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CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AFTER COVID-19

Immediate investment in jobs and digital technology will provide the foundations for a strong economic recovery from coronavirus (COVID-19), Economy Secretary Fiona Hyslop said.

To ensure businesses can continue to invest in their workforce, Ms. Hyslop announced that the Flexible Workforce Development Fund, which is helping employers' level up and reskill their existing workforce, will be increased from £10 million to £20 million for 2020/21.

Recognising the economic importance of digital capacity and capability, a further £1.5 million will be invested in Business Gateway's Digital Boost programme – almost trebling the capacity of the initiative for the remainder of this financial year.

This programme supports small and medium-sized enterprises to take advantage of technology to help improve their productivity, increase their resilience and create new market opportunities.

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