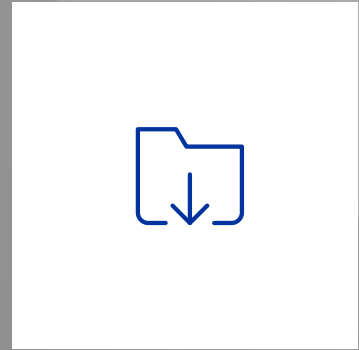
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# ASF Performance Management Review

Grant providers with an ASF contract can request:

- A first time request for ESFA funded level 3 Free Course For Jobs (FCFJ), up to the value of £45,000
- Top up existing ESFA funded level 3 FCFJ allocation, if it is below £45,000
- An exception request for growth on ESFA-funded FCFJ, if you do not meet the set criteria from the funding & performance management rules

ASF contract holders can request

- An exceptional request on ESFA-funded ASF and FCFJ, if you do not meet the set criteria in the funding & performance management rules
- An exceptional request for exemptions from an automatic reduction of your ESFA funded allocation, if your delivery is below the threshold

Deadline for submissions is 5pm, 4<sup>th</sup> December



# Autumn Budget



# Direct FE Funding



£300 million to be sent to the Department for Education for FE

£40 million to transform the apprenticeship levy into the growth and skills levy

£1.4 billion assigned to the school building programme, including sixth form colleges

£950 million in skills capital funding



# MCA Integrated Settlements



MCAs with an integrated settlement will gain a single pot of funding, instead of multiple different grants

The integrated settlement will come with a multi-year agreement to allow for forward planning

MCAs with future integrated settlements:

- From April 2025 – Manchester & West Midlands
- From April 2026 – North East, Liverpool, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and potentially London

New devolution white paper to be released



# Lifelong Loan Entitlement (LLE) Pushed Back

LLE is to begin in January 2027

LLE's original aims were to:

- Support learners to undertake modular provision
- Increase parity of esteem between academic and technical provision
- Increase enrolments on level 4-5 provision

Whether the LLE can achieve these aims has been controversial





# The Nations Funding

3.4 Billion extra funding in Scotland

1.7 billion extra funding in Wales

1.5 billion extra funding for Northern Ireland



# The Industrial Strategy

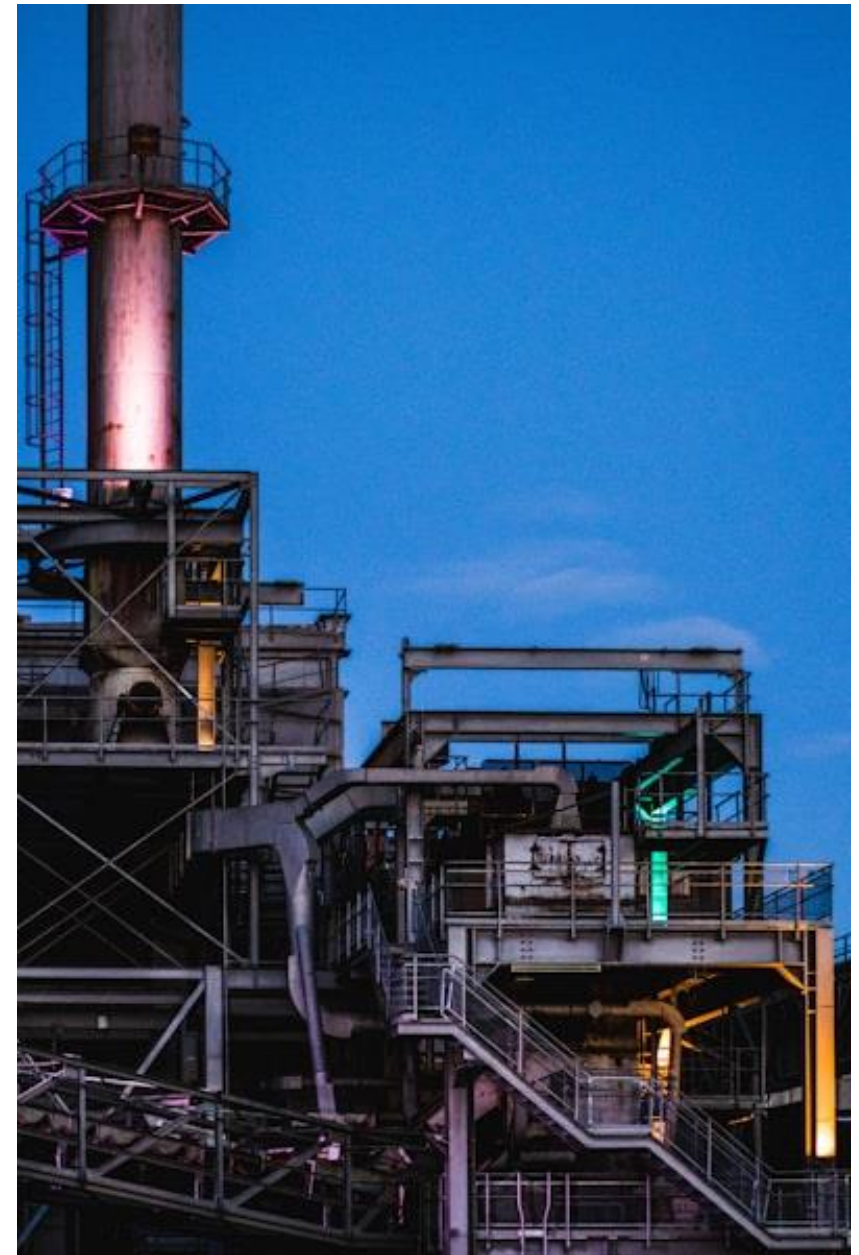
Focuses on key sectors, including:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Creative industries
- Clean energy industries
- Defence
- Digital & technology
- Financial services
- Life sciences
- Professional & business services

