



Report to Policy Committee

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Date of Decision: *June 2022*

Subject: *Apply for Trailblazer Status for new programme funding.*

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Has appropriate consultation taken place?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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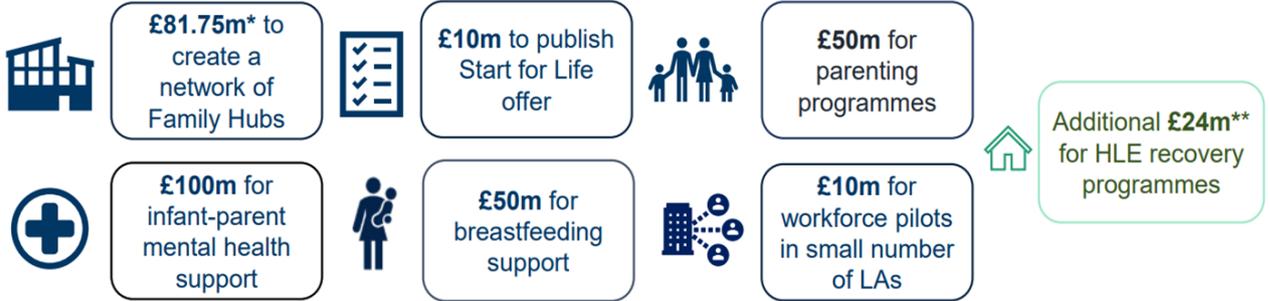
Purpose of Report:

To gain the approval for Sheffield to apply for TRAILBLAZER status in the upcoming new government funded programme. See details below regarding Family Hub & Start for Life programme.

At the autumn budget, the government committed £300 million for 75 upper-tier local authorities to deliver Family Hubs / Start for Life services over the next 3 financial years

The package will contain the following components from 2022/23 until 2024/25 (the 3 year spending review)

The package contains funding for the following components:



* This funding is in addition to previous £39.5m family hubs funding which includes the £12m transformation fund

** This forms part of the £153 million of new funding announced June 2021 to aid early years educational recovery

See link for government announcement information

[Infants, children and families to benefit from boost in support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/infants-children-and-families-to-benefit-from-boost-in-support)

Recommendations:

The approval for Sheffield to progress to the application stage for Trailblazer status.

Key contacts from the Local Authority have been part of the focus group for information about trailblazers and Sheffield is seen as having positive outcomes with regards to family centres development, infant feeding support and parenting programmes across the city.

Background Papers:



1. Webinar 1 slides -
Family Hubs and Start

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.	Finance: <i>N/A as yet as no funding is allocated this is just to approve the ability to apply</i>
		Legal: <i>N/A</i>
		Equalities & Consultation: <i>N/A</i>
		Climate: <i>N/A</i>
	<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	SLB member who approved submission:	<i>John Macilwraith</i>
3	Committee Chair consulted:	<i>(Insert name of relevant Member)</i>
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Committee by the SLB member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
	Lead Officer Name: <i>Helen Lomas</i>	Job Title: <i>Service Manager</i>

Date: 30.5.22

1. PROPOSAL

The proposal is to approve the ability for Sheffield to apply for trailblazer status.

Current services in Sheffield have 7 registered Family Centres and continue to meet some minimum expectations but the request is to apply for Trailblazer status to boost the programme /development in Sheffield of Family Hubs and Start for Life services once again.

Trailblazers will be small group of LAs who lead the way on delivering the programme; making the fastest improvements to services to enable improved outcomes for families, babies, and children quickly and establishing best practice for others to learn from.

Benefits of being a Trailblazer :-

Some additional funding in year one to enable rapid delivery on the menu of options for the funded services.

Join a network of England wide trailblazers where they can share learning and troubleshoot.

Be identified by central government as a national leader in the implementation of the programme.

Additional asks of being a Trailblazer :-

Begin delivering from the menu of options for the funded services in year one and make rapid progress.

Share best practices with the Unit and other LAs and support LAs who have the furthest to travel with their expertise.

Sign up to the programme to a tighter deadline than non-trailblazers.

Commit in principle to be willing to participate in more intensive evaluation in that LA than other areas.

Trailblazer challenges and opportunities – the process of monitoring ourselves for this status or undertaking a self assessment will become clearer over the next 4 weeks

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2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

Trailblazer status will enhance the transformational changes to establish the Family Hub networks & start for life offer for families across the city including the development of Parent Carer decision making processes and publishing the offer quicker which will in turn reduce inequalities of family's accessibility to locality hubs at the right time thus reducing the need for higher level of need.

linking to one year plan priorities –

- Great Start in Life priority
- Engaging enabling and empowering our residents

Risks will be dependent on key partner involvement in programme roll out and the ability to engage communities in developing Hubs in their communities.

Risk that strategic buy in is not achieved across service areas, hindering the local level transformational change requirements.

Partners involved internal/external include - commissioning services, Midwifery, Health 0-19, VCF, Parenting, Mental Health Services, SEND and parents themselves

Performance reporting will be maximised against Family Hub & Start for Life Programme Guide expectations for service delivery and Family Hub Network operational model.

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3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

No formal consultation needed for this decision to move to application status, although parents have been consulted with recently who already access services asking them what they would like to see if family hubs develop regarding universal low level preventative services and links to communities. The outcome was positive and a survey of what families want to see is available.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality Implications

Not known at this stage of application

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4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

Not known at this stage

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4.3 Legal Implications
None known at this stage

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4.4 Climate Implications
None known at this stage

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4.4 Other Implications
None known at this stage

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5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 *If the decision is not approved then Sheffield will receive allocated funding for the programme with no enhanced opportunities for the communities and the city.*

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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