



Operational Officer Decision Record

Where the decision has a financial value of between £100k - £350k and does not have a **significant** impact on two or more wards

1. Subject and details of the matter (to include reasons for the decision and detail of any previous cabinet decision)

Award of Department for Education funded 'Holiday Activities and Food Programme' Grant to Humberston Park Academy

On 9th March 2022, Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval of the Department for Education Holiday Activities and Food grant of £789,050 to co-ordinate the delivery of free holiday clubs for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. 15% of the total grant may be used to fund provision for children not eligible for free school meals, but who are considered 'otherwise vulnerable' such as those with an Education, Health and Care Plan, those with a social worker and those who are in the care of the local authority.

At that meeting, it was resolved that the acceptance of the Department for Education Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant of £789,050, be approved. DN. 130.

This decision enables the Council to deliver the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme across the borough, and engage with key partners to co-ordinate planning via a steering group. The decision enables the Council to award funding to eligible organisations in North East Lincolnshire to provide free holiday activities and food clubs for children eligible for, and in receipt of, benefits-related free school meals, and those children who are considered 'otherwise vulnerable'.

The authority received a bid for HAF grant funding from Humberston Park Academy – a special school - in order for the setting to provide a HAF club for four weeks during the school summer holidays in August, 2022, to include all of the 118 children attending the school. The children at the school have an EHCP and/ or are considered 'otherwise vulnerable. The total HAF Grant requested is £128,857.

2. Decision being taken

After careful consideration by the HAF Steering Group Finance Sub-Committee, it is resolved to award a HAF Grant of £128,857 to Humberston Park Academy to provide four weeks of HAF provision over the school summer holidays, August 2022.

3. Anticipated outcome(s)/benefits

The HAF Programme aims to be inclusive of children with SEND. The award of the grant ensures that children and young people attending the Humberston Park Academy, and their families, will be able to take a full and active part in the HAF programme. They will enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits associated with their participation in a range of exciting, fun, creative and physical activities, food education and signposting to other services that the holiday club offers.

4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision

1. Officers explored alternative HAF providers to ascertain their potential to provide specialist care; medically trained staff; high staffing ratios and specialist equipment for the children. None were found suitable to be able to meet the needs of the children.

5. Background documents considered (web link to be included or copies of documents for publishing)

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HAF Guidance to Local Authorities

6. Does the taking of the decision include consideration of Exempt information? If yes, specify the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A and the reasons

No

7. Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member who was consulted by the officer which relates to the decision (in respect of any declared conflict of interest, please provide a note of dispensation granted by the Council's Chief Executive)

None declared

8. Monitoring Officer Comments (Monitoring Officer or nominee)

The decision is consistent with the will of Cabinet. The award allows for the grant funding to be utilised. The Local Authority's role is supporting providers to meet the programme standards and should have a system in place to monitor the funded provision and ensuring providers are supported to comply with or improve the quality of the provision. Legal colleagues can support as appropriate.

9. Section 151 Officer Comments (Deputy S151 Officer or nominee)

The decision to award the funding to Humberston Park Special Academy does not conflict with the terms and conditions of the grant and meets the purpose for which the funding was given

10. Human Resource Comments (Head of People and Culture or nominee)

There are no direct HR implications

11. Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Report Writing Guide)

The HAF grant is subject to a North East Lincolnshire Council eligibility framework, and is subject to audit by the local authority's officers, and representatives of the Department for Education. The grant is subject to claw-back for any underspend

12. If the decision links to a previous one taken by Cabinet, has the Cabinet Tracker been updated?

N/A

13. Decision Maker(s):

Name: Sally Jack

Title: Assistant Director Education and
Inclusion

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 10.08.2022

**14. Consultation carried out with
Portfolio Holder(s):**

Name: Councillor Margaret Cracknell

Title: Portfolio Holder for Children and
Education

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 10th August 2022