

**EXERCISE OF  
URGENT DECISION****Title:**

Parties: The Borough Council of Gateshead and Sunderland Council

**Decision under delegated power:**

- (1) To accept the award of the Community Renewal Grant from Sunderland Council ; and
- (2) delegate the decision to enter into the Grant Funding Agreement with Sunderland Council to the Service Director Education, Schools and Inclusion in consultation with the Strategic Director Corporate Services and Governance, in order to deliver grant funding to third party organisations to deliver one- to-one, wrap around support to those hardest to help and furthest away from the labour market within Sunderland.

**Value: £504,280.00**

Gateshead Council Constitution (Sixteenth Edition November  
Part 2 General Delegations to Managers

A manager may:

(4 (C)) Subject to the agreement of the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, submit expression of interest and bids to Government departments or other public bodies for funding under specific enactments or Government schemes; the full bid to be agreed by Cabinet where the value of the bid exceeds £250,000;

(e) Where it is impracticable to obtain authorisation from the body exercising the function and subject to the action being reported (for information) to the next convenient meeting of that body, take necessary urgent action, within legal powers, in respect of matters otherwise reserved to Cabinet.

We have been awarded the grant following a successful bid which the Council submitted last year. This funding is to provide grants to third sector organisations in Sunderland who can provide wrap around support to Sunderland residents who are most in need. There are no projects that offer this level of grant. The aim of the project is to move residents closer to the labour market.


Even though the support is to residents in Sunderland there will be clear lessons learned that can be used for similar projects in Gateshead. The funding from the project will allow 2.5 FTE's to remain in post. This will also result in a saving of £55k on a current ESF project, which can be used to fund further projects.

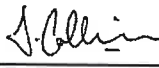
A robust evaluation using the Social Return on Investment model will extrapolate specific information on benefit to residents, communities, and the local area through the interventions within the project, which can be used to inform future projects to be delivered in Gateshead.

An urgent decision is required as the grant has already been awarded to us by Sunderland Council on behalf of the UK Government and they require confirmation of acceptance of the grant by the 21 January 2022.

The Strategic Director of Resources and Digital has been consulted and is content with accepting this Grant award.

The award decision will be reported to the next convenient meeting of the Cabinet.

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_  
Strategic Director/Service Director Education, Schools and Inclusion  
Date: 12/1/22

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_  
Strategic Director, Resources and Digital  
Date: 18/01/2022