Department for Education-Funded Subcontracted Provision Statement

1. Introduction

1.1. Loughborough College's Corporation Board has approved the College's educational rationale for subcontracting:

1.1.1. To enhance the opportunities available to learners.

1.1.2. To fill gaps in niche or expert provision or provide better access to facilities.

1.1.3. To support better geographical access for learners.

1.1.4. To support an entry point for disadvantages groups.

1.1.5. To support individuals who share protected characteristics where they might otherwise be gaps.

1.2. The Subcontracting Fees and Charges Policy 2026-2027 includes a policy statement:

"Loughborough College Group (the 'College') is committed to growing and diversifying the range of courses it delivers to widen participation, target, and support the most vulnerable, engage in new and emerging markets, and meet the regional and local economic development agenda and increasing prosperity. The service achieves this by operating an externally commissioned delivery model which promotes innovation and responsiveness to identified need. The College only subcontracts parts of its provision to partner providers who can evidence high-quality delivery."

1.3. The Subcontracting Fees and Charges Policy for 2026-2027 can be found here.

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2. Subcontracted Delivery

2.1. Loughborough College will subcontract delivery in the following areas only:

2.1.1. Provision complementary to DiSE:

2.1.1.1. The DiSE allocation now managed by Sports Aid/Sport England and DCMS to clubs is for a specified number of elite learners. The College brings significant expertise in delivering this specialised sporting excellent qualification in collaboration with elite clubs and National Governing Bodies. Learners will generally undertake a parallel study programme (16-19) as a complementary offer alongside the DiSE qualification. In limited cases, this offer may be extended to other players who are not on the DiSE qualification, where this fills a gap in niche/expert provision and enhances the opportunities available to learners.

2.1.2. Specialist partnership study programme:

2.1.2.1. The College will subcontract the provision of expert delivery on parts of a specialist study programme, in circumstances where the College provides that specialist programme in partnership with that expert delivery partner. Provider: National Space Centre.

2.1.3. Apprenticeship subcontracts:

2.1.3.1. The College will subcontract the provision of expert delivery on parts of specialist apprenticeship programmes, in circumstances where the College provides that specialist programme in partnership with that expert delivery partner. Provider: Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions Limited.

2.1.3.2. Additionally, the College will subcontract delivery where the provider is able to fill gaps in niche and expert provision with the College retaining delivery of the apprenticeship programme. Provider: Thompson Electrical Services Training Limited.

2.1.4. Adult Education short courses:

2.1.4.1. The College will work with a high-quality national provider (following a successful tendering process) to provide access to short courses online

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for adults, where this enhances opportunities for learners and meet skills need.

3. Subcontracted Partners 2026-2027

3.1. Loughborough College is proud to partner with the following subcontractors for 2026-2027:

- National Space Centre
- Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions Limited
- Thompson Electrical Services Training Limited

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