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## **Leeds City Council - Apprenticeship Levy Transfer Criteria**

### **Levy Transfer Fund**

In April 2018 the government made it possible for all Levy paying employers to transfer some of the Levy annual funds to other employers and organisations, within the supply chain, across industry and with city and regional partners. This transfer can only be made to organisations who are signed up to the apprenticeship service. The funds can only be used to pay for training and assessment for apprenticeship standards, and may only be used for new Apprenticeship starts.

### **Leeds Vision**

Our vision is for Leeds to be the best city in the UK: one that is compassionate and caring with a strong economy, which tackles poverty and reduces inequalities. The prospects for economic growth in Leeds remain robust, supported by the city's skilled workforce, the growth and innovation of its firms and universities, and the progress being made with infrastructure. Our Inclusive Growth strategy looks to ensure we are supporting growth and investment helping everyone benefit from the economy to their full potential. We also want to support businesses and residents to improve skills helping people into work and into better jobs.

In order to fulfil this potential for growth we must sustain the progress we are making, and as such want to target the apprenticeship Levy funds in directions where this is most needed. We are particularly keen to encourage Apprentices from hardest to reach groups, with this in mind we would look to give priority to those who express how this might be achieved through your expression. We will particularly look to support applications from organisations who pay the living wage

The transfer process and expression of interest form are available on request. Please submit any expressions to [apprenticeships@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Priorities**

We are expecting a high level of demand for support and our transfer funds are limited. Therefore, in developing a process for determining who to support, priority will be given to applications that meet Leeds City Council's priorities and target sectors detailed below, in addition to support for the voluntary sector. **You may be asked to review/revise your application to enable the council to maximise benefit to the city.**

**All requests will be reviewed by our Apprenticeship Panel against the priorities set out below. Once we reach the available funding limit the application window will be closed.**



Sector	Description
Health & Social Care	In Leeds we believe that our greatest strength and our most important asset is our people. We have established strong relationships with health and care partners across the city, to continue to pursue improvement and integration aimed at making care services more person-centred, joined-up and preventative. Further investment in this sector would support our Council plan in Health & Wellbeing for the city.
Women in Engineering	We have a number of exciting developments in infrastructure and engineering coming up in the future of the city and know that engineering skills will already be stretched to meet these demands. We are also keen to support the national issue to improve the numbers of women entering the engineering sector. This supports the Council Plan in its priorities for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure
Digital & Creative	This supports the Council Plan in its priorities for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure. We want to strengthen 'Smart City' infrastructure and increase digital inclusion. Digital skills need to rise both in adults and children to deliver our aspirations.
Non Levy Paying Schools	The nation is currently aspiring to have high performing schools where all children progress and achieve their potential and who are taught by the very best teachers. Recruiting, training and developing teachers is crucial for this aspiration to become a reality. Leeds is a city with a significant number of schools but not all are maintained and therefore do not have access to levy funds to upskill in the areas needed.
Construction	The construction sector is in the grips of a skills shortage which is limiting construction activity and increasing labour costs at the same time. Leeds is striving for a 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure and as such construction projects are increasing. As a local authority it is in our interest to support skills in this area and team up with the national approach of increasing apprenticeships in order to achieve this.