

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD (Non Key)

The following decision was taken on 13th November 2019 by the Executive Director, People Services.

Date notified to all members: 15th November 2019

Officer Non-Key decisions are not subject to call-in.

1. **TITLE**

Approval to move forward in respect of the delivery of the initiatives in the Controlling Migration Fund for the 'Welcome to Sheffield' Project.

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Executive Director, People Services:

1. Approve the delivery of the grant funding for services to the value of £200,000 from a total sum of £272,524 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local government for the year 2019/2020,
2. Approve the procurement of the services in accordance with the Contract Standing Orders and Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015,
3. Delegates authority to the Director of lifelong Skills Council (LLSC), in consultation with the Director of Legal Services and the Assistant Director for commercial Services to agree and award contracts following procurement.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

1. Sheffield City Council has been working hard to become an inclusive city and has been recognised as a City of Sanctuary since 2007. It takes pride in the welcome it offers to people in need of safety.
2. This project will further this aspiration and contribute by helping to deliver English language skills for new arrivals thus supporting integration and helping towards community cohesion.
3. The project and the funding will help the Council and the Government trial and pilot approaches that could help build an understanding of how to address issues/impacts of migration, particularly in the context of English language development.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

1. Grant Route – rejected due to the functional intention in developing the schedules of work being more contract oriented.
2. Direct Delivery by SCC Staff – rejected due to lack of existing capacity and expertise within the current staffing structure.

5. **Documents used in making decision:**

6.1 **Any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Officer when making the decision**

None

6.2 **Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service**

None

7. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

John Macilwraith, Executive Director, People Services