

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Children and Young People's Service

Director's meeting with Executive Members

30<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
EDUCATION TO FURTHER DEVELOP WORK TO INCREASE SUPPORTED  
INTERNSHIPS**

Report by the Corporate Director - Children and Young People's Service

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide CYPS Executive Member for Education and Skills with information regarding a recent grant allocation made available by the Department for Education to increase the number of Supported Internships available to young people with SEND and recommend it is accepted.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 North Yorkshire Council have been awarded a grant allocation of £45,461 from the department for education to assist with the further development and roll out of Supported Internships across the county. This allocation is for year 2 of an anticipated 3 year phased allocation. The council were notified on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 of the allocation and asked to accept the grant by no later than 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- 2.2 Supported Internships provide young people with SEND a supported transition into employment through a structured programme of study alongside 'on the job' training within a work base placement. This grant is being made available as part of the government plan to double the number of young people accessing Supported Internships.
- 2.2 Achieving employment, as with all young people, is central to our aims and aspirations for young people moving on into independent and fulfilling adult lives.
- 2.3 The purpose of the grant is to support all Local Authorities to access, establish and/or develop SEND employment forums to improve the provision of Supported Internships across the country.

### 3 GRANT AWARD

3.1 The grant awarded to North Yorkshire County Council is set out in the table below:

Grant Period	Grant Amount
Year One: Up to March 2023	£22392.51 (received)
Year Two: April 2023 – March 2024	£45461.02
Year Three: April 2024 – March 2025	£45066.25 (indicative)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£112919.77 (indicative)</b>

3.2 Alongside the grant, the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) are working with the LA to establish a local employment forum to bring together employers and learning providers to create sustainable internships that lead to paid employment.

3.3 Additionally, the NDTi will also support employers to deliver high quality work placements that support young people with additional needs to develop their skills and share their talents.

3.4 Acceptance of this grant offer requires each Local Authority to work with NDTi and partners to:

- Establish a baseline of their Supported Internship offer
- Access, establish and/or develop a SEND employment forum
- Work collaboratively to create an action plan
- Deliver, develop, monitor and report on work during the programme

### 4 PROPOSAL

4.1 NDTi have requested acceptance of the grant by no later than 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. It also requires the council to develop a breakdown of planned expenditure for year two including expected outcomes and activities.

### 5 RECOMENDATION

5.1 CYPS Executive Member for Education and Skills provide approval to accept the Supported Internship grant
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