

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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**Decision Reference No: 1819065**

**BOX 1**

**DIRECTORATE:** Learning & Opportunities – Children & Young People

**DATE:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Contact Name:** Neil McAllister

**Tel. No.:** 01302 735283

**Subject Matter:** Safeguarding and Access Capital Grant – Round 5 Applications

**BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN**

To approve the following Safeguarding and Access capital allocations which were approved by the Learning Provision Organisation Board (LPOB) Safeguarding & Access Sub Group on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

School / Academy	Description of Works	Value (excluding a 15% school contribution)
Barnburgh Primary School	Secure Reception	£1390.43
Bentley High Street	Fire Safety	£3,026.57
Bentley High Street	Security Fencing	£21,437.92
Campsmount Academy	Security Fencing	£3,058.59
Castle Academy	Security Fencing	£5,789.63
Edenthorpe Hall Primary Academy	Security Fencing	£18,824.16
Hatfield Woodhouse Primary School	Security Fencing	£7,857.17
Maple Medical PRU	Security Fencing	£5,402.35
St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School	Security Fencing	£4,590.85
Willow Primary School	Security Fencing	£8,853.88
Woodlands Primary School	Lighting Improvements	£3,532.26
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£83,763.81</b>

In addition to the above funding allocations, the Board previously agreed to the below works at the sub group meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018, subject to further information from the school. This information has now been received and the works are approved.

School / Academy	Description of Works	Value (excluding a 10% school contribution)
St Oswald's CofE Academy	Security Fencing	£17,848.57
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£17,848.57</b>

### **BOX 3**

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION**

At the request of Schools Forum, the Department for Education / Secretary of State gave permission to establish a central Schools Block DSG expenditure budget of £1,000,000 to focus on two areas:-

- Access
- Safeguarding.

The budget is provided to deliver learning environment improvements within Schools, Academies, PRUs and Learning Centres and it is expected that a 10% contribution will be required towards any project based on the estimate provided. It is intended that the funding will be allocated over a 3 year period with a full review and progression report supplied to School Forum in July 2018.

Schools Forum delegated responsibility for administering the funds through the Learning Provision Organisation Board and the initial requests were considered on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

The Board discussed each application on a case by case basis following recommendations from Construction Services and the Learning Provision Organisation Team. The approved bids were felt to meet the defined criteria of the Safeguarding and Access fund and were as such approved under these conditions.

For this final round, the schools were asked to increase their contribution to 15% of the total project cost to ensure that the remaining monies are distributed in a way that makes the biggest impact on the safeguarding of school children of Doncaster. All schools have agreed to the increase.

### **BOX 4**

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

1. Do nothing – This would put the safety of Doncaster children at risk.
2. Approve all applications – This would remove the focus of a limited fund from the highest priority cases.
3. Agree the decisions of the Board – To focus on the highest priority need and not fund applications where only enhancements would be gained to existing systems.

**Option 3 is the recommended option to agree the decisions of the Board and prioritise the funding where specific safeguarding solutions can be identified.**

## **BOX 5**

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the local authority the power to do anything that individuals may generally do.

S111 Local Government Act 1972 states that a local authority shall have power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.

Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 the Council must exercise its functions as a local education authority with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Capital allocations must be made in approved with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

Funding of £1m was originally provided by the secretary of state as approved DSG funding. The funding must be used for the purpose it was given to avoid claw back.

When providing the funding to the schools, the Council should enter into funding agreements with the Schools and the funding agreements should be monitored to ensure the funds are spent in accordance with the approved scheme of work

**Name: \_Nicky Dobson\_ Signature:  Date: \_5<sup>th</sup> April 2019\_**

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

## **OX 6**

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This ODR is to approve capital expenditure of £101,612.38 for safeguarding or access work at educational establishments which have been approved by the School Organisation Board.

Funding of £1m currently forms part of the LOCYP Capital Programme. This £1m was originally Secretary of State approved DSG funding from 2015-16 specifically for safeguarding and access schemes. The DSG grant funding terms and conditions were adhered to in 2015-16 by matching schemes to this allocation in that year and setting aside the equivalent £1m Local Authority Capital Maintenance funding for allocation on these schemes through the Safeguarding & Access Board.

Should this ODR be approved a balance of £27,227.75 would be remaining for future safeguarding and access applications to be approved by the School Organisation Board as £871,159.87 has been approved & committed through ODR numbers:

17818187,1718204,1718211,1819008,1819024,1819039,1819042,1819046,1819050,181905,1819053,1819055 and 1819057.

All schools are required to provide either a 10% or 15% funding towards the cost of any work at their school. The figures contained within the body of this report represent 85% & 90% of the cost of these

schemes so the total value of all the projects would be £115,961.81.

All schools should sign a funding agreement to confirm the acceptance of the terms and conditions of this funding and confirm that any overspend from the figures above will not be the responsibility of Doncaster C

**Name: David Armistead- Principal Finance Officer**    **Signature:**     **Date: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

**BOX 7**

**OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_    **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_    **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Assistant Director (or representative)

**ANY IMPLICATIONS SENT TO DEPARTMENTS SHOULD GENERALLY BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE THESE CAN BE GIVEN THE RELEVANT CONSIDERATION.**

**BOX 8**

**EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:**

In taking this decision, the decision maker must be aware of their obligations under section 149 Equality Act 2010. This section contains the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED). It obliges public authorities, when exercising their functions, to have 'due regard' to the need to:

- a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimization and other conduct which the Act prohibits;
- b) Advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between people who share relevant protected characteristics and those who do not.

Local educational facilities will remain accessible for local children and their families.

**Name: Neil McAllister**    **Signature:**     **Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**(Report author)**

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**BOX 9  
RISK IMPLICATIONS:**

A failure to comply with statutory regulations if works are not completed.

**BOX 10  
CONSULTATION**

Officers

(In addition to Finance, Legal and Human Resource implications and Procurement implications where necessary, please list below any other teams consulted on this decision, together with their comments)

Members

Under the Scheme of delegation, officers are responsible for day to day operational matters as well as implementing decisions that have been taken by Council, Cabinet, Committee or individual Cabinet members. Further consultation with Members is not ordinarily required. However, where an ODR relates to a matter which has significant policy, service or operational implications or is known to be politically sensitive, the officer shall first consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member before exercising the delegated powers. In appropriate cases, officers will also need to consult with the Chair of Council, Committee Chairs or the Chair of an Overview and Scrutiny Panel as required. Officers shall also ensure that local Members are kept informed of matters affecting their Wards.

**BOX 11  
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

It is in the public's interest to be aware of this decision record under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, therefore this decision will be published in full redacting signatures only.

**Name: Neil McAllister**

**Signature:** 

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 12  
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR **NO**

(If YES please list and submit these with this form)

**BOX 13  
AUTHORISATION**

Name: Damian Allen Signature : [REDACTED]

Date: 14/03/2019

Director of People

**Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer**

**NO**

**If yes please authorise below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Assistant Director of \_\_\_\_\_

**Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration of Interest NO**

**If YES please give details below:**

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