

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Homes for Ukraine Education and Childcare Grant
Total Value:	£428,146 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>1. Accept the £428,146 Homes for Ukraine Education and Childcare Grant from the Department for Education and subsequent allocations of this grant. 2. Delegate authority to spend the funding to the Director for Education, in conjunction with the terms of the grant.</p>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Following the war in Ukraine, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) introduced the Homes for Ukraine Scheme to support Ukrainian citizens to resettle in England. Part of this scheme includes funding for Local Authorities to support with education and childcare costs. Full details on how the grant can be spending are available here - Homes for Ukraine education and childcare grant conditions of funding - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) To summarise, the funding must only be used for the provision of education and childcare for children ages 2 to 18 who have entered via the Homes for Ukraine visa route. The funding can be used to support a setting to provide a place for a child, cover transport costs, provision of uniform and fund meals for the child whilst they are in a school or childcare setting. The funding of £428,146 is for children who arrived between 1 March 2022 and 31 August 2022. Nottingham City Council completes a return to the DLUHC each quarter to confirm the number of young people who have arrived under this scheme, which will determine the level of funding. This funding will be allocated to the schools and childcare settings who are directly supporting children who have arrived under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.</p>
Other Options Considered:	We have the option not to accept this funding, but this is not an option we would pursue.

Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	None
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This is not a new service or a change to a service.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	10/01/2023
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	The decision sought raises no significant legal issues. The grant funding contains terms and conditions which must be adhered to, failing which the relevant government department may clawback part or all of the funding from the Council. It is imperative therefore that the the grant terms and conditions must be fully complied with. Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (senior solicitor) on 06/12/2022.

Finance Advice:

Under the grant terms and conditions, this funding must only be used for the provision of education and childcare for children ages 2 to 18 who have entered via the Homes for Ukraine visa route.

£0.428m has been received for Quarters 1 and 2 for children who arrived between 1 March 2022 and 31 August 2022. Payments are made for each child based upon the data entry point following quarterly data collections administered by DLUHC with payments calculated on a pro-rata basis. Additional grant allocations will therefore be received for Quarters 3 and 4.

The annual allocation of funding for a child in each phase of education is: £3000 for pupils aged 2-4, £6,580 for primary pupils aged 5-11 and £8,755 for secondary pupils aged 11-18. It is the LA's intention to passport funding to schools and settings based on these rates. Due to time lags between arrival and taking up a school place this may result in some funding remaining after passing pro-rata funding to schools/settings. This DDM gives authority to the Director of Schools to decide on the most appropriate use of the funding allocation within the grant conditions. In addition to providing school places, the grant can be used to fund specialist and bespoke services whose provision benefits the children.

Local authorities and schools are not required to spend all of the funding they receive in the financial year beginning 1 April 2022; some or all of it may be carried forward to future financial years. Any funding that is carried forward must be used in accordance with the conditions of grant.

Advice provided by Paul Stevenson (Interim Strategic Finance Business Partner) on 28/11/2022.

Signatures

Cheryl Barnard (Portfolio Holder- Children, Young People, Schools)
SIGNED and Dated: 02/01/2023
Catherine Underwood (Corporate Director for People)
SIGNED and Dated: 20/12/2022