

Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Performance in Consultation with The Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods (for Agenda Items 4 - Approval of Financial Inclusion Grant Funding and Awards 2022/23)

Wednesday, 16 March 2022

Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Executive Member for Finance and Performance held on Wednesday, 16 March 2022. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Angela Bielby.

4. Approval of Financial Inclusion Grant Funding and Awards 2022/23

Resolved: That approval be given to the award of £157,062 of grants to fund nine projects for 2022/23 as set out below to deliver a range of financial inclusion activities in the city. There is an approved budget of £150,000 for 2022/23 and a carried forward underspend from 2021/22 of £7,726 giving an available total of £157,726. All projects are of a twelve month duration.

1. £9,000 to the Blueberry Academy for the Blueberry 50/50 On Line Marketplace project to run an on line market for young people with learning difficulties to manage on line sales for recycled/reuse items generating income and acquiring skills from their enterprise activities.

2. £19,320 to Experience Counts for their 50+ Project to deliver four employment related programmes to residents aged 50+.
3. £19,479* to Changing Lives for their Financial & Social Inclusion Worker to support vulnerable and hard to reach residents to gain financial independence.
4. £13,480 to Refugee Action York (RAY) for their Advice & Support – Equal Access for All project in collaboration with CAY provide support to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to access practical support, information and guidance relieve hardship, reduce isolation, advance education and improve integration.
5. £27,543 to the Peasholme Charity for the My Money, My Life project to continue delivery of its financial capability pathway service.
6. £5,385 to Citizens' Advice York for the Financial Inclusion in the Traveller Community project to continue project working with the Travellers Trust to deliver and co-ordinate advice services to the Gypsy & Traveller Community.
7. £18,692 to Age UK (York) for the Reaching Out to Older People in their Community project to enhance the financial stability of older people (50+) living on a low income, promoting improved health and wellbeing, reducing reliance on other services, and to help retain their independence. A partnership with OCAY (Older Citizens Advocacy York), Friends of St Nicholas Fields & York Energy Advice
8. £26,864* IT Reuse for the IT Reuse project to provide those on low incomes with a refurbished computer to alleviate digital

poverty helping to reduce financial exclusion to enable people to manage their finances, apply for benefits, learn new skills, apply for jobs, access banking and find better on-line deals. Donated unwanted IT equipment is repaired and configured by volunteers to distribute to those who experience financial and digital exclusion.

9. £17,299 to the Welfare Benefits Unit for Advice Extra to extend reach of services to underpin first tier advisors in responding to more complex cases. *projects part funded

Reason: To ensure that funds set aside to support the delivery of financial inclusion activity are allocated appropriately.

