



Portfolio Holder Report

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Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing	Councillor Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder	14 March 2019

Approval of a funding contribution towards the delivery of the Raising Aspirations programme

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To approve a one-off contribution towards the Raising Aspirations programme to raise the aspirations of local children and better inform them about career opportunities by opening up the world of work and building connections with local employers.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 We will work with our partners to support prevention, early help and raise aspirations.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That approval is given for a one-off contribution of £10,000 to Positive Footprints (part of the Regenda Group) towards Raising Aspirations, a programme of support for children in primary schools in Wyre.

4. Background

- 4.1 Raising Aspirations is an initiative established to enable children and young people to discover their potential and explore the world of work. It is delivered by the Positive Footprints Network, part of the Regenda Group.
- 4.2 From a young age society asks children what they want to be when they grow up and the picture they draw for themselves is one that they know.
- 4.3 To visualise a future that is both exciting and ambitious, all young people need access to opportunities that inspire and support them to lead positive lives.

- 4.4** Raising Aspirations is an out of box programme to support primary schools across the UK. The programmes are delivered by teachers and integrated into the hearts of participating schools and colleges.
- 4.5** The children learn about the importance of identifying their own unique talents and those in others. The programme is innovative, age appropriate, career related learning, incorporating the exploration of careers and pathways linked with education and qualifications.
- 4.6** Objectives of the programme include giving pupils:
- an awareness of how skills are transferable to future careers
 - learning about CV's
 - the opportunity to question businesses and explore different careers
 - the opportunity to learn about pathways and qualifications to chosen careers
 - an understanding of different types of barriers and how to overcome them
 - an understanding of aspirations, self-belief and positive self-image
 - the opportunity to learn about goal setting and taking actions to achieve goals
- 4.7** As part of the programme, delivery schools arrange a career carousel event which brings businesses and young people together and provides a tangible and inspirational way for young people to learn about the world of work and opportunities across industries and skill sets.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** Supported by Regenda Homes pilot projects have taken place at six Fleetwood primary schools: Charles Saer, Chaucer, Flakefleet, Shakespeare, St Mary's and Larkholme and also at Fleetwood High School.
- 5.2** Outcomes from the pilot projects have been very positive with 780 children taking part so far with support from six businesses per school. Staff from our Environment Health Team have supported career carousel events where their contributions have gone down very well with the children.
- 5.3** If supported, our funding contribution will support the roll out of the initiative to five further schools across Wyre. It is hoped that additional funding contributions from local businesses and from schools themselves will mean that the programme can be rolled out to even more schools.
- 5.4** In making a contribution we will be supporting a new and developing partnership between ourselves, Regenda, local schools and local businesses for the benefit of local children and their future employability skills.

5.5 Positive Footprints are currently engaging with local businesses and local schools for funding support. A bid has also recently been submitted to the Careers and Enterprise Company for substantial funding for support for 200 schools across Lancashire and Liverpool. If our funding contribution is supported and the bid is successful we anticipate working with our partners in making a strong case for comprehensive support for schools across Wyre.

5.6 Outcomes from the contribution will be monitored and evaluated. We expect engagement with 300 children across five schools as a direct result from our contribution together with the value and support it provides to the bid to the Careers and Enterprise Company.

6. Delegated functions

6.1 The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council’s constitution): “To determine payment of grants to outside bodies within the Council’s Scheme and Budget.”

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	The one-off contribution of £10,000 will be met from the existing budget for hosting the Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre Children’s Partnership Board (3364/45201).
Legal	An agreement will be entered into setting out conditions for how the contribution will be spent.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

Processing Personal Data

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

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