

# COST OF LIVING RESPONSE

November 2023

# SERVICE OVERVIEW

- 22/23 – Over 3600 adult learning enrolments
- Apprenticeship Funding (£200k - over 60 apprentices)
- Multiply Funding (£300k - over 300 enrolments)
- Adult Education Budget (£1.6m from TVCA)
  - of which:
    - £675k Adult Skills
    - £940k Learning for Inclusion

# LEARNING FOR INCLUSION

- Funding ringfenced to LA's focused on people who are disadvantaged and least likely to participate
- Widen participation and transform people's destinies
- Improve confidence and willingness to engage in learning
- Address the specific needs of adults within a Local Authority area such as isolation, social exclusion, mental health and well-being
- Improve and develop stronger community engagement
- Learning that supports voluntary and third sector organisations to adults in disadvantaged areas

# COST OF LIVING RESPONSIVE COURSES

- Cook The Costs
  - Collaborative SBC community partnership course
  - Providing one-pot and slow cookers to residents yet taught them the skills and knowledge to produce cheap yet nutritious meals
  - 20x courses across warm spaces / community venues including Family Hubs such as Billingham, Stockton, Redhill and Thornaby
- Catering and Nutrition
  - Air Fryer Recipes
  - Family Dinner Favourites on a Budget
  - Festive Cooking on a Budget
- Skills to Pay The Bills
  - Designed to support people manage their budgets in response to rising food and energy costs

# WIDER EXAMPLES OF INCLUSIVE COURSES

- **Health and Wellbeing Programmes:**
  - Live Well – Stay Well**
  - Man Made – Wellness for Men**
  - Art for Wellbeing**
  - Mindfulness and Meditation**
- **ESOL – English for Speakers of Other Languages**
- **Community Interpreting – supporting community integration**
- **Steps into Volunteering**

# WIDER EXAMPLES OF SKILLS COURSES

- **Sector Based Work Academies (SWAPs)**
  - Care Academy delivered in partnership with the Employment and Training Hub with guaranteed interviews linked to local job vacancies
- **L2 and 3 qualifications in priority sectors qualifications such as:**
  - Health and Social Care:**
    - Diploma in Care
    - Medication in Adult Care
    - Mental Health
    - Dementia Care
- **English, Maths and ICT Courses to support core life and work skills**

# COST OF LIVING FUTURE PLANS

## Address Digital Poverty

### 1) Work with local charity – Hope Foundation

- Facilitate access to FurbedIT programme for learners to access laptop/tablet device

### 2) Work with national charity – Good Things Foundation

- Facilitate access for learners to access national data bank (6-12 months)

### 3) Work with Teesside University to deliver Skills pilot to provide learners with digital skills to use devices and access services

**Any Questions?**