

Oldham Borough Council
Record of Decision



Key Decision	Work Programme Reference
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1. **TITLE:** Awarding of Grant Funding from the GMCA Digital Participation for Schools Programme

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Customer Services

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) have secured £1 million from the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT). This follows a funding proposal being submitted by GMCA on behalf of the ten councils across Greater Manchester to deliver the Digital Participation for Schools Programme (DPSP).

The funding will be apportioned by GMCA to the ten local authorities based on pupil premium numbers. The funding is accompanied by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GMCA and Oldham Council.

Oldham Council will directly distribute the funding allocated to the Council from GMCA to Secondary Schools and Academies based on pupil premium numbers. A MoU will be in place between Oldham Council and each educational setting.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member - Value for Money & Sustainability and Deputy Leader

5. **DECISION:**

1) To accept funding of £101,386.35 from GMCA to deliver the DPSP in Oldham.

2) To distribute funds to Oldham Secondary Schools, Academies and Pupil Referral Units from 1 April 2025. Each setting will consider how to support their children and young people appropriately to reduce barriers to digital participation with a focus on distributing devices and data. There is also a requirement to share case studies demonstrating how children and young people have benefited from the funding.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

No alternative options are available with the prescribed timescales from GMCA.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

No alternative options are available with the prescribed timescales from GMCA.

8. **INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable



10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Delegated Decision Report, Awarding of Grant Funding from the GMCA Digital Participation for Schools Programme

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