

## **PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH FUTURE GRANT AWARDS**

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### **Purpose**

1. To review the way decisions are made regarding the awarding of grants.

### **Background**

2. New settings usually have opening dates that coincide with half term dates. Part of the condition of Out of School Programme funding is that the funding is not retrospective. Planning a new provision can take anything from 3 months to a year depending on the type of provision and places being created.
3. Projects can move very quickly and trying to link applications for funding with the Partnership meeting cycle can cause delays in opening.

### **Proposal**

4. To speed up the decision-making process and prevent delays in opening up new provisions, it is proposed that the Partnership gives delegated authority for future decisions to be made on grants as follows:

<b>Amount of Award</b>	<b>Decision made by</b>
Up to £10,000	Early Years & Childcare Service Manager
Up to £25,000	Early Years and Childcare Service Manager
Over £25,000	Full Partnership

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Members are asked for their views on the above proposals.**