

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

8 FEBRUARY 2022

AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT (EDUCATION) GRANT DISTRIBUTION

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report lays out the background and particulars of the Afghan Refugee Resettlement (Educational) Grant, it provides details of the grant and the proposed allocation of the grant between North Yorkshire County Council and various educational establishments who have provided places to Afghan Refugee children housed within bridging hotels in the county.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Afghan Resettlement (Education) Grant 2021-22, provided by the Secretary of State for Education is for the provision by local authorities of education services for children from families arriving from Afghanistan under Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy, Afghanistan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and British Nationals, currently residing in bridging accommodation, namely hotels funded by the Home Office. The funding is part of the £12 million that was announced by the Government as part of Operation Warm Welcome.
- 2.2. North Yorkshire County Council has overseen bridging hotels in Scarborough and Selby, during the period from August to November. There have been 163 individual children aged from 0-18 housed within the hotels. The local authority has an obligation to provide a place at an educational setting for all eligible children.
- 2.3. The grant aims to reduce the burden on the Local Authority and Educational establishments from providing education to the children from the bridging hotels as it acknowledges that due to larger numbers living in hotel sites it places an undue burden on particular areas.

3.0 ALLOCATION

- 3.1. North Yorkshire County Council has been allocated £225,083.80, from the Afghan Resettlement (Education) Grant, to cover costs from September to November 2021. A further allocation is expected to cover the period

December 2021 to March 2022 but the value of that grant has not been released yet.

3.2. The terms of the grant stipulate that local authorities can spend the fund on the following, but is not restricted to just these items:

- the provision of a state-funded school place
- to provide a place at an early years setting for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds accessing the 2 year-old, universal or 30 hours entitlements
- funding placement of larger clusters of children into schools and early years settings, including the hiring of additional and specialist teaching and non-teaching staff
- providing transport to and from education settings
- the provision of specialist and bespoke services, such as support for children with additional needs
- free school meals and school uniform.

4.0 PROPOSAL FOR ALLOCATION

4.1 Educational Establishments

4.1.1 **Initial fixed contribution per child of £250** – it is felt that there will be initial upfront cost pressures for schools in trying to assess each new child on their roll, so the fixed fee per child is meant to contribute towards some of the staffing time to undertake these.

4.1.2 **Uniform** – it is proposed that £100 would be given to ‘receiving’ schools for each child for provision of the correct uniform. This will help to ensure that irrespective of which educational establishment children were placed at, they would receive a consistent level of school uniform as to everyone else residing within the same bridging hotel.

4.1.3 **Flexible contribution per educational day** – the second element of the payment to schools is a contribution per day the child is in school; the payment is based on the average funding expected per child annually, pro-rated down to a termly value.

4.1.4 **Provision for Nurseries** – the payment for nursery places for 2, 3 and 4 years olds is proposed to be as per the hourly rate paid to establishments in North Yorkshire.

4.2 North Yorkshire County Council

- 4.2.1 **The English as an Additional Language (EAL) Team** have been working to ensure all the children are within an appropriate educational setting, coordinating school visits and children moving on from bridging hotels. Throughout the period, working with the Refugees in the bridging hotels has been the main focus of their work and is proposed to fund the team from this grant for that time period.
- 4.2.2 **Home to School Transport** - As per the North Yorkshire Home to School Transport policy, it has been necessary to provide transport for some of the children to get to school, particularly from the Selby hotel due to its location. It is proposed to cover all of these costs from the grant.
- 4.2.3 **Administration costs** – it is proposed to use 5% of the fund to contribute to local authority administration costs, including but not limited to administering the grant, payments to relevant parties, early years funding team, and Home to school transport administration.

5.0 RISKS

- 5.1. The funding levels moving forward are currently unknown and therefore, future allocations for establishments who are currently educating the children from the bridging hotels may not be consistent with the grant allocations for the initial period (September 2021 to November 2021).
- 5.2. As the funding is only for children residing in the bridging hotels, this could cause a disparity between refugee children who are residing in the hotels compared to the ones who are permanently residing within the region. This may be confusing if a child moves from a hotel into housing within the area and stays at the same school as the funding would cease (under the terms of the grant from DfE).

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the recommended funding allocation be endorsed.

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Appendix 1 – Funding Allocation Summary

Allocation of DFE Afghan Resettlement Grant		
Grant Income September to November		£225,083.80
Schools		
Funding per day of school per child	Primary & Secondary	£74,014.00
	Colleges	£9,195.00
	Nursery	£3,082.86
Funding top up of £200 per child	Primary & Secondary	£29,250.00
	Colleges	£4,000.00
	Nursery	£1,250.00
		£120,791.86
Uniform		£13,300.00
Home to School Transport Costs		£36,086.10
Funding EAL Team		£32,747.33
Administration costs at %5		£11,254.19
Remaining Grant		£10,904.32

Appendix 2 – Proposed Educational Establishments to receive payment

School Name Athelstan Barlby High Barrowcliff Brayton Academy Brayton C.E. Primary Ebor Academy Filey Friarage George Pindar Gladstone Road Graham Scalby School Selby Abbey Selby CP Selby High Sherburn High St Augustine's St Martin's Staynor Hall Thomas Hinderwell Thorpe Willoughby Whitley & Eggborough
Scarborough Tec York College
Barrowcliff Nursery Mucktubs nursery Childhaven