

**EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 APRIL 2016**

* **19. ENHANCED EMPLOYABILITY PIPELINE STRATEGIC INTERVENTION -
EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND**

A report providing the Committee with an overview of the proposed Enhanced Employability Pipeline strategic intervention application to the European Social Fund 2014 to 2020 was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed:-

1. To select Option 2 in principle, and agreed that in order to lever in an initial total investment of circa £3 million to the area, a non-legally binding stage one application (Strategic Intervention) will be submitted to the Scottish Government subject to acceptable conditions and level of risk.
2. To note that a second stage application (Operation Application) would provide the detail on pipeline delivery and associated match funding and that a report in this regard will be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in May 2016 to update Members and set out details of any match funding requirements prior to seeking approval of the match funding required from Argyll and Bute Council and the submission of the Operation Application (which will have legal implications) by end of June 2016 deadline.
3. To note the significant concerns raised in terms of potential risks associated with the application and the requirement for further detailed information to support the decision making process.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services, submitted)