

Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

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

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| Decision type | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision |
| Approximate value | <input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 |
| Director¹ | Director for Children & Families | | |
| Contact person: | Helen Thomas | Telephone number: 0113 28 86216 | |
| Subject²: | The award of Department for Education funding to a number of regional adoption agencies and charitable organisations for work on early permanence and matching for cyp. | | |
| Decision details³: | <p>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.)</p> <p>The Director of Children and Families approved the the decision to award cooperation agreements to 18 Regional Adoption Agencies to support the development of early permanence and adoption matching services</p> <p>The Director of Children and Families approved the decision to directly award contracts to 3 charities for the above work</p> <p>The awards will start on 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2025 and will be for various values, up to a total of just under £3.5 million over the three year period. This is ring-fenced DfE grant funding, managed by the National Strategic Lead on behalf of all Regional Adoption Agencies (RAAs) in support of the National Adoption Strategy.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>A key decision was taken in May 2022 for Leeds to accept grant funding from the Department for Education and act as a Lead Authority to commission services supporting the National Adoption Strategy.</p> <p>The activities and projects commissioned have been determined by the RAA Leaders' Group, with a focus on increasing the numbers of early permanence placements and improving the quality and timeliness of adopter and child matching activity.</p> | | |

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.

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| | An Equality Impact Assessment Screening document has been undertaken which identifies there will be a positive impact in respect of equality and diversity in that it will advance equality of opportunity for children that are looked after, particularly those most vulnerable i.e. those with special educational needs and disabilities; those from BME backgrounds and older children awaiting adoption |
| | Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision n/a |
| Affected wards: | City-wide (national award) |
| Details of consultation undertaken⁴: | Executive Member |
| | Ward Councillors |
| | Chief Digital and Information Officer ⁵ |
| | Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer ⁶ |
| | Others Regional Adoption Agency Leaders |
| Implementation | Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation |
| List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁷ | Date Added to List:- |
| | If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision |
| | If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____ |
| Publication of report⁸ | If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible: |


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

⁵ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CDIO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's use of digital technology

⁶ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CAMRO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's land and buildings.

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁸ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

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| | If published late relevant Executive member's approval | |
| | Signature | Date |
| Call-in | Is the decision available ⁹ for call-in? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| | If exempt from call-in, the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public: | |
| Approval of Decision | Authorised decision maker ¹⁰ Julie Longworth, Director Children & Families | |
| | Signature  | Date: 28/9/22 |

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.