

North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive

30 April 2009

Migration Impacts Fund

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the NYSP submission to the Migration Impacts Fund.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Migration Impacts Fund is a national fund that will support front line delivery in the services most affected by legal migration (all forms of legal migration, not just that from the European Union). These include housing, public health, children and young people, and integration (including community safety and ESOL). Projects will need to provide robust evidence of the service need and the potential impact of the funding.
- 2.2 The Yorkshire and Humber region has been allocated just under £3m in 2009/10 and is likely to receive a similar amount in 2010/11.
- 2.3 The NYSP Equalities Task Group, which includes representatives of many NYSP partners and led on the review of the impact of inward migration, has established a sub-group to pull together a partnership bid for 2009/11. Lead officers were identified for housing, public health, children and young people, ESOL and community safety and were encouraged to co-ordinate bids. Members of the NYSP Executive and NYSP Equalities Task Group were made aware of the Fund and invited to come forward with ideas.
- 2.4 The closing date for bids to Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) is 1 May 2009. GOYH require that bids are prioritised and endorsed by the NYSP and this decision will need to be taken by the NYSP Executive on 30 April 2009.

3 Bids

- 3.1 The recommended package of bids to be submitted by the NYSP is listed below in suggested order of priority based on front-line impact. No other bids were received.
- 3.2.1 The North Yorkshire County Council Adult Learning Service to deliver conversational English classes to equip new learners with the necessary skills to enable them to access ESOL provision. Currently those with a standard of English below Entry 1 are unable to access ESOL provision. They aim to support up to 240 learners over two years at a cost of £17k.
- 3.2.2 The North Yorkshire County Council Children and Young People's Service to employ 3 bilingual (Polish/English) teaching assistants and 1 full-time ESOL teacher as part of the English as Second Language Support Team. There are approximately 1200 pupils still developing their social and academic English skills in 200 (of 388) schools in the county. The teaching assistants

will provide support to these pupils and assist with day to day language issues. Another issue is with newly arrived parents not being able to access ESOL classes because of shift working, anti-social working hours, tuition costs etc and therefore not developing their English skills to a functional level. As a result children are often used as family interpreters and an unacceptable amount of responsibility is placed upon them as a result. The ESOL teacher will deliver a language programme to develop the English skills of these parents. The bid is seeking £220K over two years.

- 3.2.3 A regional bid, originally developed by WY Police, to deliver an enhanced advocate and interpreting facility. The project aims to provide the migrant community with the opportunity to increase their skills and employment prospects. The project aims to strengthen engagement activities and support integration within migrant communities by providing 340 trained and certified interpreters/community advocates across the region. The regional project is seeking £862K over two years with 80 of the interpreters/community advocates located in North Yorkshire.
- 3.2.4 The Northern Refugee Service in partnership with the North Yorkshire Citizens Advice Bureau's to provide migrant advice on improving knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of EU migrants and a range of other issues faced by migrants. This is part of a region wide bid. The proposal is to employ a 0.5 worker in North Yorkshire, hosted by Ryedale CAB, for two years at a cost of £19,840 per annum.
- 3.2.5 Harrogate and Area Council for Voluntary Service to build on the work of the existing Minority Ethnic Forum. Harrogate has one of the highest concentrations of migrant workers in North Yorkshire. The project aims to develop a more confident and integrated migrant worker community connecting new arrivals with early access to preventative interventions. Project outputs will include home safety checks, community health information events, alcohol awareness sessions, road safety events, recruitment of migrant volunteers and the establishment of migrant worker self-help groups. Bid is seeking approximately £60K over two years.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the NYSP Executive endorse five bids
- 4.2 That the NYSP Executive consider the prioritisation of the bids.

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Background papers: Copies of the five bids are available from Tom Bryant
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