

Delegated Decision Notice

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

Decision type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
Approximate value	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000
Director¹	Programme Director, Strengthening Families, Protecting Children		
Contact person:	John Maynard		Telephone number: 01133783585
Subject²:	Funding for the Stoke Children's Service Improvement Partnership		
Decision details³:	What decision has been taken? (Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.) The decision has been made to formally accept funding from the Department for Education (DfE) for up to £505,200 for work by Leeds as part of the Stoke-Leeds Improvement Partnership.		
	A brief statement of the reasons for the decision (Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate) This is second year of the partnership between Stoke and Leeds, after a successful first year of working together to help Stoke improve their children's services after a negative OfSTED inspection. The funding is a result of formal review, planning and discussion between the DfE, Stoke and Leeds. The partnership is making a positive impact and has been welcome by DfE and colleagues in Stoke.		
	Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision It was an option not to continue the partnership but this was not chosen as the		

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list


³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

	partnership had grown to function well, and provides income to Leeds as well as offering career development and learning opportunities to Leeds colleagues.
Affected wards:	n/a
Details of consultation undertaken⁴:	Executive Member Cllr Venner
	Ward Councillors n/a
	Others n/a
Implementation	Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation The Programme director, Strengthening Families, Protecting Children is formally the lead. The partnership is subject to quarterly review by DfE, Stoke and Leeds and funding is finalised based on activity levels during the year. Work will continue until March 2022.
List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁵	Date Added to List:- 28/6/21
	If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision General exception is proposed to be used in order to fit into DfE timescales and central government funding arrangements which require formal acceptance within a timescale not possible within the normal operation of LCC decision-making governance.
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____
Publication of report⁶	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:
	If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

⁵ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁶ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

Call In	Is the decision available ⁷ for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<p>If exempt from call-in, the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:</p> <p>Call-in is not eligible for this decision as the timescales required by central government do not allow sufficient time. Failure to formally accept the funding would prejudice the Council by reducing funding for this work and might damage relationships and the possibility of future funding for similar projects.</p>		
Approval of Decision	Authorised decision maker ⁸ Steve Walker – Programme Director - SFPC		
			Date: 28/6/21

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in under rule 5.1.3.

⁸ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.