

Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

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

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 checked="" 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	Director of Children and Families		
Contact person:	Vera Claxton	Telephone number: 0113 237 85425	
Subject²:	Request to extend 12 x Enhanced Youth Work Grants Projects DN559053.		
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 decision to extend 12 x grant agreements for delivery of Enhanced Youth Work projects with a total value of £174,456.00.</p> <p>The grants are to be extended for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Grants are between £5,000 and £20,000 per annum and have been allocated through a robust evaluation, which considered the quality of the applications, fair distribution of funds across the localities and the provision of a varied offer in each war.</p> <p>The providers are: - Barca Leeds; BHI Black Health Initiative; CFYDC (Chance); Getaway Girls; Hamara HLC; Health for All; LS14 Trust; New Wortley Community Centre; Reestablish; Shantona; St Luke's Community and Regeneration; and The Youth Association.</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.

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)

Background

Delivery of Enhanced Youth Work is focused in 12 wards with the highest indices of deprivation. This is in recognition that young people living in the most deprived neighbourhoods have lower attainment at school, are more likely to be NEET (not in education, employment, or training) post 16, and are more likely to be involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.

The decision to award these grant agreements was made on 10 December 2021; with the option to extend by a further 12 months to ensure that young people living in the most deprived wards have access to good quality youth work from April 2022 in line with the findings of the youth work review and the recommendations of the Executive Board report. The youth work review highlighted many areas of good practice across the city and demonstrated the difference youth work makes to the lives of young people in Leeds. In Leeds, youth work is delivered as a preventative and early intervention service for young people.

This decision followed on from the review of targeted youth work. Extensive consultation took place with a wide range of key stakeholders as part of this review, including on what services were in scope and the timetable for procurement. Further consultation was undertaken in June 2021 with young people, practitioners, and Elected Members to inform the specific needs and priorities for the project brief.

Reason for extension

The new model for youth work delivery helps achieve the priority of inclusive growth by supporting more young people to be active citizens that are able to participate in education, employment, or training. The providers are delivering a good quality of service which is value for money and a very much needed service.


All 12 providers have confirmed that they want to continue with delivery for the next 12 months and have submitted reports to evidence delivery against the outcomes.

	<p><u>Legal, Procurement, finance</u></p> <p>The award report included a reference for a 12-month extension option.</p> <p>The budget for 2022/23 was £200,000 but only £174,456 was allocated following a robust evaluation of quality and price against published criteria.</p> <p>There is a confirmed budget in place for this provision.</p> <p>The £25k unallocated funding from the original £200k grant allocation has been taken as a saving.</p> <p>There will be a further saving for the 2022/23 financial year of £4,500 as Shantona were unable to deliver due to recruitment issues during part of Quarter 2 and Quarter 3.</p>
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Affected wards:</p>	<p>Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside, Middleton Park, Temple Newsam Armley, Bramley & Stanningley, Farnley & Wortley, Kirkstall, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Chapel Allerton, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft</p>
<p>Details of consultation undertaken⁴:</p>	<p>Executive Member</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Chief Digital and Information Officer⁵</p> <p>Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer⁶</p>

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.

	Others	
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:	
	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 of Children and Families	
	Signature 	Date: 24/3/23

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

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.