

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

| Decision Maker | Decision Type | Date |
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| | Key Decision | |

Decision (s)

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| Exempt/Confidential Report | | No |
| Key Decision | Yes | |

Reasons for the decision(s)

In November 2018, Oldham submitted a partnership bid with Tameside and Rochdale for the DFE Early Years Outcomes Fund. Dartington Service Design Lab collaborated with the 3 LAs in developing and writing the bid and were identified as the key delivery partner.

The purpose of the partnership bid was to collaboratively work to build upon the existing GM early years strategy and develop a more targeted, locally nuanced strategy, grounded in the best data and evidence, engagement with our communities and understanding of our local systems and associated system behaviours.

Whilst the partnership bid was unsuccessful, Oldham was keen to ensure that the programme of activity developed by Dartington Service Design Lab was undertaken as this would address the areas for development identified through the self-assessment process and the LGA peer review.

As a result, a bid was made to the Oldham Opportunity Area (OA) Board for additional investment to undertake the high level programme of work developed by Dartington Service Design Lab.

The Board has provided 80k funding with the expectation that the fund is used towards the 105k costs for commissioning Dartington Service Design Lab to undertake the work programme. An additional 25k is being provided by the LA from funding provided by GMCA for implementation of the GM Pathways to Talking programme.



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The programme of work for improving outcomes in early years has been designed and developed by Dartington Service Design Lab and is a unique product in the market place. As such, there is no viable competition in the market place to deliver the programme in the borough of Oldham.

Options/Alternatives considered

- Engage with the market via The NW CHEST Portal

Conflict of Interest declared

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(Councillor Signature and portfolio)

In consultation with

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(Executive Director Signature)

Decision made pursuant to:

- a) Delegation to Cabinet Member under the Council's scheme of delegation. Contract £100,000 - £400,000 and Key decisions.