

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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Decision Reference No: 2020/02/PH/Woodlands

BOX 1**DIRECTORATE:****DATE: 19th March 2020****Contact Name: Vanessa Powell-hoyland****Tel. No.: 01302 734020****Subject Matter: Woodlands Speaks Wellbeing Therapies****BOX 2****DECISION TAKEN**

To award a grant Woodlands Speaks (a registered charity) a grant of £20,000 to deliver Wellbeing Therapies within the localities below to be funded from the Public Health budget.

Doncaster North – Woodlands, Carcroft Adwick, surrounding area; Scawthorpe Bentley, Askern Stainforth , incorporating Fishlake, Edlington and Warmsworth

BOX 3**REASON FOR THE DECISION**

Post 2019 floods, the affected communities have been facing a number of low level mental health issues, therefore this project will target: Woodlands, Carcroft, Adwick, the surrounding areas of Scawthorpe Bentley, Asker, Stainforth , incorporating Fishlake and Edlington & Warmsworth.

The project will offer the use of stress reducing therapies. This will include talking therapy to aid deep relaxation and the opening of the subconscious mind to positive scripts and suggestion, counteracting the pattern of negativity, anxiety or trauma presented by the client. The need for this project has been supported by the Humanitarian Health Steering group and Woodlands Speaks have been undertaking a pilot in one community The communities of interest have also highlighted a need for the project to be widened.

The original pilot was funded by South Yorkshire's Community Foundation with additional funding from Woodlands Speaks which was designed to provide wellbeing support to the community, with special reference to those individuals who are being supported by local agencies, both statutory and voluntary.

BOX 4

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The options around this are whether to invest or not and the level of investment. Not investing was ruled out on the basis this is an excellent opportunity to increase the low level mental health support within a community setting delivered by our third sector organisations outweighs the investment, due to the match funding associated with the project.

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.

The relevant Director must ensure the Financial Procedure Rule E16 is complied with to ensure that the council interests are protected at all times.

A suitable Funding Agreement should be entered into with the funding recipient.

Name: Paula Coleman Signature:By e-mail Date: 19.03.20_____

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

BOX 6

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

In providing a grant to a 3rd party Financial procedure rules E15-E18 must be adhered to, including ensuring that a funding agreement between the parties is in place. E15 states that Directors can approve grants to external bodies subject to key decision rules. It is expected that the grant will be paid in full in 2020/21 and will be funded from the Public Health grant.

Name: Helen Rowlands Signature: _____ Date: 25/03/20

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

BOX 7

OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS

None identified

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).

It is important commissioners and service providers tailor services to meet the needs of the population and take on board comments and suggestions to ensure services are accessible, responsive and appropriate for the population they serve.

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 support our communities who are currently in need post flood trauma. There is a financial risk as this fund will be a grant and therefore there is a risk that the organisation will not meet the requirements and financial claw back would be difficult. To mitigate this the organisation will only receive monies every 3 months.

BOX 10**CONSULTATION**

The development of the project was in conjunction with the well Doncaster Communities group, the project will be across all partners and the group have spoken a range of clients to ensure the program meets local needs.

BOX 11**INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

None identified

Name: _____ **Claire Hewitt** _____ **Signature** _____ **Date:** 2nd April 2020

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: Rupert Suckling Signature: Date: 7th April 2020

Director of Public Health

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 YES/NO

If YES please give details below:

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