Introduction of industrial strategy advisory council

Confirms long term funding, including

- £975 million for aerospace over 5 years
- £2 billion for automotive over 5 years
- £520 million for life sciences innovation manufacturing to build resilience for health emergencies
- Tax relief for world leading creative industry over 5 years
- £3.9 billion in 25/36 for carbon capture and usage



Consultation on the strategy ends on Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - [Invest 2035: the UK's modern industrial strategy - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/invest-2035-the-uk-s-modern-industrial-strategy)

## UKSPF

£900 Million assigned to UKSPF for 25/26

## Get Britain Working

£240 million assigned to trial ways to get people into work, linked to the upcoming “ Get Britain Working” white paper. Including;

- Bringing together health, employment and skills services to improve support for those inactive due to ill health, to help them return to work
- Test ways to bring young people into work or training, using new and existing programmes in partnership with local areas

## National Wealth Fund

£7.3 billion National Wealth Fund has been confirmed and will fund projects linked to clean energy and the industrial strategy. With the aim of bringing in up to £70 billion in private investment



## Sector Funding



£3.4 billion for warm home plans, linked to heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency, including funding for the boiler upgrade scheme and funding to great the heat pump manufacturing supply chain

£5 billion to support the transition towards a more productive and environmentally sustainable agriculture sector

£200 million to accelerate EV charging point roll out. Linked to gov aim to stop selling new combustion engine cars by 2035

£22.6 billion extra funding to the NHS, with some assigned for new surgical hubs and scanners

£600 million to help local government support social care

£1.8 billion to continue the expansion of the government funded childcare scheme

# Apprenticeships







## Level 7 Apprenticeship Potential Defunding

Jacqui Smith comments at the recent AELP conference

This is intended to open more funding for lower level apprenticeships

There is a perceived notion that level 7 apprenticeships are accessed largely by people who are already successful

The skills & growth levy funding non-apprenticeship skills can only increase the apprenticeship spend, which is already at capacity

£800 million of the levy take which goes to the treasury. There has been some talk of attempting to reduce this number and using this to find level 7 apprenticeships

# Reform & Review





# Curriculum Assessment Review (CAR)

A review of the curriculum from key stage 1 to key stage 5

The gov are currently holding a call for evidence as part of the CAR, in which providers can share their views for improvements of the curriculum as well as what works well and what doesn't work well in the current system

The CAR aims to deliver:

- Foundation in reading, maths and writing
- A broader curriculum, with improved access to music, art, sport, drama and vocational subjects
- A curriculum which ensures young people leave compulsory education ready for work
- A curriculum representing issues and diversities in society
- An assessment system which captures the strengths of every child and young person and the breadth of the curriculum.

