

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

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Decision Reference No: 2122035

BOX 1**DIRECTORATE: LOCYP****DATE: 12/07/2021****Contact Name: Robin MacNeill****Tel. No.:** [REDACTED]

Subject Matter: Secondary schools collaborative school improvement and grant funding St Wilfred's Academy to lead on a wellbeing and alternative provision project with Doncaster schools.

BOX 2**DECISION TAKEN:**

The current pandemic has created or exacerbated a growth in mental health and wellbeing needs across children and young people in the borough. Teacher wellbeing has also suffered.

Doncaster Council, in partnership with the Doncaster Opportunity Area has led a project to identify collaborative school improvement projects and leads for these projects. The project that has seen the greatest interest has been the alternative provision and wellbeing project. This work has been developed through collaboration between Sir Thomas Wharton, St Wilfred's Academy and the Council.

It focusses on a number of key actions including the development of whole school wellbeing policies and the establishment of a practice sharing network. Across these actions a range of interventions have been identified drawing on the existing funded Council CPD offer and a wider range of external interventions, including locating main stream staff within St Wilfred's to give them experience of teaching in alternative provision.

St Wilfred's have agreed to lead this work and we propose grant funding them £95,000. This funding will cover their leadership costs in terms of staff time but also wider costs incurred in supporting the 10 schools signed up to this project. These will be refined in partnership with SWA and the schools in line with the agreed plan.

The decision to grant fund over a contract or tender process was taken based on SWA's unique position within the Doncaster schools sector and the alignment with their wider ambitions, so the grant is an extension of their day to day role.

**BOX 3
REASON FOR DECISION AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:**

Do Nothing

This option would fail to put in place delivery plans for a valuable element of our sector led collaborative school improvement initiative. It would not help improve the quality of wellbeing support for young people and teachers and it would not help establish alternate provision in Doncaster secondary schools.

Identify an alternate lead organisation


SWA volunteered and as an alternative provision rated good by Ofsted the school is hugely well placed to lead on this work.

**BOX 4
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NO

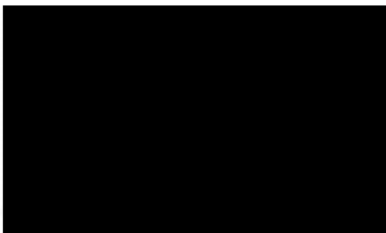
**BOX 5
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The only information that should be redacted is personal information on the author.

Name: Robin MacNeill **Signature:**  **Date:** 26/07/2021

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 6
AUTHORISATION:**

Name: Riana Nelson **Signature:**  **Date:** 29/07/2021

Director of Learning Opportunities and Skills (DCS)

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 _____

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Declaration of Interest NO

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