

Report of Head of Migration Yorkshire

Report to Director of Communities and Environment

Date: 18 September 2018

Subject: To accept grant funding to deliver a refugee integration programme in the Yorkshire and Humber region

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-in?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. Migration Yorkshire, based in Leeds City Council, has applied for, and been awarded funding for a new programme called 'Refugee Integration Yorkshire & Humber'.
2. This programme will improve the integration of refugees in Yorkshire and Humber through a 'whole-region' approach, coordinating strategic and operational interventions underpinned by comprehensive evidence and refugee participation. Refugee Integration Yorkshire & Humber will deliver a regional strategy with commitments from all partners, galvanise key services and civil society, and provide support and opportunities for individual refugees.
3. The project, and funding, will be managed by Migration Yorkshire and delivered across the Yorkshire & Humber region through a partnership of seven organisations.

Recommendations

The Director of Communities and Environment is requested to:

- Accept a grant agreement from the Home Office to manage the Refugee Integration Yorkshire and Humber programme.
- Enter into partnership agreements for delivery of the Refugee Integration Yorkshire and Humber programme with the following organisations:

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Hull City Council
 - Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
 - University of Salford
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- Enter into agreements with other organisations that the Head of Migration Yorkshire believes are required to deliver the Refugee Integration Yorkshire and Humber programme.
 - Enter into such other documents that the Head of Migration Yorkshire believes are needed to enable Leeds City Council to deliver the Refugee Integration Yorkshire and Humber programme.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report outlines the proposal for Leeds City Council to accept a grant from the Home Office to manage the 'Refugee Integration Yorkshire & Humber' programme across Yorkshire and Humber, and distribute the grant to local delivery partner organisations.

2. Background information

- 2.1 The Asylum Migration and Integration Fund is a European Union funding stream for which the UK allocation is managed by the UK Responsible Authority which is part of the Home Office.
- 2.2 In April 2018, the Home Office published a call for proposals for integration activities to support refugees to settle in the UK under the Asylum, Migration & Integration Fund (AMIF).
- 2.3 Migration Yorkshire, based in Leeds City Council, submitted an application as the lead bidder with six partner organisations in May 2018 for a project called 'Refugee Integration Yorkshire & Humber'. Migration Yorkshire was informed on 27th July 2018 that the bid was successful.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 The aim of Refugee Integration Yorkshire & Humber is to improve the integration of refugees in Yorkshire and Humber through a 'whole-region' approach, coordinating strategic and operational interventions underpinned by comprehensive evidence and refugee participation. Refugee Integration Yorkshire & Humber will deliver a regional strategy with commitments from all partners, galvanise key services and civil society, and provide support and opportunities for individual refugees.
- 3.2 The programme will be managed by Migration Yorkshire and will be delivered across the Yorkshire and Humber region in partnership with the following organisations:
 - Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Hull City Council
 - Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
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- 3.3 Migration Yorkshire's project management provides overall responsibility and co-ordination for the project. This includes formal partnership arrangements with partner organisations, distribution of funding, progress of services, monitoring and reporting to the funders.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 The need for this programme and the intended interventions were identified through consultation with local authorities in Yorkshire and Humber. The bid was supported by local authorities in this region, and ongoing development and planning, regular consultation, meetings and conversations are taking place with the funders, local authorities, local delivery partners, strategic partners and other organisations.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 Please see attached equality, diversity, cohesion and integration screening.

4.3 Council policies and best council plan

- 4.3.1 This project will contribute to the Safe, Strong Communities priority area of the Best Council Plan, in particular the following priority: 'Being responsive to local needs, building thriving, resilient communities'. The Plan states that 'Leeds is a growing and richly diverse city ... As a City of Sanctuary, we celebrate this diversity and want Leeds to be welcoming city for all, where people get on with each other and feel they are part of their local neighbourhood'. This project will to improve the integration of refugees across Leeds and other areas of Yorkshire and Humber for the benefit of all.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The grant funding will provide funding for all costs during the period for which Leeds City Council and Migration Yorkshire will provide support.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 4.5.1 This is a Key Decision due to the sums of money involved and is subject to call-in.

4.6 Risk management

- 4.6.1 Risks will be managed through a risk register constantly updated by the project manager and overseen by the project board.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 Commencement of the programme is subject to agreement to accept the grant agreement from the Home Office.
- 5.2 The programme will have a positive impact on refugee integration across Yorkshire & Humber through a 'whole-region' approach benefiting refugees and the wider population.

6. Recommendations

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7. Background documents¹

7.1.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.