# Reforms

DFE have been conducting a focused review of the qualification offer

The results of the review are due to be released in December 2024

The reforms may change under labour, with different methodologies for funding and defunding

Previously, qualifications overlapping with T Levels and reformed qualifications were due to be defunded



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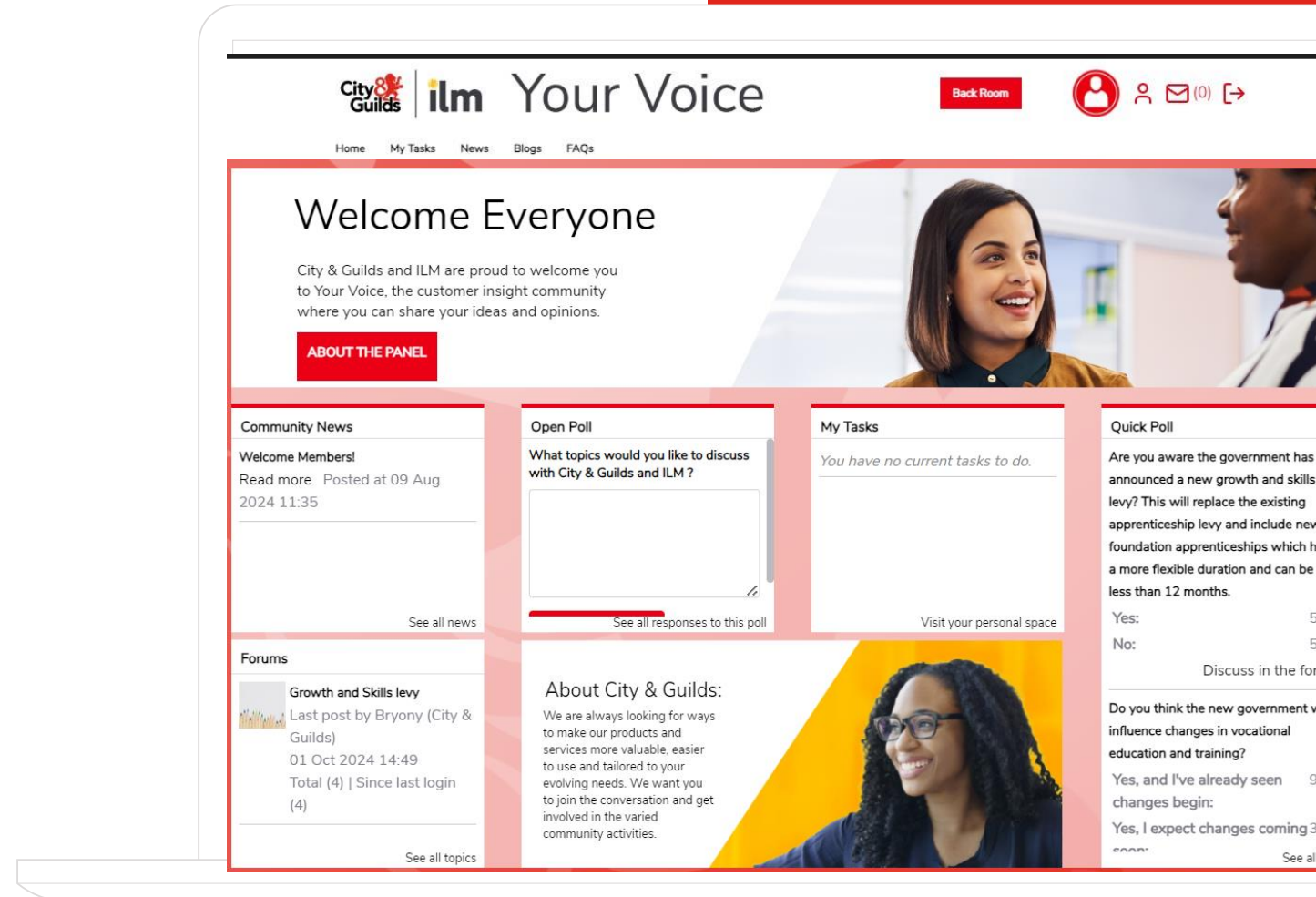
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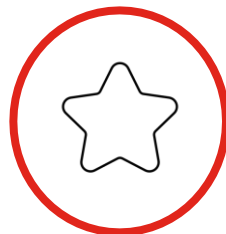
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4<sup>th</sup> December

12:00-13:15

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