

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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Decision Reference No: e.g. Directorate/Ref No/Year - 1920013

BOX 1**DIRECTORATE: LO:CYP****DATE: 30/05/2019****Contact Name: Claire Hughes****Tel. No.: 01302 737 627****Subject Matter: Opportunity Area Grant Funding****BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN**

To award £90k to Evolve Education to deliver their health mentors programme

To award £400k to secondary schools on school improvement and associated evaluation

To award £70k to schools for post-16 provision improvements

To award up to £80k to the Education Alliance for the leadership and management of the secondary school peer review process (funding will depend on number of schools engaged).

To award up to £315k paid for school improvement activity through funding allocated to schools for bespoke activity

To go out to tender as per the Opportunity Area Partnership approval process for the services set out below.

£110k on commissioned school improvement initiatives and oversight

£40k on expert consultancy support for post-16 provision, following on from the LA's post-16 review.

BOX 3**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

The OA Partnership Board has approved the grants and tenders to the amounts set out above.

The services have been approved as they align with the ambitions set out in the Doncaster Opportunity Area delivery plan and the decision to go to market has been taken to ensure the VfM and quality of the procured services, and to test the market.

The school improvement funding will enable intensive support and additional capacity for all 19 secondary schools in the borough.

The grant is to be awarded based on business cases submitted to the Opportunity Area Partnership Board. A decision to directly award the grants is based on the organisation's track record of delivery, the bespoke nature of the programme, an evidence based approach and opportunity to facilitate market development in these areas.

Cabinet have explicitly agreed that decisions around future grants from the Opportunity Area fund be delegated to the Director of People in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the portfolio holder for Children, Young People and Schools.

BOX 4

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The Opportunity Area Programme was developed based on detailed analysis of the available performance data, extensive consultation with professionals and engagement with Doncaster children and young people.

The proposals in this note align explicitly with the commitments in the published Doncaster Opportunity Area Plan. The delivery approach was determined based on analysis of the available organisations strengths and weaknesses.

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.

The funding agreements should comply with the financial procedure rules.

The procurement of the commissioned school improvement initiative and oversight and the consultant for the support for post 16 provision must be procured in accordance with the Councils contract procedure rules.

Legal Services should be consulted to provide Funding Agreements and contracts for services

which must then be monitored to ensure delivery in accordance with those agreements.

Name: Nichola Varty Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 13th June 2019

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

BOX 6

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The purpose of this report is to approve grants detailed within the main body of the report totalling up to £1,105,000 from the Opportunity Area Grant and the Essential Life Skills Grant.

The funding for these grants will be met in full from the DfE's Opportunity Area (OA) Programme and the Essential Life Skills (ELS) Programme. Funding of up to £8.7m is being received from the DfE in the form of a Section 31 non-ring fenced grant, £5.9m for the (OA) Programme and £2.76m for the (ELS) Programme. Spend to date against the grant is currently £2.0m for the OA Programme and £2.3m for the ELS Programme and as such sufficient grant remains to pay for this decision.

A cabinet report was approved on the 31st July 2018 to agree that decisions around future grants from this fund be delegated to the Director of People in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the portfolio holder for Children, Young People and Schools.

Name: Stephen Boldry Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 12th June 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:** (To be completed by the author).

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
- c) Foster good relations between people who share relevant protected characteristics and those who do not.

BOX 9**RISK IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author)

There is a risk that without taking this decision the local authority will not be able to meet requirements of the Delivery Plan in that we will fail to deliver on the ambition of the Education & Skills Commission, and the intent of the Social Mobility Opportunity Area.

BOX 10**CONSULTATION****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 signature only.

Name: **CLAIRE HUGHES**

Signature 

Date: **20.06.2019**

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: 

Date: 21/06/19

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: _____

Chief Executive/Director/Assistant Director of _____

Consultation with Relevant Member(s)

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Designation _____

(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

Declaration of Interest **NO**

If YES please give details below:

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