

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE
CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
5 APRIL 2022

AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT (EDUCATION) GRANT DISTRIBUTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report follows on from the report on the 8th February 2022, to both seek approval for the December to March 2022 allocation of the Afghan Refugee Resettlement (Educational) Grant, and agree allocation principles for any future allocation of the grant.

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 been overseeing bridging hotels in Scarborough and Selby, since the influx of Afghanistan Refugees in August 2021. The funding aims to assist with our obligation to provide a place at an educational setting for all of those eligible.

3.0 ALLOCATION

- 3.1. North Yorkshire County Council has been allocated £247,470, from the Afghan Resettlement (education) Grant, to cover costs from December 2021 to March 2022. It is not yet known if there will be further allocations.
- 3.2. The terms of the grant remain the same as the previous allocation and say that 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 The proposals as based on the same principles as laid out in the initial paper covering September to November funding allocations.

4.2 Educational Establishments

4.2.1 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 role, so the fixed fee per child is meant to contribute towards some of the staffing time to undertake these.

4.2.1. Uniform – it was decided that £100 would be given to the schools for each child for provision of the correct uniform, where required. It was felt that all of the children no matter which establishment they were placed would receive a consistent level of school uniform as to everyone else residing within the same bridging hotel. This contribution was paid out of the wrap around grant but as it is education costs we would like to reimburse that fund from this one.

4.2.2. Flexible contribution per educational day – the second element of the payment to schools is a contribution per day the child is in school, we have based the payment of the average funding expected per child annually, pro-rotated down to a termly value.

4.2.3. 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.

4.3 North Yorkshire County Council

4.3.1 Fund 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 so we propose to fund them from this grant for that time period.

4.3.2 **Home to School Transport** - As per the North Yorkshire Home to School policy we have needed to provide transport for some of the children to get to school, particularly from the Selby hotel due to its location. We propose to cover all of these costs from the grant.

4.3.3 **Administration costs** – we propose to use 1.5% of the fund to contribute to North Yorkshire County Council costs, including but not limited to administering grant, payments to relevant parties, early years funding team, Home to school transport administration.

5.0 **RISKS**

5.1. The funding levels moving forward are currently unknown leading to unrealistic expectations for establishments who are currently educating the children from the bridging hotels.

5.2. As the funding is only for children residing in the bridging hotels it could cause a disparity between refugee children who are residing in the hotels compared to the ones who are permanently within the region. Also there could be confusion as if a child moves from a hotel into housing within the area and stay at the same school the funding would cease, and there is no additional educational funding for Refugee children who are permanently housed within the area.

5.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

5.1. To consider proposals set out in this report and approve the recommended funding allocations, both for the December 2021 to March 2022 grant and also in principle for any future allocations.

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Appendix 1 – Funding Allocation Summary

| Allocation of DFE Afghan Resettlement Grant | | |
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| Grant Income December to March | | £247,470.00 |
| Schools | | |
| Funding per day of school per child | Primary & Secondary | £101,889.00 |
| | Colleges | £15,701.00 |
| | Nursery | £6,847.29 |
| Funding top up of £250 per child | Primary & Secondary | £10,250.00 |
| | Colleges | £1,000.00 |
| | | £135,687.29 |
| Uniform | | £2,731.00 |
| Home to School Transport Costs | | £72,885.80 |
| Funding EAL Team | | £31,959.38 |
| Administration costs at 1.5% | | £3,712.05 |
| Total Expenditure | | £246,975.52 |
| Remaining Grant | | £494.48 |

Appendix 2 – Proposed payment to Educational Establishments

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